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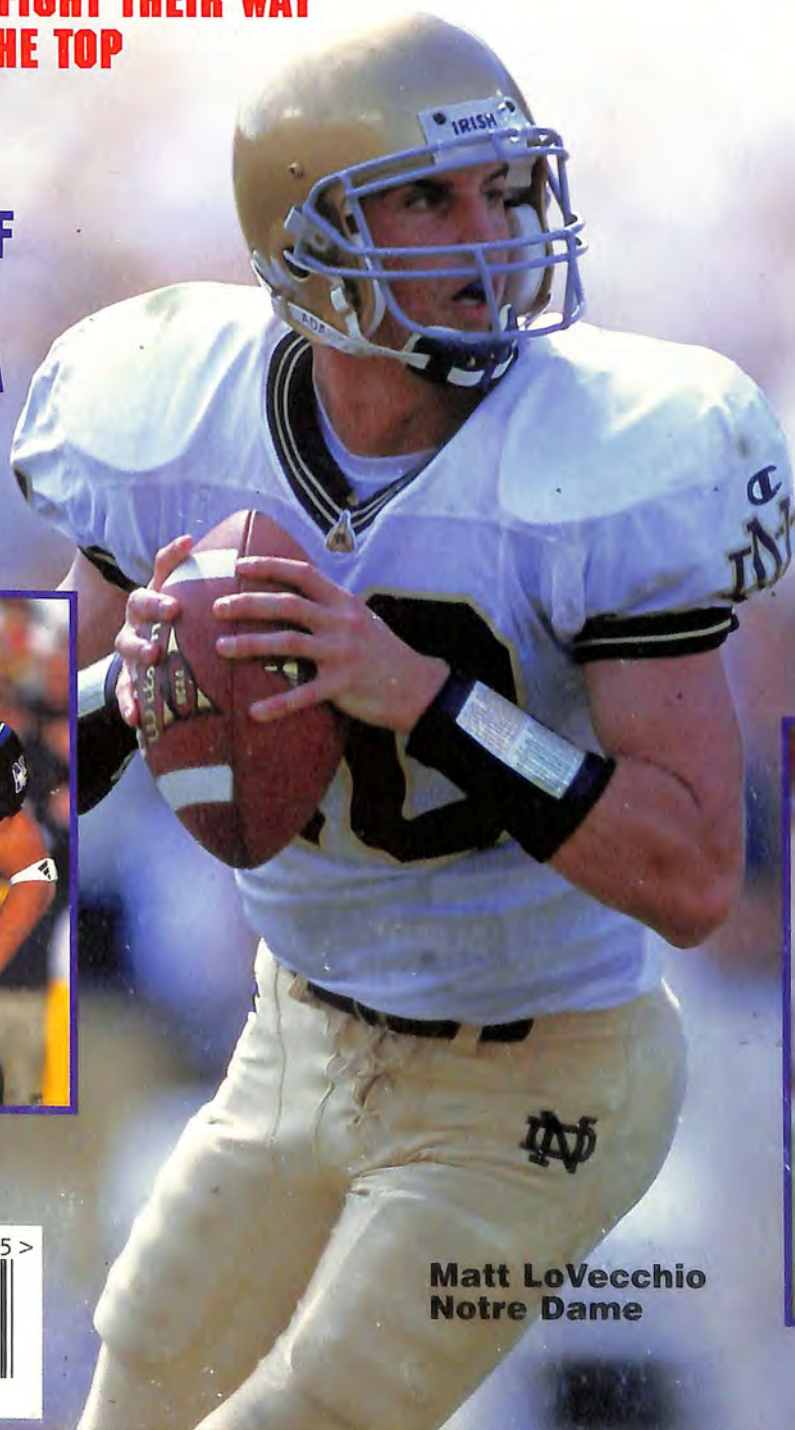
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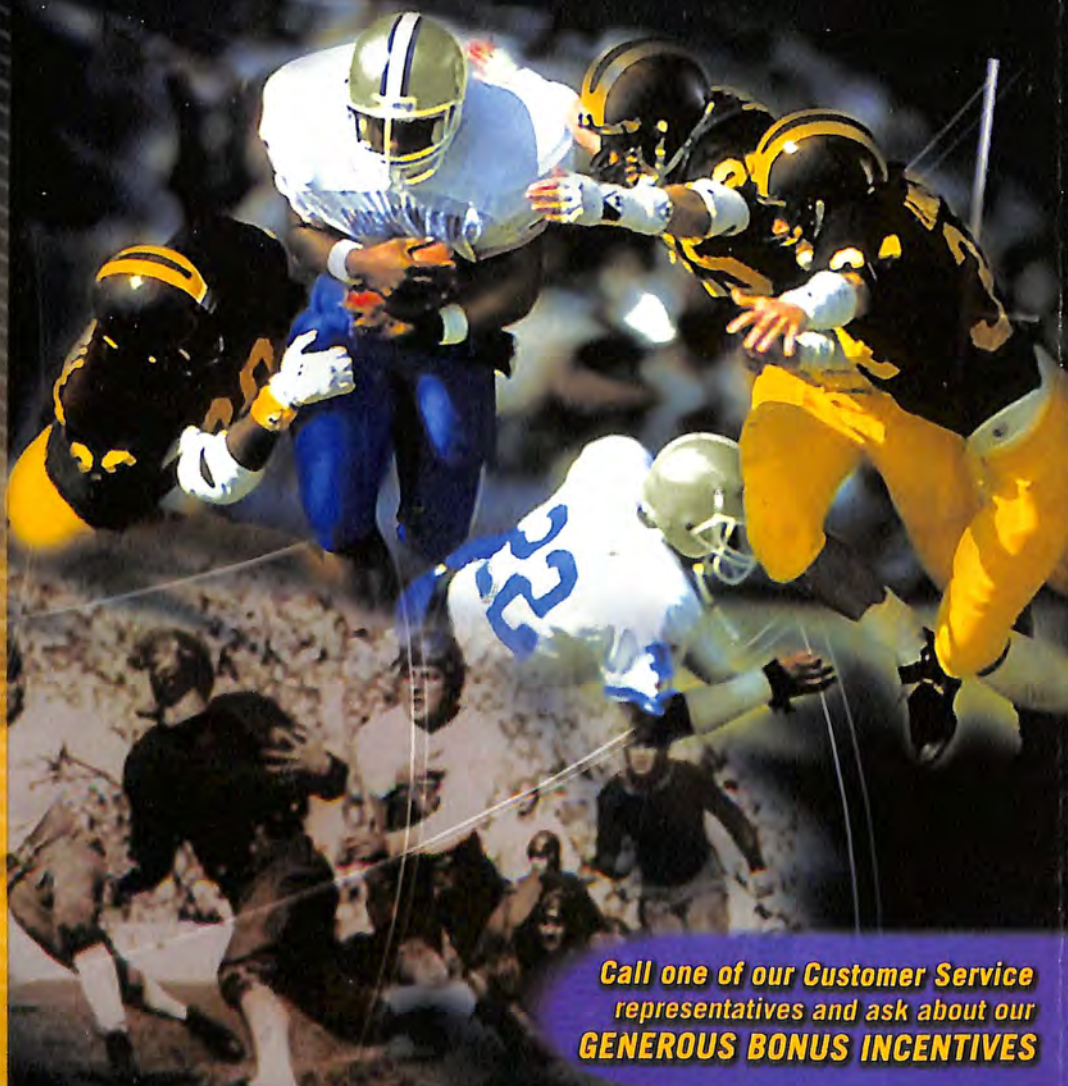
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There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like "The Sporting News," "Athlon," "Lindy's," "Sports Illustrated" and "GamePlan." Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. This year I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that is as in-depth as mine. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree. If you like the information in this magazine, you will love Power Sweep. It is an eight page newsletter that is also loaded with information and comes out each week during the football season.

My Preseason Top 25's have had more teams make it to bowls in the past 7 years than any other preview! So look at 2001's teams and hopefully the majority will make it to bowls this year. Also this year we here at Northcoast are once again writing an NFL Preview magazine. Make sure to check out page 285 for details on how you can receive it **ABSOLUTELY FREE!!**

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the writing. This is done so I could put as much information in this book as possible. Check out the glossary on page 2 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away a little over a decade ago. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which always will be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration.

It is also a milestone for me this year as it is my 20 year anniversary in the Sports Service industry and I would like to thank everyone out there who has purchased my publications and used my services over the past 20 years.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2002 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 286. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2002 version early, directly through our office. The Preview will sell for \$7.95 and **we will pick up the cost of the shipping if you order before March 1st of 2002. Call us at 1-800-654-3448 and order today.**

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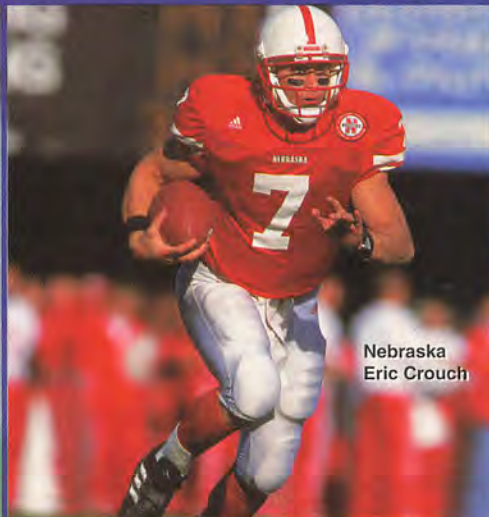
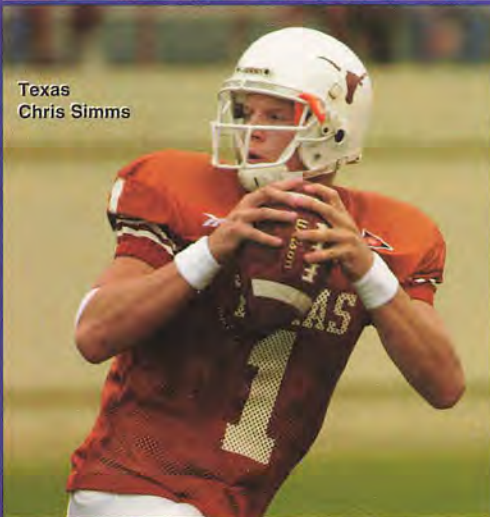
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Phil

Texas
Chris Simms

Michigan St
TJ Duckett

Nebraska
Eric Crouch



SOOO MUCH INFORMATION!

So Little SPACE!

You'll find more information packed into these 288 pages than in any of my competitors' publications. To do that, I had to cut somewhere, so I have used a lot of abbreviations in the upcoming pages. Most are obvious, but here is a complete list of the abbreviations used.

AA All American	FR Freshman	LS Long Snapper	PS# Phil's ranking out of HS	TD Touchdown
AC All Conference	FS Free Safety	LT Left Tackle	QB Quarterback	TE Tight End
AD Away Dog	G Guard	LW Last Week	RB Running Back	TFL Tackle For Loss
AD Athletic Director	HB Halfback/H-Back	LY Last Year	REC Receiver/Reception(s)	TKL Tackles
AF Away Favorite	HC Homecoming	MLB Middle Linebacker	REDS Redshirt Frosh	TOP Time of Possession
ATS Against the Spread	HF Home Dog	NB Nickel Back	RET Return	TO Turnovers/Timeout
AG Away Game	HF Home Favorite	NG Nose Guard	RFR Redshirt Frosh	TPG Tackles Per Game
B2B Back to Back	HG Home Game	NL No Line	RG Road Game(s)	TRANS Transfer
C Center	HS High School	NT Nose Tackle	ROV Rover	TRUE True Frosh
CB Cornerback	HT Highly Touted Athlete	OC Offensive Coordinator	RS Return Specialist	TTL Total
CONV Conversion	ILB Inside Linebacker	OG Offensive Guard	RT Right Tackle	TY This Year
DC Draft Choice/Def Coor	INC Incomplete	OL Offensive Line/O-Line	RZ Red Zone	VL Vertical Leap
DD Double Digit	INCL Including	OLB Outside Linebacker	S Safety	VHT Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
DE Defensive End	INT Interception	OOLB Outside Linebacker	SB Slotback	WR Wide Receiver
DL Defensive Line/D-Lineman	JC Junior College	OT Offensive Tackle	SE Split End	XP Extra Point
DT Defensive Tackle	JR Junior	PT Playing time	SK Sack/SKS-Sacks	XPNG Extra Point No Good
EZ End Zone	JUCO Junior College Transfer	PEN Penalty	SO Sophomore	YD Yard/YDS-Yards
FB Fullback	JV Junior Varsity	PBU Passes Broken Up	SOD Stopped on Downs	YPC Yards per Carry/Catch
FG Field Goal	KD Knockdown for an OL	POG Player Of Game	SR Senior	YPP Yards per Point
FL Flanker	K/P Kicker/Punter	POY Player of the Year	SS Strong Safety	YPG Yards per Game
FD First Down	KR Kick Returner	PPG Points Per Game	ST Special Teams	1H 1st Half, (2H)
FMBL Fumble	LR 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L (letters earned)	PQ Partial Qualifier	SU Straight Up	1Q 1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
FOLL Following	LB Linebacker	PR Punt Returner	T Offensive Tackle	2PT 2 point conversion
			TB Tailback	2PTNG 2 point conversion no good
				† Neutral Site

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

This Year's Projected Championship Games:

Big 12 Texas vs Nebraska

SEC Florida vs LSU

MAC Toledo vs Marshall

Past Championship Games:

2000

Big 12 Oklahoma 27 over Kansas St 24
MAC Marshall 19 over W Michigan 14
SEC Florida 28 over Auburn 6

1999

Big 12 Nebraska 22 over Texas 6
MAC Marshall 34 over W Michigan 30
SEC Alabama 34 over Florida 7

1998

WAC Air Force 20 over BYU 13
Big 12 Texas A&M 36 over Kansas St 33
MAC Marshall 23 over Toledo 17
SEC Tennessee 24 over Miss St 14

1997

Big 12 Nebraska 54 over Texas A&M 15
MAC Marshall 34 over Toledo 14
WAC Colorado St 41 over N Mexico 13
SEC Tennessee 30 over Auburn 29

1996

SEC Florida 45 over Alabama 30
Big 12 Texas 37 over Nebraska 27
WAC BYU 28 over Wyoming 25

1995

SEC Florida 30 over Arkansas 3

1994

SEC Florida 24 over Alabama 23

2001 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

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Missouri vs Louisville

Humanitarian Bowl
Tulsa vs Mississippi

Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno St vs Wisconsin

GMAC Bowl
S Mississippi vs Marshall

New Orleans Bowl
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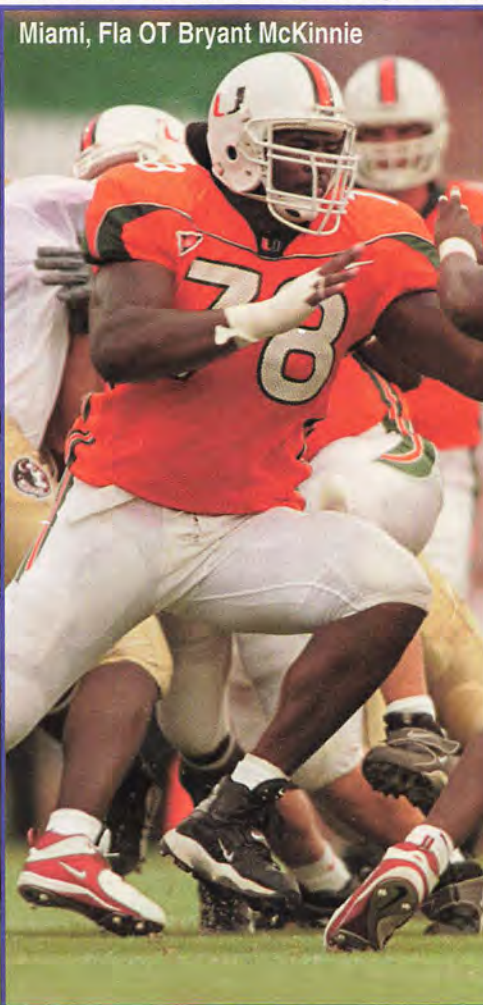
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QB Chris Simms, Texas	Jason Thomas, UNLV	Ken Dorsey, Miami, Fla	Eric Crouch, Nebraska
RB TJ Duckett, Michigan St	Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	Marcus Houston, Colorado	William Green, Boston College
RB Lee Suggs, Virginia Tech	Damien Anderson, N'western	Ken Simonton, Oregon St	Sultan McCullough, USC
WR Roy Williams, Texas	Marquise Walker, Michigan	Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech	Antwaan Randle El, Indiana
WR Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh	Ron Johnson, Minnesota	Brian Poli-Dixon, UCLA	Charles Rogers, Michigan St
TE Tim Stratton, Purdue	Derek Smith, Kentucky	Jerramy Stevens, Washington	Tracey Wistrom, Nebraska
C Seth McKinney, Texas A&M	Kyle Benn, Washington	LeCharles Bentley, Ohio St	Luke Butkus, Illinois
G Dante Ellington, Alabama	Martin Bibla, Miami, Fla	Michael Collins, Wake Forest	Fred Weary, Tennessee
G Montrae Holland, Florida St	Antwan Kirk-Hughes, Texas	Toniu Fonoti, Nebraska	Josh Lawson, Virginia
T Bryant McKinnie, Miami, Fla	Terrence Metcalf, Mississippi	Langston Walker, California	Garry Johnson, Arkansas St
T Mike Pearson, Florida	Joaquin Gonzalez, Miami, Fla	Jordan Black, Notre Dame	Brett Williams, Florida St
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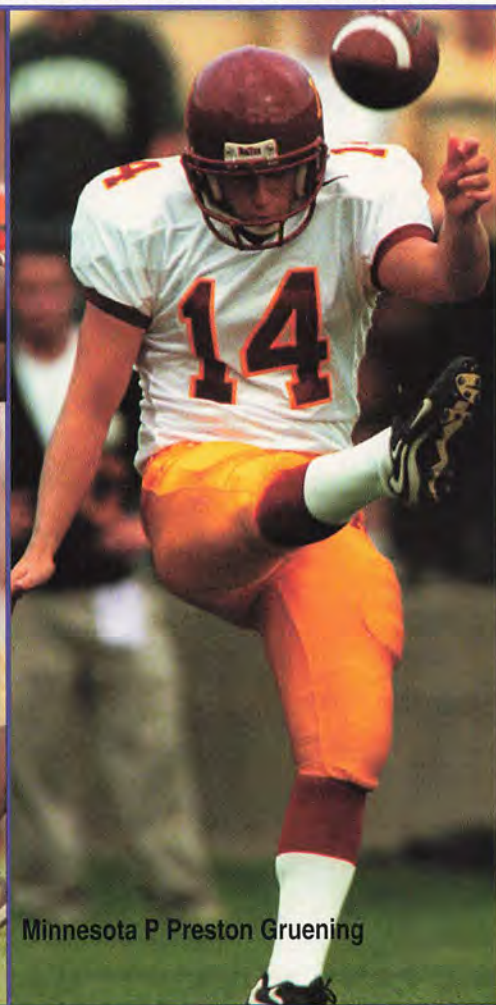
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Virginia Tech RB Lee Suggs



Miami, Fla OT Bryant McKinnie



Minnesota P Preston Gruening

2001 NFL DRAFT By Phil Steele



A Day for VHT's!!!



The NFL draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors and some juniors in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six digits and that is why a big senior year is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 picks who never panned out and some who never even started an NFL game. However the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. In 1999, RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1,553 yards as a ROOKIE! The most dangerous receiver in football at this time is Randy Moss of Minnesota and he too was a 1st round choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in '99 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning who was arguably the top QB in the NFL last year and was the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans and he simply dominated as a rookie

'Of the top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL draft, NINE were VHT's when they came out of high school. In 2000, nine of the top 12 picks were VHT's.'

Jamaal Lewis led the Super Bowl Champs in rushing as a rookie first round pick. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases you must be among the most productive players in the college game. Productivity is not the only criteria. Ty Detmer is the all-time career passing leader in college football with over 15,000 yards but was not a first round pick. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the top 5 in that category heading into last year and neither was a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. The top two reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Geoff Noisy and Trevor Insley and neither were drafted.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other physical characteristics.

Even after all that number crunching there are plenty of stories of players who were not drafted who went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season to see Kurt Warner. Warner, who was never drafted and even played in the Arena Football league, simply was the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. This type of story is great but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players but every school has a given allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools' scholarships over the small ones. If you are lucky enough to have a Florida St, Ohio St or Alabama offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Boise St or Middle Tennessee St do not even bother to recruit most of the very top athletes coming out as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS # which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS # (see page 266).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT is a player that is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,500 fall into the HT category. A VHT is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 275 of these players each year with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 5.5 players per state so we are talking about the crème de la crème from the recruiting rankings.

On page 266 I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 4 or 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true freshman years.

This year I thought I would look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2001 NFL draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS #'s of all of the top picks. I was pleasantly surprised that of the top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, NINE were VHT's when they came out of high school. In 2000, nine of the top 12 picks were VHT's. There are generally 2,500 kids who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 275 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 11% of all signees are classified as a VHT. To have 9 get picked in the first 13 slots means they took up 69% of the top spots (75% last year) and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of the top 13 NFL Draft selections and where they were rated out of high school. As you can see the NFL draft was a VHT day.

2001's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1. Michael Vick	Virginia Tech	VHT	PS#18QB in 1998
2. Leonard Davis	Texas	VHT	PS#2DL in 1997
3. Gerard Warren	Florida	VHT	PS#7DL in 1997
4. Justin Smith	Missouri	VHT	PS#36DL in 1998
5. LaDainian Tomlinson	TCU		PS#180RB in 1997
6. Richard Seymour	Georgia		PS#370OL in 1997
7. Andre Carter	California	VHT	PS#9DL in 1997
8. David Terrell	Michigan	VHT	PS#2WR in 1998
9. Koren Robinson	NC State		PS#101WR in 1998
10. Jamal Reynolds	Florida St	VHT	PS#2LB in 1997
11. Dan Morgan	Miami (Fla)		PS#102RB in 1997
12. Damione Lewis	Miami (Fla)	VHT	PS#11DL in 1996
13. Marcus Stroud	Georgia	VHT	PS#13DL in 1996

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2002 NFL draft as well. I have done some research on this year's top juniors & seniors for the draft. Notice that 22 of 32 are VHT's. Obviously draft positions will be affected by a player's 2001 performance.

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2002 NFL DRAFT

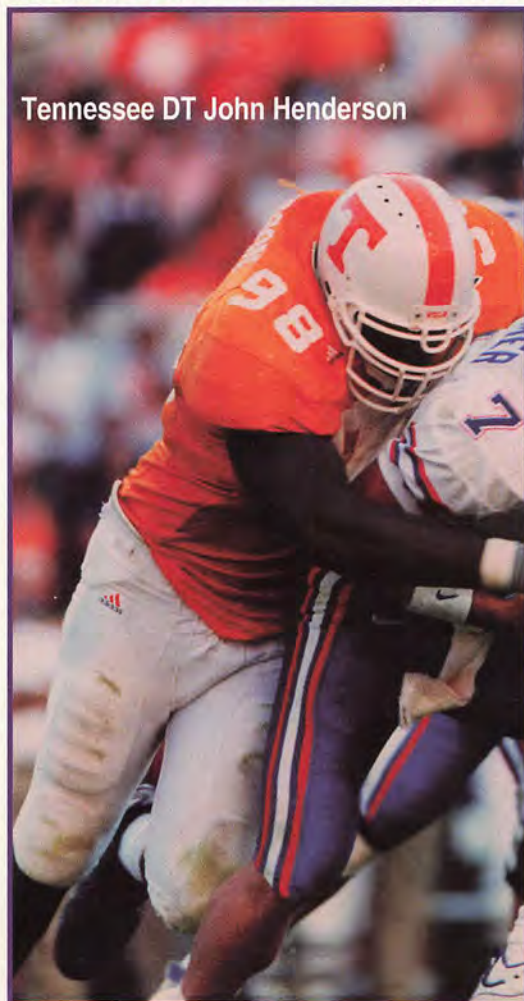
1. DL John Henderson	Tennessee	VHT	PS#1OL in 1998
2. LT Bryant McKinnie	Miami (Fla)	VHT	PS#26JC in 1999
3. CB Quentin Jammer	Texas	VHT	PS#31DB in 1997
4. DL Wendell Bryant	Wisconsin	VHT	PS#17 DL in 1998
5. RB T.J. Duckett	Michigan St	VHT	PS#1LB in 1999
6. DL Julius Peppers	North Carolina	VHT	PS#6DL in 1998
7. QB Chris Simms	Texas	VHT	PS#1QB in 1999
8. DE Alex Brown	Florida	VHT	PS#15LB in 1997
9. DB Roy Williams	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#17DB in 1998
10. QB Jason Thomas	UNLV	VHT	PS#5QB in 1998
11. WR Ron Johnson	Minnesota		PS#55WR in 1998
12. DB Lito Sheppard	Florida	VHT	PS#2DB in 1999
13. LB Rocky Calmus	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#21LB in 1998
14. RB Cedric Cobbs	Arkansas	VHT	PS#5RB in 1999
15. LB Saleem Rasheed	Alabama	VHT	PS#6LB in 1999
16. SS Edward Reed	Miami (Fla)		PS#135DB in 1997
17. OL Mike Pearson	Florida	VHT	PS#2OL in 1998
18. DB Dennis Weathersby	Oregon St		PS#144DB in 1998
19. RB DeShaun Foster	UCLA	VHT	PS#11RB in 1998
20. RB Najeh Davenport	Miami (Fla)		PS#34RB in 1997
21. QB Carson Palmer	USC	VHT	PS#7QB in 1998
22. TE Tim Stratton	Purdue	VHT	PS#30TE in 1997
23. DL Larry Triplett	Washington		PS#147DL in 1997
24. LB Jashon Sykes	Colorado	VHT	PS#23LB in 1998
25. LB Robert Thomas	UCLA	VHT	PS#2LB in 1998
26. OL Kalimba Edwards	Notre Dame	VHT	PS#19OL in 1998
27. DL Akin Ayodele	South Carolina		PS#169DL in 1998
28. DB Keyuo Craver	Purdue	VHT	PS#10JC in 1999
29. QB Joe Harrington	Nebraska		PS#132DB in 1998
30. WR Antonio Bryant	Oregon		PS#38QB in 1997
31. RT Joaquin Gonzalez	Pittsburgh		PS#164WR in 1999
	Miami (Fla)		PS#163OL in 1997

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DL Dwight Freeney, Syracuse	Alex Brown, Florida	DeMarco McNeil, Auburn	Akin Ayodele, Purdue
DL Wendell Bryant, Wisconsin	Larry Tripplett, Washington	Carlos Hall, Arkansas	Kenny King, Alabama
DL John Henderson, Tennessee	Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St	Charles Grant, Georgia	Cory Redding, Texas
DL Julius Peppers, N Carolina	Kindal Moorehead, Alabama	Kenyon Coleman, UCLA	Bernard Riley, USC
LB Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma	Saleem Rasheed, Alabama	Bradley Jennings, Florida St	Clifton Smith, Syracuse
LB Jashon Sykes, Colorado	Treverance Faulk, LSU	Eddie Strong, Mississippi	Pernell Griffin, E Carolina
LB Kalimba Edwards, S Carolina	Robert Thomas, UCLA	Solomon Bates, Arizona St	Joe Cooper, Ohio St
CB Lito Sheppard, Florida	Dennis Weathersby, Oregon St	Chris Massey, Oklahoma St	Sammy Davis, Texas A&M
CB Quentin Jammer, Texas	Mike Rumph, Miami, Fla	Rashad Bauman, Oregon	Mike Echols, Wisconsin
S Edward Reed, Miami, Fla	Kevin Curtis Texas Tech	Marques Anderson, UCLA	Michael Lewis, Colorado
S Roy Williams, Oklahoma	Chris Hope, Florida St	Lamont Thompson, Washington St	Ramon Walker, Pittsburgh
P Preston Gruening, Minnesota	Casey Roussel, Tulane	Dave Zastudil, Ohio U	Mike Abrams, Virginia
PR Aaron Lockett, Kansas St	André Davis, Virginia Tech	Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh	Pete Rebstock, Colorado St

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS: **DL** - Dennis Johnson, Kentucky; Will Overstreet, Tenn; Albert Haynesworth, Tenn; Dorsett Davis, Miss St; Matt Mitrione, Purdue; William Joseph, Miami, Fla; David Pugh, Virginia Tech; Anthony Weaver, Notre Dame; Grant Irons, Notre Dame; Cedric Harden, Missouri; Kalen Thornton, Texas; Ryan Sims, N Carolina; Justin Bannan, Colorado; Rocky Bernard, Texas A&M; Aaron Kampman, Iowa; Nathaniel Adibi, Virginia Tech; Chad Beasley, Virginia Tech; Anton Palepoi, UNLV; Wil Beck, Idaho; Darnell Dockett, Florida St; Greg Gathers, Georgia Tech; Terrell Suggs, Arizona St **LB** - Courtland Bullard, Ohio St; Josh Thornhill, Michigan St; Pig Prather, Miss St; Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech; Kendyll Pope, Florida St; Merceda Perry, N Carolina; Levar Fisher, NC State; Grant Wiley, W Virginia; Brian Gamble, Texas A&M; Algie Atkinson, Kansas; Bradie James, LSU; Andra Davis, Florida; Mario Haggan, Miss St **CB** - Rushen Jones, Vanderbilt; Ashante Woodyard, Purdue; Kevin Thomas, UNLV; DeJuan Groce, Nebraska; Keyuo Craver, Nebraska; Tory Mitchell, Texas Tech; Andre Lott, Tennessee; Sheldon Brown, S Carolina; Ricky Manning, UCLA; Cedric Henry, Michigan St; Adrian Duncan, Wake Forest **SAF** - Stuart Schweigert, Purdue; Bobby Jackson, Illinois; Lee Jackson, Texas; Tank Williams, Stanford; Michael Doss, Ohio St; Cato June, Michigan; Donnie Nickey, Ohio St; Syniker Taylor, Mississippi; Todd Johnson, Florida; Anthony Floyd, Louisville; Quentin Harris, Syracuse; Gerome Sapp, Notre Dame; Ricot Joseph, UCF **K** - Jonathon Ruffin, Cincinnati; Dan Nystrom, Minnesota; Hayden Epstein, Michigan; Luke Manget, Georgia Tech; Ryan Cesca, Oregon St; Alex Walls, Tenn **P** - Freddie Capshaw, Miami, Fla; Damon Duval, Auburn; Jeff Ferguson, Oklahoma; Joey Hildbold, Notre Dame; Nate Fiske, UCLA **KR** - Julius Jones, Notre Dame; Shawn Terry, W Virginia; James Hickenbotham, Arkansas St; John Stone, W Forest; Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech; Larry Johnson, Penn St **PR** - Jemeel Powell, California; Troy Mason, UNLV; Donald Shoals, Tulsa; Bosley Allen, N Carolina; Josh Bush, W Michigan; Tellis Redmon, Minnesota; Domanick Davis, LSU.

Tennessee DT John Henderson



N Carolina DE Julius Peppers



Oklahoma LB Rocky Calmus



PHIL STEELE'S 2001 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

Quarterbacks 2001's Top QB Units

- 1. Texas**
Chris Simms (6-5 222, has an NFL pedigree and throws to the top set of wideouts in the country. He will be a #1 pick when he enters the draft and having a backup like Applewhite who has 8,000 career passing yards and a lifetime 57-27 ratio makes them #1.
- 2. UNLV**
Jason Thomas has it all. Size (6-4 230), speed (4.5), a powerful arm, solid passing skills and leadership, which he showed by leading the formerly woebegone Rebels to a bowl victory. He will have a huge year as long as he stays healthy.
- 3. Miami, Fla**
Ken Dorsey (6-5 200) threw for 3,007 yards (58%) in his first full year as a starter and has a career 39-9 ratio. Backup Derrick Crudup (PS #22) is untested but solid.
- 4. Nebraska**
Eric Crouch has track speed and is a great leader. Who cares if he is only an adequate passer? This is college football and he pilots the Nebraska option, a perfect fit. Look for his passing numbers to improve greatly if he stays healthy in 2001.
- 5. USC**
Carson Palmer is 6-5 220 and has NFL scouts drooling. His numbers weren't great last year (2,914 yards - 55%) but he now has Norm Chow directing the offense and we saw last year what Chow did with true frosh Philip Rivers at NC St.
- 6. Clemson**
Woodrow Dantzler would have been the first player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 and pass for 2,000 in the same year if he stayed healthy last year, and should do it this year. Willie Simmons (PS #14) is a super backup and is experienced.
- 7. Florida**
If Steve Spurrier had just one QB and no backup, he would have the Heisman frontrunner as Brock Berlin (PS #1) and

Rex Grossman (PS #5) are both NFL prospects. What he has is arguably the best one-two punch in the NCAA and you can expect both to play this year.

- 8. Northwestern**
Zak Kustok threw for 2,389 yards (57%) and rushed for 742 yards piloting the most improved offense. He adapted to the spread offense like a fish to water and is now in his 2nd year running it.
- 9. Tennessee**
Casey Clausen (PS #7) started 7 games as a true frosh and is 6-4 210. Last year's Vol squad was inexperienced and this year he and the offense will be much stronger. Joey Matthews adds experience and talent behind him.
- 10. Tulane**
Patrick Ramsey threw for 2,833 yards with a 24-14 ratio and is also mobile. What makes this a top ten unit is the depth as his backup is JP Losman (PS #5) who is experienced, mobile and a solid passer.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. Kentucky 12. North Carolina St 13. Colorado 14. UCLA 15. North Carolina 16. Louisville 17. Georgia Tech 18. Nevada 19. Illinois 20. Michigan St



Texas' Chris Simms has the top receiving corps in the country to 'hook' up with.

Running Backs 2001's Top RB Units

- 1. Michigan State**
I feel that TJ Duckett is the best back in the NCAA as he has size, speed and power and even in an injury plagued 2000 season, he rushed for 1,353 yards at 5.6 per pop. He has some VHT's behind him and solid FB's to round out the corps.
- 2. Mississippi State**
Dicenzo Miller rushed for 1,053 yards (6.2) in the tough SEC and backup Dontae Walker was PS #2 and rushed for 938 (5.7)!!! FB Justin Griffith is a solid blocker and receiver.
- 3. Virginia Tech**
Lee Suggs has 4.3 speed with a 200 lb frame and last year he rushed for 1,280 yards (5.3) with 30 TD's (no telling how many yards if the end zone did not stop him). They have two powerful FB's and two more VHT's to add depth at TB.
- 4. Colorado**
Cortlen Johnson topped 1,000 yards in 1999 but is only the 2nd best back on the team. Marcus Houston was PS #1 and rushed for 332 yards in THREE games as a true frosh before injury. He's back and they have good depth behind them.
- 5. Notre Dame**
If Julius Jones stays healthy (in'd ly) he will be among the best in the country and Tony Fisher (PS #17) led the team in rushing in '99. Of course, this is ND and even the FB's go three deep with VHT's.
- 6. Arkansas**
Cedric Cobbs has great size, 4.34 speed and is a Heisman contender if he stays healthy. He had 767 yards (5.9) as a true frosh and has a host of veteran backs behind him plus a VHT true frosh signee.
- 7. Northwestern**
Damien Anderson is strong (benches 425) and has 4.41 speed which is perfect for the open spaces he sees in the spread offense. He simply had 2,063 yards and a

super 6.6 ypc rushing last year.

- 8. Oregon State**
Ken Simonton is going for his 4th straight 1,000 yard season and had 1,559 yards (5.5) last year. His backup is Patrick McCall (PS #25) who rushed for 658 yards (5.1) giving them a solid one-two punch.
- 9. Florida**
The Gators are known for their pass attack under Spurrier but he usually has a top ten RB corps in terms of talent as well. Earnest Graham (PS #2) is a power back with speed and the backups are all VHT's.
- 10. USC**
Sultan McCullough is the fastest Trojan ever (10.17 in 100M) and he topped 1,000 yards last year. There are 4 other talented VHT's in the backfield and Norm Chow, the new offensive coordinator, should get the most out of them.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. South Carolina 12. Oregon 13. Boston College 14. Virginia 15. Indiana 16. UCLA 17. Syracuse 18. Clemson 19. Minnesota 20. LSU



Spartans' TJ Duckett should see a lot more green when his college career is over.

Receivers 2001's Top Receiving Units

- 1. Texas**
This one is easy. Mack Brown signed 3 of the top 10 WR's and a PS #7 TE last year and they were all super productive as TRUE frosh. What will they accomplish with a year of experience?
- 2. Florida**
Jabar Gaffney and Reche Caldwell combined for 133 receptions (16.0) and 20 TD's last year. All the top TE's return and Spurrier has a boatload of VHT's and HT's that are waiting in the wings.
- 3. Georgia**
All of last year's top receivers are back and this unit is also loaded with VHT's like WR Terrence Edwards (Robert's brother), Reggie Brown (PS #1), Damien Gary (40 rec ly) and even the TE spot is solid, led by Randy McMichael (36 rec).
- 4. USC**
Kareem Kelly (PS #4) and Marcell Allmond (PS #5) both stand 6-1 and both are on the USC track team so you know they have speed. TE Alex Holmes (PS #5) had 7 rec as a true frosh and steps into the starter's role.
- 5. Washington**
All of last year's Rose Bowl champ receivers are back, including TE Jerramy Stevens who turned down the NFL. Neuheisel then signed PS #4 and PS #5 WR's this year who should both play as true frosh.
- 6. Virginia Tech**
Andre Davis has 4.29 speed and should be healthy this year and Emmett Johnson (35 rec, 16.6) will have to fight off Richard Johnson (PS #17) for the other slot. TE Browning Wynn is big, strong and has solid speed.
- 7. Alabama**
Freddie Milons did not have the year expected last year but should regain his 1999 form. Antonio Carter (PS #7) led the team in receptions last year and TE Terry Jones (PS #20) is solid.

- 8. Oklahoma**
There are no superstars in this group but collectively they are a perfect fit for this offense and the top 7 receivers who caught 30 or more last year return from their National Title team.
- 9. LSU**
WR Josh Reed and TE Robert Royal both made 1st Team SEC last year and the entire receiving corps returns almost intact from '00. WR Michael Clayton (PS #2) and TE Marcus Spears (PS #3) are added.
- 10. Georgia Tech**
WR Kelly Campbell (64 rec, 15.5) has 4.25 speed and cohort Kerry Watkins (PS #14) avg'd 18.1 on 29 rec ly. TE Russ Matvey (PS #18) blocks like an OL but can also catch the ball (21 rec ly).

The rest of the Top 20: 11. Michigan 12. Florida St 13. Michigan St 14. Minnesota 15. Purdue 16. Notre Dame 17. Houston 18. Kentucky 19. South Carolina 20. Louisville



Florida WR Jabar Gaffney set the NCAA frosh record for grabs in 2000!

Offensive Line 2001's Top OL Units

- 1. Miami, Fla**
UM's offense averaged 42.2 ppg, rushed for 4.9 ypc and the OL allowed just 9 sacks all last year. Four of the 5 starters are back, they have good size and have 4 VHT starters and lots of talented depth.
- 2. Northwestern**
Teams don't average 36.8 ppg and 5.1 ypc rushing without a talented offensive front and the entire line returns intact from last year. Surprisingly (or NW) they have 3 VHT starters.
- 3. Indiana**
The Hoosiers have all 5 starters back from last year and they average 304 lbs per man. The average I'm impressed with is that the top 7 ball carriers last year all topped 5.0 ypc and they averaged 5.8 ypc rushing as a team, 2nd only to Nebraska.
- 4. Texas**
The Horns lose a stud in LT Leonard Davis but almost everyone else is back including 5 players who started 7 or more games last year. Including this year's frosh they have 11 VHT's in the unit and good size.
- 5. Florida**
This group has suffered through 3 injury plagued years but have 7 of their top 10 OL's back from last season and 9 of the top 10 OL's this year are VHT's.
- 6. Notre Dame**
The Irish averaged just 4.1 ypc rushing last year (low for them) but have 4 starters back on the front wall and naturally almost every Irish signee is a VHT so this unit is loaded with them.
- 7. Colorado**
This unit was young and inexperienced last year and this season 4 starters are back and they have 4 VHT starters. They add Wayne Lucier (PS #51) who had 11 starts at Northwestern in '99 to fill the lone open job.
- 8. Tennessee**
Just like the Buffs, this was a young unit last year that got better as the season went on and almost returns intact. All 5 projected

starters top 300 lbs and there are tons of VHT's on hand here.

- 9. Stanford**
Willingham does a great job recruiting in this area and landed PS #1 OL last year in Kwame Harris who will start somewhere despite the fact that all 5 starters are back (including 2 other VHT's) from 2000.
- 10. Georgia**
The dogs do lose a 3rd round NFL pick, however they return 3 starters including 2 All-American candidates (both VHT's) to a group that yielded only 15 sacks on nearly 400 pass attempts. Both new projected starters are VHT's plus they add a super JUCO who was in for spring.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. Kentucky 12. Nebraska 13. Syracuse 14. Arkansas 15. UCLA 16. Minnesota 17. San Jose St 18. Miss St 19. Florida St 20. Illinois



Miami (Fla) OT Bryant McKinnie helped pave the way for several UM records ly.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

Defensive Line 2001's Top DL Units

- Tennessee**
DT John Henderson could be the top pick in next year's draft and DT Albert Haynesworth (6-6 310) was PS #5 and is healthy. DE Will Overstreet was 1st Team SEC and new DE Bernard Jackson was PS #6.
- Florida State**
The Seminoles always lose a ton of talent from this unit to the NFL but the replacements are usually VHT's that go on to win All-American honors. There are tons of VHT's and both starting DT's are back.
- Alabama**
The only loss from this unit is Albert Means (we won't talk about that now) and this unit is loaded with players who will have NFL scouts camping out in Tuscaloosa during the year.
- Virginia Tech**
The Iron Hokie program is one of the best in the country and produces big DL's that are strong and speedy. Last year's was inexperienced and this year all 4 starters are back to form with another top-notch line.
- North Carolina**
DE Julius Peppers was 2nd Team AA last year with 15 sacks and both productive DT's from last year return. There are lots of HT's in the group and the Heels defense allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing last year and had 53 sacks.
- Texas**
They lose their super DT tandem of Rogers and Hampton but are still loaded this year! They have the best set of DE's since Brown arrived and tons of VHT's, including 3 VHT true frosh.
- Auburn**
This group was extremely young last year with 3 frosh starters but still allowed just 3.4 ypc in the tough SEC. Almost everyone is back and this unit has added size plus a lot of VHT's.
- Notre Dame**
Grant Irons (PS #5) is the best DL here and he went down to injury in the 3rd game

last season. Three of 4 starters are back and 7 of the top 8 are VHT's.

- UCLA**
I know the Bruins' defense has been horrible the last few years but DE Kenyon Coleman was injured last year after 3 games and this unit was devastated by injuries. His return makes this a veteran DL with talent.
- LSU**
Seven of the Tigers' linemen have started 4 games or more during their careers and the 4 projected starters are all VHT's, including a couple of 300 pounders who give the group good size.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. UAB 12. Nebraska 13. Georgia Tech 14. Michigan 15. Penn St. 16. Purdue 17. Texas A&M 18. Florida 19. Ohio St 20. Miami, Fla



DT John Henderson steamrolls the competition for my Top DL.

a '99 starter who missed last year. CB Roc Alexander has good physical abilities and both safeties are productive HT's.

- LSU**
Saban runs a complex defense and after 6 games this unit ranked #85 in the NCAA's pass D rankings. They improved down the stretch and finished #27 on the year in my rankings and lose just 1 starter.
- Florida St**
Bowden has a ton of VHT's to work with and last year they had to replace 3 starters and still finished #2 in my pass D rankings. Three more starters depart this year but they will be solid again. People often overlook FSU's defense but this bunch will be impossible to ignore.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. North Carolina 12. Arkansas 13. South Carolina 14. Tennessee 15. Michigan 16. Georgia 17. Arizona 18. Kansas St 19. Virginia Tech 20. Oregon



Washington SS Greg Carothers finishes off the ball carriers.

Defensive Backs 2001's Top DB Units

- Texas**
The Horns finished #1 in my pass defense rankings last year by a wide margin. They return 3 starters and a 1999 starter who missed most of last year with injury. Quentin Jammer could be the first CB taken in next year's draft.
- Florida**
The Gators have not had a senior in this unit for 2 straight years so naturally everyone is back from last year's fine unit that finished #6 in my pass defense rankings.
- USC**
The Trojans were #5 in my pass D rankings in '99 but lost 2 starters to injury last year and a VHT frosh redshirted. The unit returns intact and they get the injured players back. New HC Carroll specializes in defense.
- Oklahoma**
The secondary was inexperienced last year but still finished #8 in my pass D rankings. They lose just 1 starter from their National Champ squad and will be outstanding once again.
- Miami, Fla**
The Canes do lose 3 players off the two deep but only 1 was a full-time starter and naturally there is a ton of talent back from my #5 rated pass defense from 2000.
- Texas A&M**
Slocum said last year's secondary was the youngest he had ever fielded and yet they still finished #21 in my pass defense rankings. They lose just 1 starter and have a lot of talent throughout the group.
- Nebraska**
The Huskers do lose 3 players who combined for 14 starts but last year had to replace two full-time starters and still finished #9 in my rankings. They have 4 players back with starting experience.
- Washington**
This group was #13 in my pass D rankings last year and has 2 starters back plus

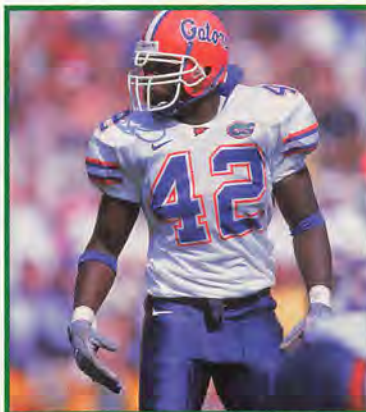
Linebackers 2001's Top LB Units

- Florida**
The Gators were #2 on my preseason LB list last year and return all 3 VHT starters and have EIGHT players with starting experience in the group this year. Some players were banged up last year and are now healthy.
- Ohio State**
3rd team AA Joe Cooper headlines the group and all 3 starters are back including Courtland Bullard (PS #8). Some of OSU's 4th stringers would be starters at other schools, which shows the Buckeyes' incredible depth.
- Michigan**
Last year's group was inexperienced but this year returns intact and will anchor a tough defense. The Wolves' 3rd string is comprised of VHT's that, like OSU above, shows great depth.
- Miami, Fla**
Five of the top 6 LB's return from last year's solid unit and they move FB DJ Williams, who was simply PS #1 LB out of HS, into the open spot. Even though they lose their top guy (Dan Morgan) they should be just as strong.
- Georgia**
The Bulldogs must replace a #2 DC but last year lost Boss Bailey (PS #14) prior to the year due to injury and he returns to join a very experienced corps.
- LSU**
All 3 starters are back including Treverance Faulk (PS #10) and Bradie James (PS #4), all 3 backups return and they will be pushed by a host of solid rFr, a JUCO and a Texas A&M transfer.
- Pittsburgh**
The Panthers were tough vs the run and put pressure on opposing QB's thanks in part to a veteran LB corps which returns intact. They have a 3rd teamer with 7 starts under his belt and 3 VHT true

frosh are added.

- Alabama**
All 3 starters return from last year's talented group and there are 5 VHT's in the two deep. The starters are all 6-2 or better, over 225 lbs and have good speed.
- Penn State**
How can you have a top ten LB list and not put "Linebacker U" on it? Ron Vanderlinden (ex Maryland HC) is the new LB coach here and inherits yet another top-notch unit.
- Texas**
The Horns feature a pair of 3rd year starters plus a 4th year starter, making them the most experienced group in the NCAA. All 3 backups return and they add 3 VHT frosh to the mix.

The rest of the Top 20: 11. East Carolina 12. Colorado 13. Oklahoma 14. South Carolina 15. Nebraska 16. Florida St 17. Northwestern 18. Georgia Tech 19. UCLA 20. Maryland



Florida LB Byron Hardmon headlines my #1 LB corps.

Special Teams 2001's Top Special Teams

- Virginia Tech**
Beamer coaches this unit himself and they have blocked more kicks than any other team since 1990. Andre Davis is a super returnman who was injured last year and the coverage units are great. K Carter Warley has a powerful leg.
- Miami, Fla**
They had my #1 ranked special teams last year and are close to the top again despite the loss of super returnman Santana Moss as Daryl Jones can fill his shoes. They have a 1st team Big East P and a PS #3 K.
- Notre Dame**
While the Irish were not a dominant team in 2000 their special teams were, finishing #2 in my rankings and remember the 317 return yards they hung on Nebraska? The unit has almost everyone back.
- Georgia Tech**
K Luke Manget is one of the best in the NCAA and his deep kickoffs helped them allow just 16.1 yards per KR. P Dan Dyke is solid and all the top returnmen are back including the dangerous Kelly Campbell.
- Minnesota**
P Preston Gruening was #1 in the NCAA in punting in 2000 and he and K Dan Nystrom both made 2nd team Big 10 last year. PR Tellis Redmon averaged a super 13.1 and all the top KR's are back.
- Kansas St**
After #3 and #1 finishes in my special teams rankings in '98 and '99 they slipped "all the way down" to #10 last year. Yes, Bill Snyder puts an emphasis on this unit and if frosh Joe Rheem is as good as his brother they will challenge for #1.
- Georgia**
K Billy Bennett hit 14 of 15 FG's as a frosh with his only miss from 50 yards. Basically everyone is back from a unit that finished #13 in my special teams rankings in 2000.
- Ohio University**
Last year the Bobcats finished a super #4

in my special teams rankings and have almost everyone back this year. My only question here is how they will do with a new coaching staff.

- Colorado St**
Lubick does a great job here as they have finished #1, #13 and #9 in my rankings the last 3 years!! They must replace their strong legged K but have dangerous returnmen in Pete Rebstock and Dexter Wynn along with a solid P.
- Alabama**
Freddie Milons did not have the year expected last season but should recapture his 1999 form and that makes this unit dangerous. K Neal Thomas hit 3-3 50+ yard FG's last year and P Bearden had a net of 39.0!!

The rest of the Top 20: 11. Michigan 12. Iowa 13. Colorado 14. Auburn 15. Florida 16. Virginia 17. Tennessee 18. TCU 19. UCF 20. Oklahoma



Virginia Tech's Andre Davis delights the Hokie faithful.



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☐ Arizona State	\$790,000	☐ Northwestern	\$1,325,000
☐ Arkansas	\$915,000	☐ Notre Dame	\$1,650,000
☐ Army	\$300,000	☐ Ohio	\$580,000
☐ Auburn	\$1,000,000	☐ Ohio State	\$1,270,000
☐ Boise State	\$1,065,000	☐ Oklahoma	\$1,975,000
☐ Boston College	\$740,000	☐ Oklahoma State	\$380,000
☐ Brigham Young	\$760,000	☐ Oregon	\$1,925,000
☐ Central Florida	\$710,000	☐ Oregon State	\$1,500,000
☐ Cincinnati	\$485,000	☐ Penn State	\$1,165,000
☐ Clemson	\$1,485,000	☐ Pittsburgh	\$1,165,000
☐ Colorado	\$1,310,000	☐ Purdue	\$1,245,000
☐ Colorado State	\$1,400,000	☐ San Diego State	\$420,000
☐ Duke	\$300,000	☐ San Jose State	\$450,000
☐ East Carolina	\$1,285,000	☐ South Carolina	\$1,720,000
☐ Florida	\$2,250,000	☐ Southern Calif. (USC)	\$1,240,000
☐ Florida State	\$2,080,000	☐ Southern Mississippi	\$1,525,000
☐ Fresno State	\$1,180,000	☐ Stanford	\$875,000
☐ Georgia	\$1,250,000	☐ Syracuse	\$1,220,000
☐ Georgia Tech	\$1,840,000	☐ Temple	\$360,000
☐ Idaho	\$550,000	☐ Tennessee	\$2,110,000
☐ Illinois	\$1,075,000	☐ Texas	\$2,175,000
☐ Indiana	\$965,000	☐ Texas A&M	\$1,265,000
☐ Iowa	\$350,000	☐ Texas Christian	\$835,000
☐ Iowa State	\$1,135,000	☐ Texas El Paso	\$650,000
☐ Kansas State	\$1,730,000	☐ Texas Tech	\$750,000
☐ Kentucky	\$660,000	☐ Toledo	\$1,000,000
☐ Louisiana Tech	\$510,000	☐ Tulane	\$610,000
☐ Louisville	\$1,100,000	☐ UCLA	\$1,625,000
☐ LSU	\$1,550,000	☐ Utah	\$715,000
☐ Marshall	\$1,350,000	☐ Virginia	\$775,000
☐ Maryland	\$825,000	☐ Virginia Tech	\$1,765,000
☐ Miami-Florida	\$2,205,000	☐ Washington	\$1,785,000
☐ Miami-Ohio	\$390,000	☐ Washington State	\$350,000
☐ Michigan	\$1,870,000	☐ West Virginia	\$1,005,000
☐ Michigan State	\$1,090,000	☐ Western Michigan	\$790,000
☐ Minnesota	\$950,000	☐ Wisconsin	\$1,170,000
☐ Mississippi	\$810,000		
☐ Mississippi State	\$1,475,000		
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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP - BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

One of the hottest topics in college football in the 90's was how to determine the National Champ. There have been many times at the end of the year that one team emerges from the polls as the No. 1 team and National Champion, but many feel that another team or teams were deserving of the title and were not given the chance to prove it. I must admit that I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the month of December, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting and feel that they provide teams with a reward for a successful season.

I know that in college basketball the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and everyone in the country participates in their office pools predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why. If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than them! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and meant that the entire regular season was meaningless.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There is no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Michigan St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl game and the Volunteers eventually won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to get into the title game and remained undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by no less than the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones that make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl game.

In 1999 in my magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year, but once again, one bad game vs Texas in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yard edge but could not overcome 6 turnovers, did them in. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicates.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their usual soft ACC schedule and even then had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida during the season. Virginia Tech was a great story in '99, going undefeated and getting to the National Title Game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, playing no team near the caliber of Nebraska during the season. Once again had Nebraska played either Virginia Tech or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes as they were the most complete team with the best defense in the country.

Last year worked out pretty well as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title Game but Miami, Fla and Washington fans both said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat FSU straight up and Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10, blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington SU and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in two of the last three years and I really think that a team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule, deserves a shot at the National Title Game. I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups, but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the season. I also think that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season. As an example, when Florida and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserv-

ing their importance. If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at the title.

I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges deserve to be in the final chase. I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the title chase.

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish the true National Champs. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on January 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country according to the BCS would be invited. If you look at the last two years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St and No. 3 Nebraska. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the Jan 1 bowls and after these matchups, the Championship Game would be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time to prepare and for fans to make travel arrangements given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is not in playoff action.

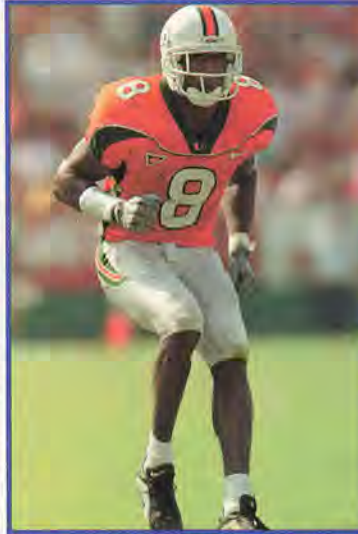
There would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title Game as the top teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the 1998 and 1999 races. In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semifinal matchups. With a backup QB Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship Game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel that either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the inferior Pac 10 and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams. Teams #5 and #6 and so on really do not have the caliber to compete in a title game and these teams do not deserve an expanded field.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semifinal games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick and in a tight, low scoring game would have advanced as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the #4 slot. Wisconsin was #4 in both polls even though they had two losses and 'Bama and Tennessee were #s 5 and 6 although both had 2 losses. Kansas St was #8 but with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title Game but since you have to pick one, let's say Kansas St was chosen because of their superior record. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Florida St would have dispatched whoever made it and that would have forced a true National Title Game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were in reality the top two teams.

In 1997, the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and North Carolina. This is one year where there would have been little question as to who the top 2 teams were as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the title game with both teams going unbeaten. If the two had played there would have been no split of the National Title, and a true champion could have been crowned. The current BCS system, which was devised after the 1997 season, would also have provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams but I find fault with a system that has given us a true title game in just 1 out of 3 years.

Last year my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have played Florida St for the right to play in the Title Game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would have to play stronger non-conference foes making the regular season even more enjoyable.

For those that complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 117 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably give enough time for any minor injuries from the Jan 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big a layoff as the teams have now during the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact, and would be a reward for teams after a solid season and we would have a true National Champion every year. We would also make sure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they have today, and the polls would be of major interest all year just as they are today.



Using my system the 'Canes would've had their chance at the Title in 2000.



Washington made a case to be in the National Title chase.

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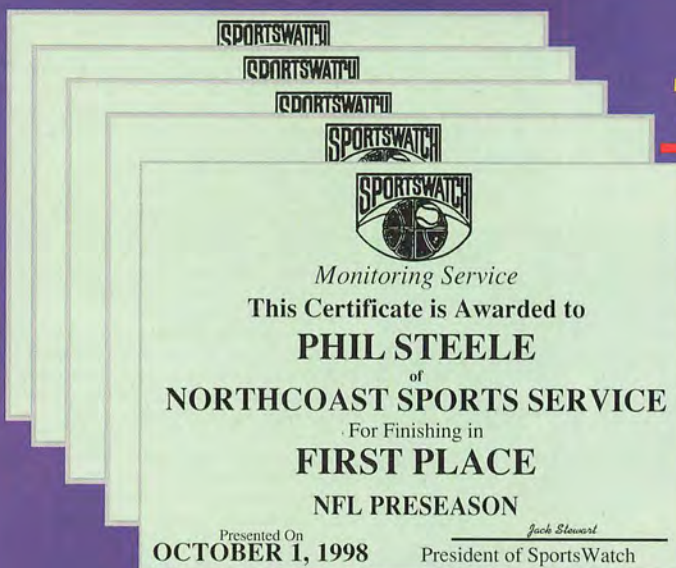
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2001 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2001. Remaining Bowls On Page 2.

ROSE BOWL



Texas
VS
Florida

ROSE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Washington (+2) 34 Purdue 24
1999 Wisconsin (-14) 17 Stanford 9
1998 Wisconsin (+9) 38 UCLA 31

CITRUS BOWL



Michigan St
VS
Tennessee

CITRUS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Michigan (-7) 31 Auburn 28
1999 Michigan St (+2) 37 Florida 34
1998 Michigan (-3) 45 Arkansas 31

HOLIDAY BOWL



Washington
VS
Colorado

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Oregon (+7) 35 Texas 30
1999 Kansas St (-10) 24 Washington 20
1998 Arizona (+3) 23 Nebraska 20

LIBERTY BOWL



E Carolina
VS
UNLV

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Colorado St (-1) 22 Louisville 17
1999 S Mississippi (-5) 23 Colorado St 17
1998 Tulane (-7) 41 BYU 27

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Colorado St
VS
USC

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 UNLV (-1) 31 Arkansas 14
1999 Utah (-4) 17 Fresno St 16
1998 N Carolina (-7) 20 San Diego St 13

ORANGE BOWL



Penn St
VS
UCLA

ORANGE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Oklahoma (+10) 13 Florida St 2
1999 Michigan (+1) 35 Alabama 34
1998 Florida (-6) 31 Syracuse 10

COTTON BOWL



Oklahoma
VS
Alabama

COTTON BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Kansas St (-3) 35 Tennessee 21
1999 Arkansas (+5) 27 Texas 6
1998 Texas (-6) 38 Mississippi St 11

PEACH BOWL



Clemson
VS
Georgia

PEACH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 LSU (-8) 28 Georgia Tech 14
1999 Mississippi St (+3) 17 Clemson 7
1998 Georgia (-2) 35 Virginia 33

SUGAR BOWL



Nebraska
VS
LSU

SUGAR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Miami (Fla) (-7) 37 Florida 20
1999 Florida St (-5) 46 Virginia Tech 29
1998 Ohio St (-12) 24 Texas A&M 14

GATOR BOWL



Georgia Tech
VS
Miami (Fla)

GATOR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Virginia Tech (-6) 41 Clemson 20
1999 Miami (Fla) (-4) 28 Georgia Tech 13
1998 Georgia Tech (-2) 35 Notre Dame 28

ALAMO BOWL



Purdue
VS
Kansas St

ALAMO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Nebraska (-14) 66 Northwestern 17
1999 Penn St (-7) 24 Texas A&M 0
1998 Purdue (+13) 37 Kansas St 34

FIESTA BOWL



Virginia Tech
VS
Florida St

FIESTA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Oregon St (-3) 41 Notre Dame 9
1999 Nebraska (-4) 31 Tennessee 21
1998 Tennessee (+5) 23 Florida St 16

OUTBACK BOWL



Michigan
VS
S Carolina

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 S Carolina (+7) 24 Ohio St 7
1999 Georgia (+5) 28 Purdue 25
1998 Penn St (-7) 26 Kentucky 14

SUN BOWL



Ohio St
VS
Oregon

SUN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Wisconsin (-5) 21 UCLA 20
1999 Oregon (+3) 24 Minnesota 20
1998 TCU (+16) 28 USC 19

INDEPENDENCE BOWL



Texas Tech
VS
Arkansas

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Mississippi St (+1) 43 Texas A&M 41
1999 Mississippi (+4) 27 Oklahoma 25
1998 Mississippi (+9) 35 Texas Tech 18

INSIGHT.COM BOWL

Texas A&M
VS
Notre Dame

INSIGHT.COM BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Iowa St (+2) 37 Pittsburgh 29
1999 Colorado (-7) 62 Boston College 28
1998 Missouri (-3) 34 W Virginia 31

MUSIC CITY BOWL



Pittsburgh
VS
Mississippi St

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 W Virginia (+3) 49 Mississippi 38
1999 Syracuse (+3) 20 Kentucky 13
1998 Virginia Tech (-5) 38 Alabama 7

MOTOR CITY BOWL

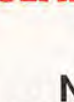


Toledo
VS
Alabama-Birm

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Marshall (+2) 25 Cincinnati 14
1999 Marshall (-3) 21 BYU 3
1998 Louisville (-3) 29 Marshall 48

SEATTLE JEEP BOWL



Oregon St
VS
N Carolina St

SEATTLE JEEP BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Boston College (+3) 31 Arizona St 17
1999 Wake Forest (+3) 23 Arizona St 3
1998 Colorado (+5) 51 Oregon 43

SAN FRANCISCO JEEP BOWL



Stanford
VS
Syracuse

SAN FRANCISCO JEEP BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2000 Georgia (-9) 37 Virginia 14
1999 Hawaii (+9) 23 Oregon St 17
1998 Air Force (-3) 45 Washington 25

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR READERS...

I do read every single questionnaire that comes back each year, and I want thank all of you for filling out the 2000 questionnaire. YOUR responses and input help me to make Phil Steele's College Football Preview better every year. At this time I would like to share with you some of the comments that we have received.

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.

One of the exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a year-to-year basis. I remember back in the late 1960's when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years with the Crimson Tide of Bear Bryant and the rivalry between Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler's Ohio St and Michigan squads, they also have had some off years.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conference slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conference games vs IAA or Big 12 opponents and if you go strictly on overall record, the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at this year's conferences, let's do a quick recap of 2000's toughest conferences. In 1998-99, the Big 10 compiled a 10-2 bowl record including 1999 when they had 4 teams in the Top 11 of the final polls and they narrowly edged the SEC and Big 12 in both years in my rankings. They did not hold on to their top spot last year and slipped quite a bit. Last year I had THREE Big 12 teams in my Preseason Top 7 and the conference did not disappoint. When the smoke cleared the Big 12 had the National Champ, 3 teams in the Top 10 and a 4-3 bowl record but Nebraska and Kansas St destroyed foes from the Big 10 and SEC. They get my call as the top conference in 2000. Surprisingly, even though they have some weaker teams at the bottom of the league, they still finished #1 in my overall power ratings average per team. Over the last 3 years, the SEC has had losing records in bowl games. They had a 4-5 mark last year including 1-3 in Jan 1/Jan 2 bowls and their top 2 teams, Florida and Tennessee, were manhandled. The SEC also plays one of the softer non-conference schedules during the season which is a good reason why 9 teams were bowl eligible at the end of the year. Despite those facts, this is a powerful conference and last year they came up #2 in my overall average power ratings and finished with the most teams in the Top 25 at 6. They get my call for the 2nd toughest league last year.

Pac 10 bashing was rampant during the preseason last year but the conference made a huge turnaround and ended up with THREE teams in the final Top 10. They went 3-2 in the bowls overall with their top 3 teams the winners in the postseason. The depth of the league was not great with USC having a down year and all of the league games were close as 22 of the 32 were decided by 7 points or less. My average power ratings for the league have them ranked 4th for last year but with the positive postseason, I will

give them the #3 slot in my final rankings.

The Big 10, as I mentioned, had an off year. In my magazine last year I did not have a single Big 10 team ranked in the Top 8 and that was partially due to the fact it is such a tough league from top to bottom and I did not foresee any team going through the season unbeaten. The league ended in a 3 way tie which is exactly what I called for in last year's conference forecast and each team had two league losses. That meant that just 1 team finished in the final Top 10 and just 3 in the Top 25. It was a disappointing bowl season as they had just a 2-4 record and despite the fact that they came up #3 in my average overall power ratings for the leagues, I will list them at #4 due to their disappointing postseason.

Picking the 5th best conference in the league last year was easy as the Big East finished #5 in my average power ratings per team, had two teams in the final Top 10 and went a super 4-1 in the bowls.

The ACC has Florida St which really helps the average rating per team and they came in #6 in my rankings. Had FSU won the National Title they may have been rated higher but it was a very disappointing postseason for them as the league was 1-4 in bowl games.

The final 3 conferences in my ratings were all very close and the WAC actually had the highest average power rating per team of the 3. As mentioned it was very close and my final rankings go with how they fared in the postseason as the Mountain West was a perfect 3-0, CUSA was 2-2 and the WAC came up short in all 3 bowl efforts. Here is a recap of the Top 9:

2000 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Big 12 | 6. ACC |
| 2. SEC | 7. Mt. West |
| 3. Pac 10 | 8. CUSA |
| 4. Big 10 | 9. WAC |
| 5. Big East | |



Despite having over 8,000 career yds Major Applewhite is now the #2 QB in Austin.

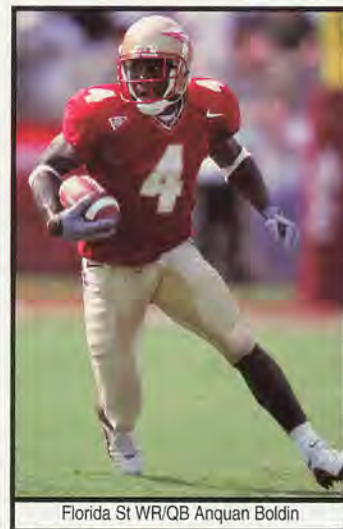
Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in the year 2001. First let me tell you how I derive the results. I complete 5 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. One is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and come upon my power ratings for the teams.

The second power rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 272). These take into account the production of the team not

only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

The other 3 sets are based on last year's

final numbers. I grade each position on a team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement for the next year. It differs anywhere from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor



Florida St WR/QB Anquan Boldin

it into last year's 3 final sets of power ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

In order to write this article, I combined all 5 sets into one main power rating and used that to create a 6th set for this year. Then the question was, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams but the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show is, of course, the depth of the conference. Let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The lower conference would be rated higher if the top 5 teams had a higher average even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. What I am trying to say is that it is an inexact science, but I think by merging the two ratings I did get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, I had 12 different sets of rankings after all of that was done. They broke down the conferences into best overall strength of the team for each conference as well as best overall strength of the top 5 teams in each conference. This year one league actually came up with my highest average power rating for the top 3 teams, top 5 teams, top 8 teams AND overall and that is the SEC. Florida, Tennessee and LSU are among the elite this year and there are very few soft spots in the league with 9 teams ranking in my top 50 in the country in terms of talent. The Big 12 has some powerful teams once again with Texas, Nebraska, Kansas St and of course, the defending National Champ Oklahoma. Of the major

conferences, they also have the weakest teams at the bottom with clubs like Baylor dragging down their average power rating for the league which is actually 5th. They do rank #2 in the top 3, top 5 and top 8 team averages and could produce the NCAA Champ for a 2nd straight year, so I will list them #2. Once again this year, it will be tough for any Big Ten team to go unbeaten and ALL 11 teams in the league are bowl caliber!!! The lowest rated team in my talent rankings comes in at #52 so there are no weak spots. They do not have the power at the top (dominating teams) as the conferences I list above them but have the 2nd highest average power rating per team and get my call as the third toughest league this year. The Pac 10 proved its mettle last year and has my #3 overall average power rating this year but come up a little short at the top with no true national title contender. It is an ever improving league and lands in my #4 slot. The Big East, with just 8 teams, rates #4 overall in my average power ratings but interestingly, looking at the top 8 teams in each league they come in #5 there. Both Virginia Tech and Miami, Fla have national title hopes and Pitt could pull some surprises. I list them at #5 again. This may be a rebuilding year for Florida St and with their power rating not as dominant as usual their league comes in #6 in my average rankings and that is



SD State QB Lon Sheriff and RG David Moreno

where they land in my overall ratings. The W A C , which last year actually had an edge in the overall power ratings as I mentioned above, loses their top team TCU to CUSA and adds a couple of weaker clubs. The addition of TCU vaults CUSA to the #7 spot with the Mountain West coming in at #8 and the WAC at #9. Surprisingly, in my ratings the top 3 teams of the MAC actually rank ahead of the top 3 in the WAC. The Mid American Conference is getting stronger and this year I even gave them two full pages per team (an upgrade from 1 page last year). Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences.

Toughest Conferences for 2001

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| 1. SEC | 7. CUSA |
| 2. Big 12 | 8. Mt West |
| 3. Big 10 | 9. WAC |
| 4. Pac 10 | 10. MAC |
| 5. Big East | 11. Independent |
| 6. ACC | 12. Sun Belt |

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to -6 basis. Let me explain a little more about that. For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the

season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now let's say that the following year this team had their top 8 returning from the D-line and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores and have experience. They also have the two projected starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

A -6 would be the opposite. Here is an example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense and they weighed 325 lbs per man and all were three year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. All 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add up all my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. I cannot predict injuries, as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries this year while others will have good health.

What I can share with you is the most improved teams in the country. I do not have the space for the entire list but the following are the top 20 most improved teams in the country this year (provided they stay healthy).

2001's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

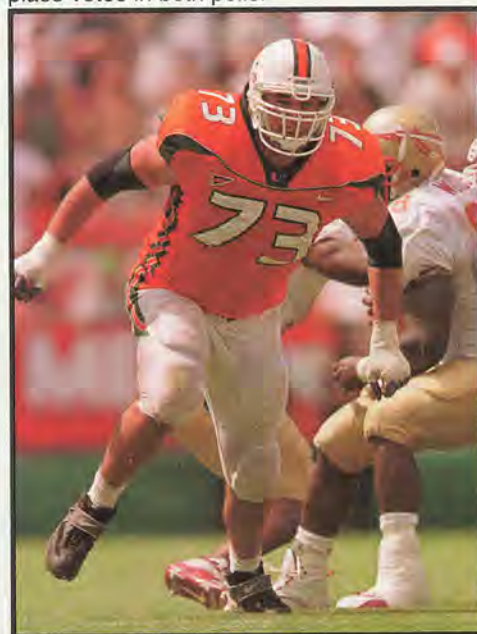
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| 1. San Diego St | 11. Penn St |
| 2. Nevada | 12. Missouri |
| 3. Wyoming | 13. Washington St |
| 4. Colorado | 14. Rice |
| 5. Duke | 15. Bowling Green |
| 6. SMU | 16. Stanford |
| 7. Iowa | 17. Michigan St |
| 8. Tulsa | 18. USC |
| 9. Alabama | 19. UL Monroe |
| 10. Hawaii | 20. Temple |

Making my most improved list has generally been a blessing for teams and they usually make big turnarounds. In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record, going from winless to a bowl victory. Also listed among the top 20 that year was Vanderbilt, who almost made it to a bowl game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers were my #6 most improved team and they proved very solid, getting to a bowl game. Stanford was my #13 and they performed well in the Rose Bowl as the Pac 10 Champions. My #14 most improved team two years ago was Illinois, another team that had not been to a bowl for quite some time but was back in the postseason. Number 15 on that list was Michigan St who defeated Florida in the Citrus Bowl. Another bowl winner, TCU, was #18 on the list.

Last year was another VERY successful year for the most improved teams. Of the top 14 most improved teams last year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!! South Carolina was my #6 most improved team and they simply went from 0-11 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finishing with an 8-4 record. Tulane was #1 on the list and they went from 3-8 to 6-5 and were bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season they rolled to the Big 10 Co-Championship!! UCLA was #7 and went from a losing year to a

bowl game. LSU came in at #10 and they went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Not all the teams on my list went from losing seasons to bowls and not all the teams will do that this year. Also on last year's list were teams like Washington (#16) which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a 4 game improvement, and Clemson (#20) which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game. Teams like Rutgers, Temple and Iowa, who were on this list, all improved their win total by 2 games last year. Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Make sure you check out this year's list.

Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool that I find myself looking for from time to time, especially during the pre-season. The following is how the teams finished last year in both of the polls. Oklahoma was a unanimous #1 in both polls with 130 first place votes in both polls.



Miami, Fla RT Joaquin Gonzalez

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL

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| 1. Oklahoma (59) | 14. Clemson |
| 2. Miami, Fla | 15. Colorado St |
| 3. Washington | 16. Notre Dame |
| 4. Florida St | 17. Georgia |
| 5. Oregon St | 18. TCU |
| 6. Virginia Tech | 19. Georgia Tech |
| 7. Nebraska | 20. Auburn |
| 8. Kansas St | 21. S Carolina |
| 9. Oregon | 22. Mississippi St |
| 10. Michigan | 23. Iowa St |
| 11. Florida | 24. Wisconsin |
| 12. Texas | 25. Tennessee |
| 13. Purdue | |

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Oklahoma (71) | 14. Colorado St |
| 2. Miami, Fla | 15. Notre Dame |
| 3. Washington | 16. Clemson |
| 4. Oregon St | 17. Georgia Tech |
| 5. Florida St | 18. Auburn |
| 6. Virginia Tech | 19. S Carolina |
| 7. Oregon | 20. Georgia |
| 8. Nebraska | 21. TCU |
| 9. Kansas St | 22. LSU |
| 10. Florida | 23. Wisconsin |
| 11. Michigan | 24. Mississippi St |
| 12. Texas | 25. Iowa St |
| 13. Purdue | |

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S OKLAHOMA?

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve, especially with the fact that Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and would face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all the other 115 IA teams and were the only team to remain undefeated on the season. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them last year like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB, and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one time thing, but teams have gotten to the top and been big surprises in almost every year and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top rated teams coming into the year.

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team last year. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season but, much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free while benefitting from +18 turnovers to finish 4th in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win of Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact last year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

Do you think it is easy picking a national champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only once has the pre-season #1 team gone on to win the National Title and that was in 1999, the only year in which any of the Big Nine preseason magazines had correctly picked the national champ. I will be mentioning the "Big Nine" magazines in this article and I am referring to Athlon, Lindy's, Sporting News, Street and Smith, Sports Illustrated, GamePlan, Preview Sports, Jim Feist's and Phil Steele's. (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). Every year you can round up the usual suspects for the National Title coming into the year. Florida St, Florida and Nebraska are the type of teams that rank in the Top 5 coming into the season almost every year. While they usually finish the season there as well, there have been some other big surprises throughout the years.

In 1994, Penn State was #10 heading into the year and the highest magazine ranking (other than my Scorebook which had them #5) was #8. They simply went undefeated on the season and, while they finished the season the #2 team in the country, they could have won the National Title had they been able to play Nebraska for it.

In 1995, no preseason magazine picked Nebraska to win the National Title but plenty had them #2 which is where they ranked prior to the year and they took home the title. No surprise there, but the biggest surprises that year were Northwestern and Kansas who finished in the Top 10 despite not being picked in the Preseason Top 25.

In 1996, none of the "Big Nine" preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the national champ yet the Gators won the title. That was not an "Oklahoma-ish" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big Nine, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5 and while none of the Big Nine had them #1, four (myself, Feist's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the title was a big surprise. The only Big Nine publication to have them in the top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA who was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title.

Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 in turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and they won that game as well. Of the Big Nine magazines only two had them ranked in the top 7 and they were Phil Steele's (#7) and GamePlan (#6). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999 and that they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game and were unbeaten coming into the postseason. Prior to the season they did not even rank in the Top 10. One of the Big Nine magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Both Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and GamePlan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings, and some records that date back to 1989. So, what

have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years a big surprise like last year's National Champ Oklahoma. Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Oklahoma?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or who will be ranked where in this year's preseason polls, but I can definitely peg some teams that should not make the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been

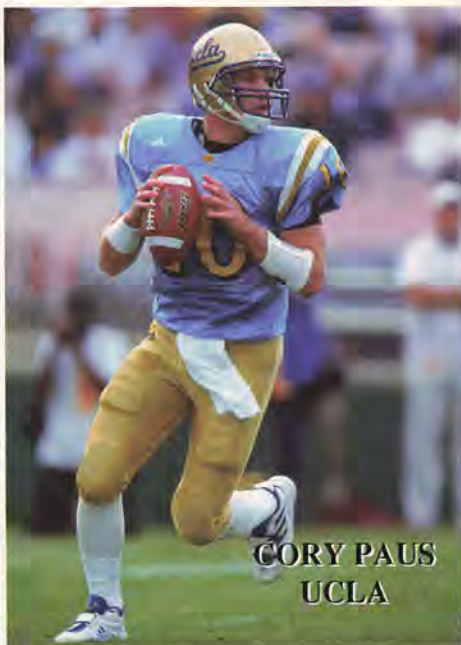
important factors for teams who have risen to the top in recent years.

Much like Oklahoma in '99, Pitt played a disappointing bowl game last year to finish at 7-5. They play in a league with a pair of Top 10 teams in Miami (Fla) and Virginia Tech and also must play ND on the road this year. They will not likely be in the Top 20 at the start of the year. Here are some exciting factors that the Panthers have going for them this year. First of all, they were -11 in turnovers last year and still fashioned a solid season and bowl bid after not having a winning regular season record in 3 years (sounds like OU doesn't it?). Teams must have a solid defense and Pitt has 10 starters back from a unit that allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing with 35 sacks and last year I had them rated the 12th best defense in the country coming into the year. I think they have a vastly underrated QB in David Priestley (PS#34) who has started some games in each of the last two years and keep in mind that Walt Harris has worked wonders with less talented QB's. They have a super WR in Antonio Bryant who was the Biletnikoff Award Winner last year, a veteran O-line and some capable RB's. They also have a potential Top 20 special teams unit. They play 3 very winnable games to open the season and then have a bye the week before playing Miami (Fla), who they get at home! If they pull an upset there they would have the tough task of winning in South Bend the very next week but OU pulled off a pair of similar upsets last year. Their toughest remaining games are at home vs both Syracuse and Virginia Tech and they do not have to play in a league title game. It has been a long time since Tony Dorsett led them to their last National Title, but like OU, they do have a history of it and as long as they stay healthy and catch a few breaks, this could be a big surprise team!!!!

While looking for another team that could be this year's OU, why not go back to the Big 12 and pick a team that has won a National Title as recently as 1991. Last year Colorado had to replace 22 senior starters and simply faced the TOUGHEST schedule in the entire NCAA. In their first 3 games



they took ranked foes down to the wire but lost each game by 4 points or less, including a 3 point loss to Washington who finished #3 in the polls. They suffered through some injuries and really improved in the final 7 games as true frosh QB Craig Ochs (PS#5) took over and played well while learning the offense. In the season finale they should have beaten Nebraska, but lost by 2 and although they finished the year with a miserable 3-8 record, they were only outscored by 2.9 ppg for the year. This year they have 17 returning starters including Ochs. At RB they have a 1,000 yard rusher from 1999 in Cortlen Johnson who is only the 2nd best back on the team with Marcus Houston (PS#1) on hand. Houston had 332 yards in 3 games (2 starts) as a true frosh but was injured and comes back as a rFr. They have a solid veteran O-line and some top-notch WR's. Their defense is much more experienced than last year and will be stronger and they also have top 10 potential on special teams. They do have road trips to Kansas St and Texas but host Nebraska in the season finale and after 5 straight "almost" upsets of the Huskers they should be due. I do not expect this team to even be ranked in the Top 25 heading into the year but they have an excellent shot at a Top 10 finish and it should be quite a turnaround for them this season!



The Pac 10 Conference was ridiculed for poor bowl performances coming into last year but shocked the country with 3 teams that finished in the Top 10 at the end of the year and won three top tier bowl games!! In 1997 UCLA was one of the Top 10 surprises after coming into the season unranked and, while they should be ranked coming into this year, the surprise would be challenging for the National Title only one year after a 6-6 season. They have one of the best QB's in the country in Cory Paus, a super RB (if he can stay healthy) in DeShaun Foster, solid WR's and a veteran O-line. Defense has hurt the Bruins in each of the last 3 years with their BEST ppg allowed being 27.0. They have the talent on that side of the ball to rank in the Top 20 (provided they are not devastated by injuries like last year) which would make them the most improved defense in the country. Their special teams are top-notch. The Bruins last won a National Title in 1954 so even though it has been awhile, they do have a history of it. UCLA knocked off a pair of #3 ranked teams in their first 3 games last year but then their defense, QB's and RB's were hit hard by injuries and the season went south. While they play 6 road games this year, they all fall into the winnable category with Oregon St, Alabama and USC being the toughest. They should be favored in all 5 home games and with the renewed respect for the Pac 10, a perfect 11-0 mark would have them playing in their own home stadium for the National Title!!!!

The SEC has not had the kind of success it was used to in recent years, but has a pair of teams capable of vaulting to the top this year that would be surprises. I would expound upon LSU's chances of being the big surprise this year, but I fully expect them to be ranked in the Preseason Top 10 and hence no surprise. If they are not ranked in the Preseason Top 10 then read the LSU page for my reasoning. They are my pick for the SEC West Title and are capable of an undefeated season.

The other SEC possibility is a team that was one of my surprise teams last year in South Carolina. The Gamecocks had a solid defense in 1999 but were devastated by injuries, inexperience and turnovers and finished 0-11. Last year I used them early and often on the pages of my Power Sweep Newsletter and they not only achieved a winning season but went 8-4 SU and beat Ohio St on Jan 1. While South Carolina has never won a National Title, their coach Lou Holtz sure has. The Gamecocks had a great defense last year and return 8 starters from that group and are top 10 caliber on that side of the ball once again. Offensively, they have a veteran QB in Phil Petty who excels at running the spread offense and he has RB's, WR's and an OL that all rank in my Top 15 units (page 6-7) this year. They get seven home games this year and while all 4 SEC road trips are in tough spots, this is a team that ranks in the top 10 in terms of talent and is capable of winning all 4. Just like Oklahoma last year, the fact that SC plays in the same division as Top 5 teams Florida and Tennessee should keep them out of the Preseason Top 10. Can a team actually go from 0-11 to a National Title just two years later? This is the team and the coach that have the potential to do it!!

This looks like a good year to be from the state of South Carolina. Another

one of my potential surprise teams this year just happens to be SC's neighboring rival, the Tommy Bowden-led Clemson Tigers. Of all the teams on this list, Clemson suffers the second most losses in terms of graduation as just 11 starters return. They also do not have the championship caliber defense that I prefer with just 4 starters back, and I rank them #50 coming into the year. They do have a couple of things in their favor as they are a Top 10 offense and have a schedule (playing in the ACC) that has vaulted Florida St to the top on a yearly basis. They have 3 tough games this year with road trips to Georgia Tech and South Carolina (but the visitor dominates that rivalry) and they host a rebuilding Florida St team in Death Valley where they nearly upset them two years ago. They only rate #24 in my preseason talent ratings but it is not always the most talented team that wins the title and if they stay healthy and catch a few breaks, they clearly have the schedule to go undefeated and an upset of Florida St would move them to the top of the polls and give them a shot at playing in the title game.

Now we come to my neck of the woods and that is Big Ten country. The Big Ten has had some big surprise teams in recent history, including Northwestern. This year there are a pair of teams that could shock the world. Penn St went through a pitiful year finishing 5-7 last year which was Joe Pa's worst ever. Everyone will say the game has passed Paterno but that was also the feeling in 1993 when Joe dropped 5 of his last 7 games and was drubbed by Bill Walsh in the bowl game. He simply responded by leading the Lions to 10-2 and 12-0 seasons the next two years. He has only 10 returning starters (fewest of teams to make this list) but is an exceptional recruiter and has tons of talent on both sides of the ball. Last year's defense had just 2 starters back and this year's is much more veteran and I rank them #13 to start the year. Everything that could go wrong on offense did last year and they had their lowest point production in over a decade. Even with a new QB they will be more potent. All five road games are definitely winnable with a trip to East Lansing being the toughest. The home slate is grueling with Michigan, Ohio St, Wisky and Miami (Fla) invading Happy Valley. While Miami may have the talent edge in that opener, keep in mind it is Joe Paterno at home vs a rookie head coach and an upset there could put the pieces in motion for a stunning year.

Just two years ago, Mich St beat Florida in the Citrus Bowl to finish the year at 10-2. That year they had Michigan, Ohio St and Penn St all at home and took care of business. Last year Bobby Williams was in his first season as a head coach and did not catch a lot of breaks. They were devastated by injuries and Williams said at midyear that his injury report was two pages long. They beat Purdue (who went on to win the Big 10 Title) but were -8 in turnovers and lost some games they easily could have won and finished just 5-6. A trimmed down RB TJ Duckett is a definite Heisman contender and they add Randy Moss clone WR Charles Rogers to the offense along with two veteran QB's. NFL scouts will take in quite a few of their games this year. Six starters are back from a unit that led the Big 10 in defense last year. The only question mark on this team is the offensive line but if they stay healthy and the line comes around, they have Top 20 potential on both sides of the ball and could be an even bigger surprise than the Sooners were last year.

Now I will wrap it up with the least likely of the 9 candidates and that is



East Carolina. The last time a team won the National Title from a non-major conference was BYU's controversial 1984 title in which they defeated a 6-5 Michigan team in the Holiday Bowl to win the crown. I think CUSA is one of the most underrated leagues out there, and while they are clearly not on par with the Big 10 or SEC, they have knocked off a lot of teams from those leagues in recent years. A few years back ECU vaulted into the Top 10 after their upset of Miami (Fla) but this year their toughest non-conference game is Syracuse so a perfect 11-0 mark may not even qualify them for the National Title game but this team has the capability to win all 11 and that gives them a chance. They have one of my top rated groups of LB's in the country and on offense have QB David

Garrard and Logan's best set of RB's yet. This team is a longshot but is clearly more talented than teams like Marshall and Tulane which went undefeated in recent years and barely ranked in the Top 10.

These are the 9 teams that have a shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did last year. The reduction of scholarships to 85 has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year in the NCAA and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

By Phil Steele



In 1990, I wrote a book entitled *"Ten Keys To a Winning Season."* In 1996, and again in 1999, I revised *Ten Keys* and published second and third editions. In *Ten Keys* I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2001!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then go buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can and will happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose," do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all of the pitfalls in gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. conmen) who operate in the sports service industry. There are two important thoughts to remember... One, do not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%? The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 16 to 20 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone Selections from 1★ to 5★ with 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or 1000★ games? It is comical the way these conmen try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless, but you will see his ridiculous ads) put out his 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this conman had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication he put out his 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this guy owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will also keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. Please, avoid the urge and stay with money management. In Chapter Two, I take you through the

winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame."** The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely differently than the regular season. In the last 12 years, Northcoast Sports has the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this chapter.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle."** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and study. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you will probably have MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In college football I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Fundamental Handicapping is most important. This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one team's WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You review whether a team may let down after a big game, look ahead to a big game, or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this magazine is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the 3. I have listed all of these angles in the book so you do not have to spend hours researching, and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping, but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping."** Each chapter delves deeper into these 3 methods.

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks, and looking for contrarian plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games," etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two of the most honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-721-5018)

SportsWatch - Las Vegas, NV
(1-702-547-1568)

In closing, if there is a chapter you would like to see completely, call our office at 1-800-654-3448. We will send you any ONE chapter free. The book sells for \$19.95. If you mention the 2001 College Preview Magazine or send in the questionnaire on pg. 286, you can receive it for just \$9.95. I hope you found this article informative, and

GOOD LUCK IN 2001!!!



PHIL STEELE'S 2001 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2001 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - Tennessee is my #4 team this year in terms of talent but they take on the toughest schedule in the country and barely made the Top 10 on this list. East Carolina does not rank in my Top 30 in terms of overall talent but make the Top 25 because they do not face a single one of my other Top 25 teams. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & I have always done quite well. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season. I do pick some surprises for this season including 3 teams that finished last year with a combined 11-23 SU record.

- 1. Texas** The Big 12 South could have its 2nd straight National Title winner. The Horns have my #1 rated offense this year, led by Heisman candidate Chris Simms, and one of the best WR corps in NCAA history! They also have my #4 rated offensive line and have some capable RB's. The defense has 8 starters back and has the top CB in the NCAA who heads my #1 rated secondary. The schedule is manageable as they avoid Nebraska and Kansas St from the North and only 3 times this year will they be favored by less than 10 points and they are capable of handling all 3 of those foes (OU, Colorado, Texas A&M).
- 2. Florida** I run 5 of my sets of power ratings through a projected schedule for the year and all 5 call for a perfect 11-0 regular season for the Gators with very few close calls. They are one of the top 2 most talented teams this year with my #2 rated offense and a defense that should be vastly improved as they have my #1 set of LB's and #2 group of DB's. Florida St and Tennessee must both travel to The Swamp and while they have some dangerous road games (S Carolina, LSU, Georgia) they should find themselves in the SEC Title Game and possibly the Rose Bowl.
- 3. Nebraska** This team may not be as talented as some of their National Title teams from year's past but they have a great shot at the Rose Bowl. Eric Crouch has just 3 other starters back on offense but they will be potent and they have 7 starters back on defense where they come in #5 in my rankings. Most of the tough games (OU, ND, KSU) are in Lincoln where they are very tough to beat and a road trip to Colorado and the Big 12 Title Game will likely be their two most difficult tests of the year.
- 4. Virginia Tech** I am not concerned with who will replace Michael Vick but rather the 4 offensive line starters who depart. They have 4 softies to start the season, allowing that group to gain cohesion, and the defense could rival the '98 and '99 versions which vaulted them to the top. The toughest games are in Blacksburg where they are almost unbeatable.
- 5. Florida St** There is a strong possibility that FSU will not be ranked in the preseason Top 5 but #5 is where they finished last year and that was their WORST finish in 14 years!!! The last two times they had to replace 12 or more starters including their QB they "only" finished 11-1 in 1992 and 10-1-1 in '94. Miami and Ga Tech must travel to Tallahassee while their road slate includes trips to The Swamp & Death Valley.
- 6. Miami (Fla)** The Hurricanes actually rank #3 in terms of overall talent this year and are a worthy national title contender. The question marks I have deal with the coaching change and the fact they must travel to BOTH Tallahassee and Blacksburg with the latter being on a cold December day. They have top ten units on both sides of the ball including my top rated OL.
- 7. Oklahoma** Replacing QB Josh Heupel will be a difficult task but winning a National Title against last year's schedule was also. They have a top-notch defense and should be favored in all but 2 games (Texas and Nebraska) but keep in mind they beat both of those teams last year by 49 and 12 points so they are capable of handling them once again.
- 8. LSU** Their two toughest games of the season (at Tenn, Florida) come in back to back weeks and each of those foes rank in my top 5 in terms of talent this year. As long as Rohan Davey stays healthy they rank in my top 10 on both sides of the ball and they have enough talent to win the SEC, but would probably have to beat the Gators twice to accomplish that feat.
- 9. Michigan** It will be extremely difficult for any team to get through the rugged Big 10 without a loss and that is why the top Big 10 team ranks down here at #9. While I do not have them winning the Big 10, I do think they have a good shot at tying for the title just like last year. The Wolves are #6 in terms of overall talent but have road trips to Wisky, Penn St, Mich St and Washington on the docket.
- 10. Tennessee** Last year's young team is a much more veteran unit and I rank them #4 in terms of talent this year. The schedule shows road trips to some of the toughest venues in college football with Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and Notre Dame!
- 11. Colorado** The Buffs went just 3-8 last year but have almost everyone back from a team that was much better than their record with a lot of close losses while facing the nation's toughest schedule. If they did not draw a road trip to Texas from the South, they would have had a legitimate shot at an undefeated season.
- 12. Georgia Tech** The Jackets have 16 starters back and all of their road games fall into the winnable category with the exception of FSU. My biggest question is will the offense be as potent without offensive coordinator Friedgen, but they have the talent and schedule for double digit wins.
- 13. Notre Dame** The Irish used special teams, turnovers and a soft schedule over the final 7 games to land them a 9-2 regular season mark before being exposed by OSU in the bowl last year. This year they are much more talented but also have road trips to Nebraska, Purdue, and Texas A&M, making theirs the 2nd toughest schedule in the country.
- 14. UCLA** Just like the Big 10, the Pac 10 is so competitive it will be tough to go unbeaten and that is why my pick for #1 in that league is down here (their non-conf games include Alabama and Ohio St also). They have a top 10 offense and a vastly improved defense that comes in #20 in my ratings.
- 15. Oregon** The Ducks are talented and actually have a schedule that sets them up for a possible undefeated season as they are unbeatable at home and not a single road foe had a winning record last season!! Talent-wise they are #25 but remember last year they prevailed in 4 nailbiters including a couple of OT wins and may not be as fortunate.
- 16. S Carolina** Check out page 15 to see how high I am on SC's chances this year. They have 4 tough SEC road games on the schedule and have two of the nation's Top 5 teams in terms of talent in their division.
- 17. E Carolina** The Pirates are #32 in my talent ratings but have the schedule to have a big season as most of their tough foes are at home and they do not face a single member of my Top 20.
- 18. Penn St** Paterno is still one of the best and he has a lot of talent to work with plus a Big 10 schedule that has most of the top foes traveling to Happy Valley. They will atone for last year's aberration.
- 19. Purdue** Brandon Hance should have a fine year as the new QB and Tiller has his best defense since arriving in West Lafayette. They must play Michigan and Ohio St on the road but have a decent shot at defending their Big 10 title.
- 20. Washington** The Huskies have just 11 starters back and face the 5th toughest schedule in the country (how about opening with Michigan and Miami, Fla?). They still have enough talent to contend in the Pac 10 again this year.
- 21. Kansas St** Bill Snyder must replace 27 lettermen and they have road trips to Texas and Nebraska and their first tough non-conf foe (USC) in years. However, he has this program to a point that they now reload as opposed to rebuild.
- 22. Ohio St** The Bucks have suffered some big graduation losses and new head coach Tressel is new to IA ball but Cooper left a ton of talent on hand and despite a tough schedule this team will surprise with a solid year.
- 23. Georgia** They play in the same division as Florida, Tenn and SCar (all listed above) but despite a coaching change are still very talented on both sides of the ball and look for their 5th straight bowl win.
- 24. Alabama** The Tide was 3-8 last year and have a big question regarding a possible probation hanging over their heads but are even more talented than last year's team which ranked in the Preseason Top 3.
- 25. Clemson** While Clemson must replace 11 starters, Bowden continues to work wonders here and despite just 4 starters back on D, with the offense being #5 in my rankings it still makes them dangerous.

TEAMS #26 THROUGH #40

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| 26. Michigan St | I pick them 2nd in the Big 10, Heisman contender TJ Duckett. | 33. S Mississippi | Yet another bowl game for a top-notch team. |
| 27. Mississippi St | Tremendous rush attack, Joe Lee Dunn defense. | 34. Pittsburgh | Check out page 15 for more on the Panthers. |
| 28. Stanford | My #13 rated offense and a top 40 defense. | 35. USC | Way too much talent to stay down for long. |
| 29. Syracuse | Will this be the year a capable QB finally emerges? | 36. Colorado St | Should be another postseason for Lubick. |
| 30. Texas A&M | #20 in my talent ratings but a tough slate. | 37. Arkansas | A much stronger team with a healthy backfield. |
| 31. NC State | What will QB Rivers do now that he is experienced? | 38. Iowa | Here is a big surprise team for the Top 40. |
| 32. Marshall | Look for the Herd to be in Alabama on Dec 19th. | 39. Washington St | Almost as experienced as their Rose Bowl squad was. |
| | | 40. San Diego St | Another big surprise team in 2001. |

BIG 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG 10 TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB Kurt Kittner, Illinois	Brandon Hance, Purdue	Zak Kustok, N'west	Steve Bellisari, Ohio St
RB Damien Anderson, N'west	Ladell Betts, Iowa	Levron Williams, Indiana	Jonathan Wells, Ohio St
RB TJ Duckett, Mich St	Eric McCoo, Penn St	Antoineo Harris, Illinois	Thomas Tapeh, Minn
WR Charles Rogers, Mich St	Antwaan Randle El, Ind	Brandon Lloyd, Illinois	Bryant Johnson, Penn St
WR Marquise Walker, Mich	Ron Johnson, Minn	John Standeford, Purdue	Kahlil Hill, Iowa
TE Tim Stratton, Purdue	Chris Baker, Mich St	Darnell Sanders, Ohio St	John Gilmore, Penn St
C LeCharles Bentley, OSU	Brian Ottney, Mich St	Luke Butkus, Illinois	Al Johnson, Wisconsin
G Anthony Oakley, Indiana	Jay Kulaga, Illinois	Derek Burns, Minnesota	Ben Mast, Michigan
G Ryan Roth, Minnesota	Gus Felder, Penn St	Jeff Roehl, N'west	Lance Clelland, N'west
T Ben Johnson, Wisconsin	Leon Brockmeier, N'west	Adrien Clarke, Ohio St	Tony Pashos, Illinois
T Jake Kuppe, Minnesota	AC Myler, Indiana	Tyson Walter, Ohio St	Mike Souza, N'west
DL Aaron Kampman, Iowa	Derek Barnett, Indiana	Tim Anderson, Ohio St	Terrell Washington, Ill
DL Wendell Bryant, Wisc	Matt Mitrione, Purdue	Greg White, Minnesota	Kenny Peterson, OSU
DL Jimmy Kennedy, Penn St	Mike Collins, Ohio St	Larry Stevens, Michigan	Darius Jones, Wisconsin
DL Akin Ayodele, Purdue	Jerry Montgomery, Iowa	Steve Williams, Indiana	Bob Jones, Penn St
LB Shamar Finney, Penn St	Courtland Bullard, OSU	Nick Greisen, Wisconsin	Astein Osei, Minnesota
LB Joe Cooper, Ohio St	Billy Silva, N'west	Mike Dolezal, Iowa	Larry Foote, Michigan
LB Josh Thornhill, Mich St	Victor Hobson, Mich	Napoleon Harris, N'west	Matt Wilhelm Ohio St
CB Mike Echols, Wisconsin	Ashante Woodyard, Pur	Bryan Scott, Penn St	Richard McNutt, Ohio St
CB Todd Howard, Michigan	Cedric Henry, Mich St	Mike Lehan, Minnesota	Eugene Wilson, Illinois
SS Michael Doss, Ohio St	Bobby Jackson, Ill	Donnie Nickey, Ohio St	Dominique Sims, Minn
FS Stuart Schweigert, Purdue	Thomas Wright, Mich St	Cato June, Michigan	Julius Curry, Michigan
K Dan Nystrom, Minn	Hayden Epstein, Mich	Nate Kaeding, Iowa	David Schaefer, Mich St
P Preston Gruening, Minn	Craig Jarrett, Mich St	Steve Fitts, Illinois	JJ Standing, N'west
KR Kahlil Hill, Iowa	Nick Davis, Wisconsin	Larry Johnson, Penn St	Jermaine Mays, Minn
PR Christian Morton, Illinois	Tellis Redmon, Minn	Nick Davis, Wisconsin	Ron Bellamy, Michigan



Minnesota P Preston Gruening led the NCAA with a 44.4 average & a spectacular net of 39.2.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG 10 FORECAST

1. Penn State - I like to pick some surprises each year and here is a big one. Yes, Penn St has just 10 starters back from their poor 5-7 team from last year and many will say the game has passed Joe Paterno by. Sounds just like 1993 when the Lions were off a season in which they lost 5 of their last 7 games but somehow old man Joe managed to go 10-2 and 12-0 the next two years!!!! This is the year that they get the 3 usual top Big 10 teams (OSU, Mich, Wisky) at home and they are capable of winning all 3 as Joe brings in top recruiting classes every year and has a roster loaded with talent. This is the year Joe surprises everyone with a big turnaround and a return to the top.

2. Michigan State - The Spartans were -8 in turnovers last year, plagued by injuries and despite their 2-6 Big 10 record they outfirsted 7 of their 8 conference foes! That was one season after finishing in the Top 10 with a 10-2 season. They get both Michigan and Penn St at home and avoid Ohio St in league play. They had the #1 defense in the Big 10 last year and should have just as solid a group this year. I doubt any team can get through the Big 10 slate unscathed and it would not surprise me to see Bobby Williams record a huge turnaround in his 2nd season as they lose just 15 lettermen.

3. Michigan - I do 7 sets of power ratings at the start of every year and Michigan is ranked #1 in the Big 10 in 5 of those. That makes them, probably, the most talented team in the league and Lloyd Carr dominates his tougher foes. He has won 4 straight vs both Penn St and Wisky, is 4-1 the last 5 vs Mich St and is 5-1 vs the Buckeyes and 12-1 overall vs Top 10 teams. No team in the league was hit harder by the NFL draft as they lose 5 players from the offense, all going in the first 2 rounds! They do have my top rated defense in the league this year and have 3 tough league road games. They also benefited from +13 in turnovers last year. They will probably be the preseason favorite among the media and deservedly so and another 3 way tie for the Title would not surprise me.

4. Ohio State - The Bucks were #5 in the country at midseason last year and arguably had the best talent in the league but managed to fall to 8-4 by the end including their usual loss to Michigan. Normally when you take a team that benefited from +8 turnovers the previous year, one that loses 11 starters and 25 lettermen, and go through a major coaching change bringing in a IAA coach (albeit a very successful one) the forecast would be for gloom and doom. They do have a very manageable schedule in Big 10 play however and will probably win 6 or more games in the league which makes them a Title contender. Cooper was among the best recruiters in the country and the cupboard is far from bare for Jim Tressel.

5. Purdue - Last year Tiller finally broke through the Penn St/Ohio St/Michigan quagmire winning two games vs those foes despite having recorded 0 wins vs them the previous 3 years. He was rewarded with a Rose Bowl berth, the school's first since 1967. They do lose Drew Brees but I expect a big year out of new QB Hance as Tiller's QB's will always put up big numbers. Losing 4 members of their outstanding offensive line will be much tougher to replace. With 10 starters back on defense, they have their best stop unit yet under Tiller and that makes them a threat in league play. They must face both Ohio St and Michigan on the road and a 5 way tie at 6-2 would not surprise me in this year's evenly matched Big 10.

6. Wisconsin - The big question for Badger fans is whether Alvarez has gotten this program to the point that it can reload or will this be a rebuilding season? Not only did they benefit from +7 turnovers last year, they lose 12 starters and actually lose 27 lettermen and return just 33 (that's almost half!!!). This is the fewest amount of returning starters in the league and the

highest % of lettermen lost in the country. I still expect the Badgers to be battling for a bowl bid this year and they could pull a surprise or two and are clearly an upper echelon team.

7. Iowa - Last year I called Northwestern the surprise team of the Big 10 and they were just that, going from 3-8 to their 3rd Big 10 Title (or share of) in the last 6 years. This year's surprise (besides those two at the top) are these Hawkeyes who have the most returning starters in the league and ended last season on a high note going 2-1 their last 3 games and almost winning all 3. They should be favored in 5 games this year (includes 3 winnable non-conference games) and if they take care of business in those would only need 1 upset to make it back to the postseason. Remember that last year they pulled 3 upsets in league play all as dogs of 9 or more.

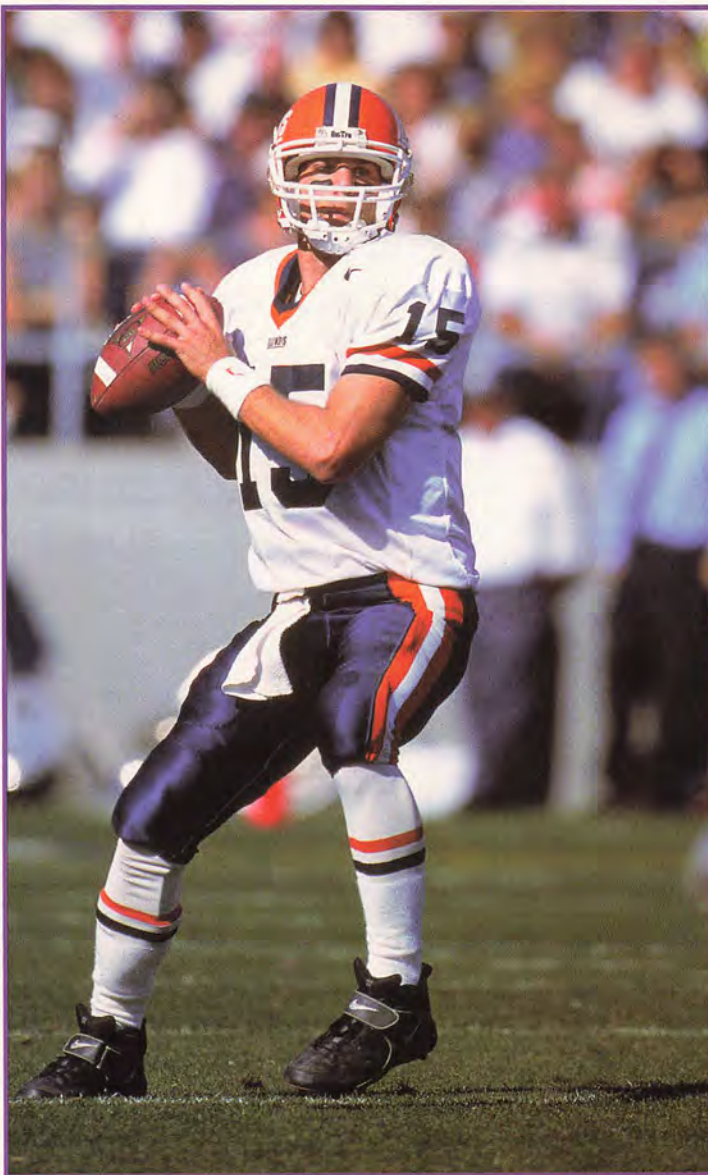
8. Illinois - The Illini will have one of the most potent offenses in the league led by QB Kittner along with a vastly upgraded group of WR's as well as a veteran offensive line. They also look stronger on defense and did not catch many breaks last year as they lost 3 close games and just missed out on a 2nd straight bowl. This is a stronger team than the one that went 8-4 in 1999 including their bowl rout of Virginia. Look for them to make some noise in Big 10 play and they have a great shot at getting back to a bowl.

9. Northwestern - This was my surprise team last year and they did not disappoint but they also benefited from +13 turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277). They took some teams by surprise early with their switch to the spread offense and won 3 games on the final play!!! They will once again have one of the most potent offenses in the league but also once again, one of the weakest defenses. I do 7 sets of power ratings and more than half call Northwestern the 5th most talented team in the league or better. I see a tough schedule with a lot of the winnable games on the road but look for a small step backwards this season. They still have bowl potential and 9 SEC teams made it to a bowl last year, so why not 9 Big 10 teams in 2001?

10. Indiana - Indy was a whopping -16 in turnovers last year and if you read my Turnovers=Turnaround article you will note that good things should be upcoming. They have 16 starters back and still have Randle El on offense where he will play QB, RB and mostly WR this season. Indy lost 4 games in the final minute last year which means they were 4 plays from being a 7-4 team. They could easily be the surprise team this year but I will peg them 10th as the defense still looks among the weakest in the league and the schedule is tough.

11. Minnesota - The last time Glen Mason almost took another head coaching job but decided to stay at a program was 1995. His team (Kansas) perhaps unsure about the stability went from 10-2 and a bowl win over UCLA to 4-7 the next year and Mason then shuffled off to Minny. He loses 22 of 55 lettermen (40%), 11 starters and numerous assistants including a super defensive coordinator in Gibbs. No one has been higher on Mason and the Gophers than myself the last 2 years as I called for a bowl each year, but this looks like a step back and a rebuilding year despite a very potent offense.

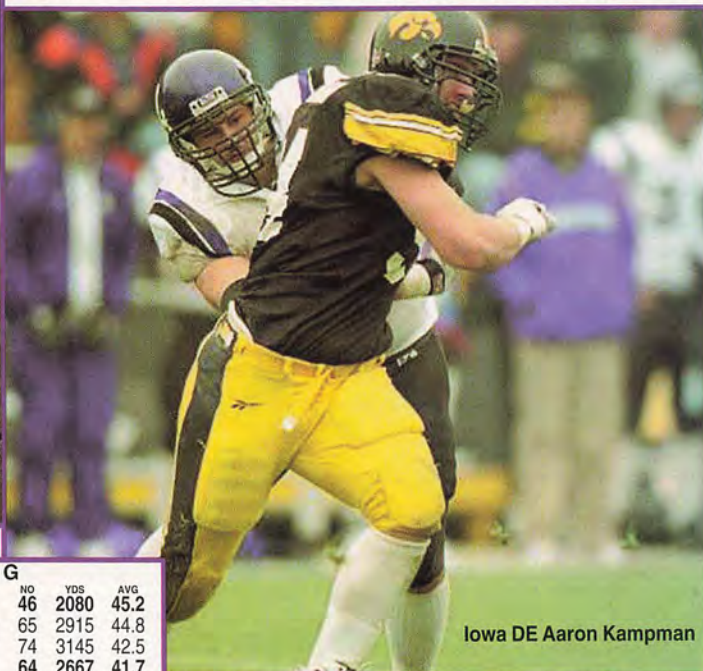
BIG 10 Notes: Last year I said a three way tie for the Big 10 Title would not surprise me and that is exactly what happened as Purdue, Northwestern and Michigan all won a share of the Title. This year there is a chance that FIVE teams could end up tied at year's end at 6-2!!! It is a very balanced conference and each team has some great strengths but also some big question marks. The league went just 2-4 in bowls last year and the surprising number there is that just 6 teams were bowl eligible from a league that was perhaps the top in the country in 1999. I do not see any National Title contenders this year and parity may be the key word of the 2001 season.



QB Kurt Kittner leads the powerful Illini offense.



Purdue TE Tim Stratton won the John Mackey Award with 58 recs (10.4) in 2000.



Iowa DE Aaron Kampman

2000 BIG 10 CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Damien Anderson, NU	11	293	1914	6.5	22	174.0
Michael Bennett, Wisky	10	294	1598	5.4	10	159.8
Anthony Thomas, Mich	11	287	1551	5.4	16	141.0
TJ Duckett, MSU	11	240	1353	5.6	7	123.0
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	11	218	1270	5.8	13	115.5
Tellis Redmon, Minn	11	251	1122	4.5	6	102.0
Ladell Betts, Iowa	12	233	1090	4.7	5	90.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Drew Henson, Mich	217	131	60.4	4	1852	8.5	16	152.7
John Navarre, Mich	77	40	51.9	1	583	7.6	8	147.2
Travis Cole, Minn	223	131	58.7	5	1780	8.0	11	137.6
A Abdul-Khalig, Minn	94	51	54.3	3	676	7.2	7	132.9
Drew Brees, Purdue	473	286	60.5	12	3393	7.2	24	132.4
Kurt Kustok, N'western	328	191	58.2	7	2251	6.9	18	129.7
Kurt Kittner, Illinois	297	173	58.2	8	1982	6.7	18	128.9

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/G	CT/G	CT AVG
Ron Johnson, Minn	11	59	1067	11	97.0	5.36	18.1
Chris Chambers, Wisky	8	47	774	4	96.8	5.88	16.5
Vinny Sutherland, Purdue	10	65	926	11	92.6	6.5	14.2
David Terrell, Michigan	11	63	994	13	90.4	5.73	15.8
Kevin Kasper, Iowa	12	82	1010	7	84.2	6.83	12.3
Ken-Yon Rambo, Oh St	11	51	729	2	66.3	4.64	14.3
John Standeford, Pur	11	62	677	6	61.5	5.64	10.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	NET	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE	YDS/G	YDS/G
Drew Brees, Purdue	11	91	546	473	3393	3939	358.1	358.1
Antwaan Randle El, Ind	11	218	1270	277	1783	3053	277.5	277.5
Zak Kustok, N'western	11	152	450	328	2251	2701	245.5	245.5
Drew Henson, Mich	8	27	30	217	1852	1882	235.2	235.2
Travis Cole, Minn	9	65	184	223	1780	1964	218.2	218.2
Steve Bellisari, Oh St	11	97	178	285	2162	2340	212.7	212.7
Kurt Kittner, Illinois	10	44	61	297	1982	2043	204.3	204.3

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Preston Gruening, Minn	11	46	2080	45.2
Kevin Stemke, Wisconsin	12	65	2915	44.8
Jason Baker, Iowa	12	74	3145	42.5
JJ Standing, N'western	11	64	2667	41.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ken-Yon Rambo, Ohio St	17	478	0	28.1
Kahlil Hill, Iowa	25	680	1	27.2
Larry Johnson, Penn St	18	444	0	24.7

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Sam Simmons, N'western	12	172	0	14.3
Tellis Redmon, Minn	22	297	1	13.5
Nate Clements, Ohio St	36	470	1	13.1

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Dan Stultz, Ohio St	11	19	23	82.6	49
Tim Long, N'western	11	12	16	75.0	46
Andy Payne, Indiana	11	9	12	75.0	53
Travis Dorsch, Purdue	11	11	15	73.3	45

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Nick Greisen, Wisky	12	80	50	130	10.8
Billy Silva, N'western	11	55	59	114	10.4
Rob Franklin, Illinois	11	83	30	113	10.3
Josh Thornhill, Mich St	11	65	46	111	10.1
James Boyd, Penn St	12	84	25	109	9.1
Jerry Schumacher, Ill	11	73	31	104	9.5

SACKS

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Karon Riley, Minn	13	105	Karon Riley, Minn	20	121
Dwayne Missouri, NU	9	62	Fred Wakefield, Illinois	20	78
Brent Johnson, OSU	8	59	Justin Kurpeiks, Penn St	18	70
Akin Ayodele, Purdue	8	49	Terrell Washington, Ill	17	59
Terrell Washington, Ill	8	39	Matt Wilhelm, Ohio St	15	47
Fred Wakefield, Illinois	7	55	Dwayne Missouri, NU	14	77

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Karon Riley, Minn	13	105	Karon Riley, Minn	20	121
Dwayne Missouri, NU	9	62	Fred Wakefield, Illinois	20	78
Brent Johnson, OSU	8	59	Justin Kurpeikis, Penn St	18	70
Akin Ayodele, Purdue	8	49	Terrell Washington, Ill	17	59
Terrell Washington, Ill	8	39	Matt Wilhelm, Ohio St	15	47
Fred Wakefield, Illinois	7	55	Dwayne Missouri, NU	14	77

2000 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	6	2	273	164	8	3	373	201
Northwestern	6	2	337	271	8	3	424	334
Purdue	6	2	243	199	8	3	357	232
Ohio St	5	3	227	155	8	3	324	198
Wisconsin	4	4	199	172	8	4	307	245
Minnesota	4	4	247	238	6	5	345	280
Penn St	4	4	186	221	5	7	264	293
Iowa	3	5	148	210	3	9	203	330
Illinois	2	6	193	252	5	6	294	286
Michigan St	2	6	123	178	5	6	197	233
Indiana	2	6	223	339	3	8	337	427

1999 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Wisconsin	7	1	281	108	9	2	392	145
Michigan	6	2	245	175	9	2	326	213
Michigan St	6	2	240	171	9	2	341	211
Penn St	5	3	235	163	9	3	393	234
Minnesota	5	3	225	158	8	3	348	172
Illinois	4	4	205	205	7	4	325	254
Purdue	4	4	226	225	7	4	359	277
Ohio St	3	5	157	208	6	6	285	287
Indiana	3	5	205	291	4	7	291	386
Northwestern	1	7	106	254	3	8	141	301
Iowa	0	8	121	288	1	10	162	347

1998 BIG 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Ohio St	7	1	288	99	11	1	406	130
Wisconsin	7	1	221	91	11	1	344	112
Michigan	7	1	159	93	10	3	314	204
Purdue	6	2	304	158	9	4	407	242
Penn St	5	3	189	147	9	3	291	169
Mich St	4	4	223	193	6	6	336	294
Minnesota	2	6	157	214	5	6	229	249
Indiana	2	6	125	230	4	7	245	305
Illinois	2	6	79	251	3	8	149	326
Iowa	2	6	114	225	3	8	172	287
Northwestern	0	8	93	251	3	9	214	337

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS



Despite OL problems TB Eric McCoo still clawed out 692 rush yards and 288 receiving yards.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 PSU did something unusual for Paterno and that is alternate their QB's with Kevin Thompson seeing the majority of the work but Rashard Casey completing 61% and rushing for 483 yards. Thompson graduated last year but Casey (PS#2) was back and much was expected of him. Casey had a grand jury indictment hanging over his head and debates swirled over whether Paterno should let him play. It was not resolved until a week before the Iowa game and it appeared to affect his performance. In the first 7 he completed just 47.3% with a 7-4 ratio but did have 5 of those TD's vs weakling LA Tech. Over the last 5 games he completed 59% with a 7-4 ratio. Paterno tried to get Casey to stay in the pocket and pass more but actually Casey was more productive when he was scrambling around. He departs. Matt Senneca (6-3 228 Jr) was the 2nd string QB and has outstanding size but is not very mobile. He has played in 25 games as the holder and numerous games as the backup QB. Last year he had completed 52.6% for 200 yards in 5 games prior to his implosion vs Mich St where he did not complete a pass on 8 attempts. Zack Mills (6-2 205 rFr) was PS#15 and is a scrambler like Casey, who threw for 6,000 yards and 56 TD's in high school and has 4.7 speed. Zac Wasserman (PS#7) left the team after spring drills. Senneca has experience which makes him the clear frontrunner in a Paterno camp. Since Casey had an off year, even with less experience, this position could put up better statistics.

RUNNING BACKS - Eric McCoo had an outstanding true freshman year rushing for 927 yards and a super 6.3 ypc in just 4 starts. In 1999 he rushed for 782 yards (5.1) and also had 23 rec's as he lined up at WR at times. Last year, due to the offensive line's problems, he rushed for just 692 yards (4.9) and added 26 rec's. He is back for his senior season and I look for him to have his best year yet although he was sidelined for the balance of spring practice due to academics. Omar Easy (6-1 246 Sr) was PS#5 but grew up in Jamaica and has not been playing organized football very long. In three years he has been bothered somewhat by fumbles and has 472 career yards but is the type of athlete who could really emerge. Larry Johnson (6-2 214 Jr) blasted the Penn St coaching staff early last year and after having 505 all purpose yards in 1999 he rushed for 358 (4.8) and had 933 all purpose yards last year. They lose their top FB Mike Cerimele who had 108 total yards in 8 starts. His backup returns but will have to fight off R.J. Luke who may live up to his potential as PS#1 TE back in 1998. Pete Gilmore (5-10 206 rFr) was PS#33 and Michael Gasparito (5-11 203 rFr) was PS#36 and both figure to play and some of the new frosh signees look to enter the mix. In the first 7 games last year they averaged 115.8 ypg (3.1) but in the final 5 it was 179.2 (4.7) including a 5.3 avg vs Michigan and Mich St in the final two games once the O-line started to come together. This

unit is a little less experienced than last year but has added talent and I look for much better production provided the offensive line is more cohesive. **RECEIVERS** - Last year everyone returned to this unit with the exception of one starter who happened to be their leading receiver yet the unit appeared to be in great shape. Unfortunately the top WR, Eddie Drummond, was injured early vs USC and he wore a knee brace and was not 100% all year. Their other projected starting WR, Sam Crenshaw, took a medical redshirt. They moved TB Kenny Watson to WR and he started in 9 games. Bryant Johnson, who appeared to be an up-and-comer with 7 rec's as a true frosh in 1999, dropped more passes than he caught last year including a few when was wide open for TD's. He did have a TD rec on a bomb from Senneca vs Michigan and hopes to regain confidence. He was voted the offense's most improved player in the spring which means he's on the right track! Dropped passes were a major cause of concern for the WR's and part of the reason that TE Tony Stewart set a PSU record for catches in a single season by a TE with 38 as he had the team's most reliable hands. Also among the top rec's was RB Eric McCoo who was #3. They must replace Watson as well as Stewart (#5DC of PHI) who was 2nd Tm Big 10 and one of 8 semifinalists for the Mackey Award. Everyone else returns and Drummond should be 100% healthy and hopefully academically eligible. There is some talent in this group and after last year's miserable performance, I think that even with the losses, this unit looks much stronger in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 PSU had 7 players back with starting experience but went through 12 different lineups during the year as Paterno tried to find the right combo. The team averaged 4.5 ypc rushing but allowed 46 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup and then were hit hard by injuries. Three projected starters missed the first 2 games and C Joe Iorio, who was going to redshirt after suffering from mono, was forced into the lineup due to the center's lack of production. One of the players returning with starting experience, Greg Ransom, redshirted due to academics. LG Jordan Caruso (a 12 game starter) had injury problems and managed just 4 starts. Starting C Spano left the team after 2 starts and they had 5 different OL combo's in the first 5 games and 9 for the season. Surprisingly the sack total dropped (probably due to the mobility of Casey) to 33 but the rushing ypc, even with Casey's mobility, dropped to 3.8. This year they must replace RG Josh Mitchell (5 sts), RT Kareem McKenzie (11 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 3 yr str, #3DC of NYJ), LT Imani Bell (12 sts) and LG Jordan Caruso (4 sts). Paterno has a group loaded with VHT's and in the 3 deep I list below they have 7 players returning with starting experience. As long as they stay healthy, I look for a much more cohesive group and hence, an improved one in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 the Lions had to replace 3 players who combined for 29 starts and had just 2 players returning with starting experience. One of those losses last year was the 1st pick overall in the NFL draft, DE Courtney Brown. As expected, the defense was weaker as they went from nothing 56 sacks in '99 down to just 31 and after allowing 2.9 ypc, gave up 3.6 last year. They lose their top DL once again this year in DE Justin Kurpeikis (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 76 tkl, 18 ft). He was #2 in the Big 10 in tfl. Paterno has a ton of VHT's to choose from in the talented 3 deep that I list below but they need some to emerge as pass rushers and hopefully their DT combo will be a little tougher vs the run this year. They signed PS#4, Charles Rush who could play immediately. I like the added talent of this group including 4 VHT rFr and it's a lot more experienced than last year. Despite the loss of Kurpeikis, I look for solid improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Penn St had to replace the best LB corps in the country including LaVar Arrington who was a high 1st round NFL draft pick and 2 other starters including a #4 DC plus a backup. By the second game, the HERO position had 16 tackles, which was more than all 3 of the LB's combined. This year they must replace LB Eric Sturdiven (6 sts, 26 tkl), LB Aaron Gatten (7 sts, 51 tkl, 8 ft), LB Brandon Steele (10 tkl) and OLB Neal Wood (7 tkl). A question mark for the fall is whether Ron Graham will return to the team as he is having academic problems as of this writing. He was PS#4 and got in 6 starts last year. The Lions made a good hire by bringing in Maryland's former head coach, Ron Vanderlinde, to head this unit. The 2 deep is made up almost entirely of VHT's and is much more experienced than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Penn St has had 3 Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the past 5 years and most of those finishes were with veteran secondaries. Last year they had to replace basically all 4 starters due to graduation with only two players having a combined 8 starts worth of experience returning. As expected, Penn St dropped from #9 in my rankings down to #33, allowing 55.4% with a 16-17 ratio. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are CB Bhawoh Jue (12 sts, HM B10, 13 pbu, #3DC of GB), HERO James Boyd (12 sts, 1 tkl, 12 pbu, 2nd Tm B10, #3DC of JAX) and FS Tittig Pettigrew (12 sts, 58 tkl, 7 pbu). This year 3 players return with starting experience and Paterno has plenty of VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. This group has about as much experience as it did heading into last season and could even improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - I think Joe Paterno is probably the top head coach in the

PENN ST		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
RUSHING											
Eric McCoo	140	749	57	692	5	4.9					
Larry Johnson	75	380	22	358	3	4.8					
Rashard Casey	112	534	219	315	5	2.8					
Omar Easy	44	198	22	176	0	4.0					
Ricky Upton	11	66	0	66	1	6.0					
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Rashard Casey	309	163	52.8	2001	14	8					
Matt Senneca	46	20	43.5	200	1	1					
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Tony Stewart	38	451	11.9	2	49						
Eddie Drummond	29	365	12.6	0	50						
Eric McCoo	26	288	11.1	4	37						
Kenny Watson	16	275	17.2	2	40						
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
David Royer	62	2411	38.9	-	35.2	0	18				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Ryan Primanti	2-4	8-10	3-4	1-2	14-20	51					
PLAYER		TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAY		TKL	SKL	TFL
J. Boyd	109	0	4	12	3	2	1	0			
J. Kurpeikis	76	6	12	4	2	1	0	0			
T. Pettigrew	58	0	5	7	2	1	0	2			
S. Finney	55	1	7	2	3	1	0	2			
Aaron Gatten	51	2	6	2	0	1	0	1			
Bhawoh Jue	43	0	3	13	3	1	0	0			
J. Kennedy	42	6	3	2	1	1	0	4			
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Rod Perry	14	65	4.6	0		L. Johnson	18	444	24.7	0	

country. That is why it surprises me that his special teams are not perennially in the Top 10. His highest finish in my special teams rankings has been "just" #29 which happened in 1997. The Lions finished #36 in 1999 and are always in the positive in the TD/bk category including last year as they not only blocked 3 punts, they also tackled Purdue's P two times accounting for the 5 in that category. They lose solid FG man Ryan Primanti who hit 14 of 20 with a long of 51 while David Kimball, who returns, missed all 3 of his FG attempts last year. He should do fine in that role this year as he was PS#2. Kimball handled the KO duties last season and had a lot of TB's. PSU was bothered early by the fact that they lost snapper Joe Iorio to injury and had some snapping problems in the opener vs USC resulting in 2 blocked punts. That was corrected as the year went on and Iorio is back this year. They always have plenty of VHT's on the roster so the return game is solid but last year the PR's were at a surprisingly low 4.4 average for the team, the lowest in memory for Paterno's group. Bruce Branch averaged 11.4 on PR's in 1999 but just 3.2 last year. I look for solid improvement in that area. Larry Johnson, their top KR man, is back and averaged 24.7 per return. P David Royer averaged just 38.9 with a net of 35.2 and I look for improvement out of him as well. Overall, PSU ranked just #49 last year but with almost everyone returning I look for them to have one of their best finishes yet.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno has guided his teams to 30 bowl games in 35 years with 5 unbeaten teams and 2 National Championships. He will surpass Paul "Bear" Bryant as the winningest coach in major college football history this year. PSU finished just 5-7 SU last year and for the first time since 1988 they missed a bowl game. It was only their second losing record under Paterno and most losses for a PSU team since a 2-8 mark in 1931. All that from a team that in two of the previous three years had been preseason pick for #1 in the country and had that goal within reach at midseason each year. Penn St struggled early with their first loss to a MAC school ever, and were shut out for just the 7th time in Paterno's 35 years. They did have 25ish on the 65 man travel squad. Despite the horrible season they finished 4-4 in Big 10 play, good enough for a fifth place tie. Last year's offense struggled with the off-field distractions concerning QB Casey, but did get it together down the stretch when those issues were settled. While this year's offense has just 4 starters back, I like the talent on hand and do think Senneca will do a decent job as the head man. I look for them to improve upon last year's 22 ppg. Last year's defense lost not only the #1 and #2 picks to the NFL draft but lost 9 starters as well as DC Jerry Sandusky. No wonder the team struggled. While the defense was not bad (24.4 ppg), it was not up to Penn St's standards and will be closer to that level this year. The 2001 edition is much more experienced and has one of the better D-lines in the country. In 1992 there was a lot of doom and gloom surrounding the PSU program as they lost 5 of their last 7 games to finish 7-5 but rebounded over the next two years with 10-2 and 12-0 records. The Lions have expanded their stadium to 105,000 seats and while their opener appears very tough vs Miami (Fla), the rest of the schedule is manageable and they host three perennial Big 10 powers in Michigan, Ohio St and Wisconsin. I look for a dramatic turnaround by Penn St this year despite the fact they have just 10 starters back, and call them one of the clear contenders for the Big 10 crown.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Charles Rush	6-4 285 PS#4
OL Tyler Reid	6-5 305 PS#10
DB Michael Robinson	6-3 210 PS#11
OL E.Z. Smith	6-3 290 PS#13
WR Terrance Phillips	6-1 185 PS#24
DL Matthew Rice	6-5 245 PS#34
DL Dethrell Garcia	6-3 235 PS#35
OL John Wilson	6-8 315 PS#28
LB LaMar Stewart	6-1 220 PS#18
TE Andrew Richardson	6-6 245 PS#11
TE Isaac Smolko	6-5 250 PS#15
DL Scott Paxson	6-5 250 PS#58
WR Chris Harrell	6-2 200 PS#70
DB Allen Zemaits	6-2 200 PS#72
QB Chris Gantner	6-2 200 PS#57

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OFFENSE

QB Matt Senneca Jr. 6-3 228 PS#20. 4 gms as rFr, 2 passes, 46 passes ly (44%), 200 yds, 1-1 ratio. Zack Mills (6-2 205 rFr) PS#15. Mike Robinson (6-2 215 Fr) 4.4 spd. **RB ERIC MCCOO SR.** 5-10 209 PS#18. 4 sts 927 yds (6.3) in 98. 8 sts, 782 yds (5.1), 23 rec (11.4) in 99. 692 yds (4.9), 26 rec (11.1) 12 sts ly. Larry Johnson (6-2 214 Jr) PS#109, 559 yds 2 yrs. **FB R.J. Luke Jr.** 6-3 236 PS#17E in 98, 17 yds as true. 1 st, 37 yds in 99. **Reds ly. Paul Jefferson** (6-1 267 So) PS#112, 33 yds as true. Ricky Upton (6-0 238 So) PS#88. **WR EDDIE DRUMMOND SR.** 5-9 185 PS#58R. 4.35 40, 11 sts in 99, 36 rec (19.4) in ly, but 10 sts, 29 rec (12.6). Gerald Smith (5-10 177 Fr) PS#130B, 1 tkl. Ryan Scott (6-2 192 Fr) PS#97. **WR Bryant Johnson Jr.** 6-2 203 PS#22, 7 rec (20.0) as true. 1 st, 4 rec (21.2) ly. Tony Johnson (5-11 198 So) PS#98R, 14 rec (14.8) as true. Rod Perry (5-10 185 Sr) PS#5, USC trans. **TE John Gilmore Sr.** 6-4 258 PS#87E. 480 snaps, 23 rec (12.7) in 1999. 2 starts ly, 10 rec (8.2). Sean McHugh (6-5 257 So) PS#37E. 2 rec in 11 gms as true. RS in 2000. **C JOE IORIO JR.** 6-3 300. 4 starts as true frosh walk-on (1 st in 34 yrs here). Had mono ly but took off RS & 2 sts. **Eric Rickenbach** (6-5 288 Jr) PS#45, 3 starts in 2000. **RG GUS FELDER SR.** 6-5 316 PS#80L. 2 games as rFr. Backup in 99. 6 sts at RG in 2000, incl L/S. **Greg Ransom** (6-2 287 Sr) PS#19DL. 8 sts in 98 & 99. RS in 2000. **LG JOE HARTINGS SR.** 6-4 265 PS#128OL. 2 games as rFr. Injured in 99. 8 starts in 2000 including last 5. Tyler Lenda (6-3 278 Jr) PS#31RB, 2 starts on OL, TE in 99. **RT Chris McKelvy So.** 6-3 325 PS#9. 400 bench, 600 squat. Was 2nd string as true, added 30 pounds. Damone Jones (6-4 312 So) PS#19OL. Tyler Reed is PS#10OL. **LT Matt Schmitt Jr.** 6-4 290 PS#14OL. 1 start as rFr, 9 starts as Center in 2000 and then lost the job. Nick Marmo (6-5 287 Fr) PS#17OL. John Wilson is PS#28OL. **K Dave Kimball So.** 6-2 188 PS#2. 9 of 19 with a long of 53 as senior in HS. Handled KO's last year with many TB's. 0-3 on FG's. Matt Huel (6-2 183 rFr) was PS#77K.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE BOB JONES SR. 6-5 256 PS#21TE. 11 sts, 761 plays, 11 tfl, 44 tkl in 98 & '99, 10 sts ly, 30 tkl, 4 tfl. TJ Gholston (6-3 280 Jr) PS#33, 2 tkl ly. **Jeremiah Davis** (6-4 251 Fr) PS#28. **NT JIMMY KENNEDY JR.** 6-5 330 PS#40OL. 7 sts, 5.5 tfl in 99, 12 sts ly, HM B10, 10, 42 tkl, 6 sks. Scott Davis (6-2 282 Fr) PS#29. Jason Robinson (6-3 263 Fr) PS#38. **DT ANTHONY ADAMS JR.** 6-0 292 PS#40DL. 6 tkl, 132 plays as rFr. 12 sts, 36 tkl, 1 tfl ly, added 16 lbs. Tim Falls (6-3 272 Jr) PS#19, 2 tfl ly. Erik Noll (6-4 303 Fr) PS#20. **DE Michael Haynes Jr.** 6-3 263 PS#88, 6 tkl as rFr. 2 sts ly, 31 tkl, 6 sks. Sam Ruhe (6-5 257 So) PS#15, 10 tkl, 2 tfl as true, added 17 lbs. Dave Costlow (6-2 267 So) PS#90. **OLB DERYCK TOLES SO.** 6-0 208 PS#8WR. 4 starts as rFr, 37 tkl, 3 sks. Gino Capone (6-1 236 So) PS#31RB, 13 tkl, 2 tfl ly. Jesse Neumeyer (6-0 213 Fr) PS#33LB. **ILB SHAMAR FINNEY SR.** 6-2 237 PS#3LB. 11 tkl in 98 & 99, 12 sts ly, 55 tkl, 8 ft. 3 int. **Ron Graham** (6-2 255 Sr) PS#4, 6 sts ly, 29 tkl, ? for fall. BJ Evangelista (6-2 268 Fr) PS#38. **OLB Derek Wake So.** 6-3 233 PS#17. 4.55 spd, 10 tkl, 2 tfl as true. Horace Dodd (6-1 213 So) PS#19RB, 18 tkl, 1 sk as rFr. **Tim Johnson** (6-3 226 Fr) was PS#7LB ly. **CB BRUCE BRANCH SR.** 5-11 190 PS#8WR. 5 rec in 98. 9 tkl, 2 int, avg 11.4 on PR's including 2 TD's in 99. 6 sts ly, 32 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 tfl. Rich Gardner (5-11 184 So) 4 tkl ly. **CB Bryan Scott Jr.** 6-2 215 PS#4DB. 11 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu as true, 133 plays. 6 sts in 2000, 34 tkl, 2 pbu. Scott Sanden (5-11 192 So) PS#19. Terrance Phillips is PS#24WR. **HERO Yaacov Yisrael So.** 5-11 198 PS#10WR. 1 st as rFr, 29 tkl, 2 sks, 1 int, 4 pbu. Sam Crenshaw (6-2 215 Sr) PS#28, 10 rec (12.4) in 99. Med RS ly. Allen Zemaits (6-2 200 Fr) ly PS#72. **FS Shawn Mayer Jr.** 6-0 202 PS#14DB. 11 tkl as rFr, 13 games. Tore ACL in 2000, limited spring this year. Jimi Mitchell (6-2 215 Fr) PS#83. Chris Harrell is PS#70WR. **P DAVID ROYER JR.** 6-3 205 10 punts in 99, 36.7 average. 62 punts in 2000, 38.9 average & net of 35.2, 18 inside in 2000, 10 FC's, 6 TB's. Dave Kimball was PS#2K in 2000.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

PSU is 194-44 SU all-time at Beaver Stadium, new capacity 106,000. Penn St is 5-1 SU, 4-1 ATS vs MAC schools since 1987. Paterno's crew is 4-13 ATS L/17 in the 1st of B2B home games. Lions are 6-0 SU and 4-2 ATS vs Purdue. The dog & the visitor are 4-2 ATS in the Minnesota series. Lions are 3-7 ATS as a favorite of 24 or more. Nittany Lions are 2-9 ATS overall as underdogs since 1993. This should be only the 15th time in 36 yrs that Paterno is a home dog (6-8 ATS).

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Miami (Fla)	G												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 13	at Virginia (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 22	Wisconsin	G												
Sep. 29	at Iowa	G												
Oct. 6	Michigan	G												
Oct. 13														
Oct. 20	at Northwestern	G												
Oct. 27	Ohio St	G												
Nov. 3	S Mississippi (HC)	G												
Nov. 10	at Illinois	A												
Nov. 17	Indiana	G												
Nov. 24	at Michigan St	A												

Bonus: PSU is 11-3 ATS in their first game away from Happy Valley. PSU leads the series 4-1 SU & is 2-0 in Charlottesville. HT was 0-2 ATS in '88 & '89. This will be PSU's first appearance on an ESPN Thur Night game. PSU is 20-32 ATS in their last 52 conference games. Nittany Lions are 11-20 ATS vs bowl teams from the prior year. PSU is 9-4 ATS in sandwiched road games. Lions are 5-2 SU vs Iowa but are 0-3 ATS in the L/3 meetings. LY's meeting vs UM was 1 of only 4 times PSU had been a DD dog S/93. (1-3ATS). Penn St is 0-4 SU & ATS their last 4 vs Michigan. Bonus: Straight up winner is 8-0 ATS in the PSU/MU series. Pending the UVA result, PSU is 1-4 ATS their L/5 after a bye. Penn St is 5-1 SU but just 3-3 ATS vs Northwestern. Lions are 2-6 ATS vs OSU since joining the Big 10. Only 2 of the L/8 series meetings have been decided by 13 pts or less. PSU is 11-0 SU but only 5-5-1 ATS vs current Conf USA schools. Pending earlier results, PSU is 13-7 ATS L/20 non-Big 10 gms, but 1-3ATS LY. Should apply here: Prior to 2001 PSU was 4-7 ATS L/11 as away chalk. Lions are 1-5 ATS the last 3 games of the season the last 2 yrs. PSU is 6-0 SU & 3-3 ATS vs the Hoosiers & the visitor has covered 3 in a row. PSU is 8-2 ATS in their L/10 Beaver Stadium finales. Nittany Lions are 2-8 ATS in the last 10 road finales. The home team is 7-1 ATS in this season ending rivalry.

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (106,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	8-3	10-2	9-2	8-3	9-3	5-7	60-20
ATS	6-5	5-6	6-6	5-6	5-6	6-6	5-7	38-42
Home Fav	4-2	3-2	3-4	2-4	5-1	3-4	3-2	23-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
Away Fav	2-3	2-3	2-1	3-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	13-15
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-3	1-7
Favorite	6-5	5-5	5-5	5-6	5-4	6-5	4-4	36-34
Dog	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-8
Grass	5-2	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-5	4-5	29-29
Artificial	1-3	1-2	3-1	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	9-13
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	24-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	14-10
Off SU Win	5-5	4-3	4-5	4-5	2-5	5-4	1-3	25-30
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-2	4-3	9-9

Coach: JOE PATERNO (Career 322-90-3) Paterno's record AT PENN STATE

36th Year at Penn State 54-57-4 Home Favorite
322-90-3 Straight Up 6-8 Home Underdog
170-151-4 Vs The Spread 41-34 Away Favorite
21-27 Off A/SU Loss 23-16 Away Underdog
27-37 Vs Conference 93-78-4 Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Outback	-2'	Auburn	43-14	W
96	Fiesta	+1	Texas	38-15	W
97	Citrus	+13'	Florida	6-21	L
98	Outback	-7	Kentucky	26-14	W
99	Alamo	-7	Texas A&M	24-0	W

PENN ST (5-7) CONFERENCE: BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 39 (18,19,2)

Lost: 18 (9,8,1)



PENN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9
8*	32.1	19	186	4.5	225	56.6	12.8	+2	1999	9	19.5	17	114	2.9	198	51.3	17.3
6	26.4	18	192	4.5	171	50.5	13.7	+3	1998	5	15.3	17	98	2.7	209	53.2	20.1
5	30.5	20	195	4.9	204	52.2	13.1	-8	1997	6	21.2	22	188	4.3	211	55.4	18.9
3*	27.8	20	213	4.9	170	51.7	13.8	+12	1996	9	15.6	18	146	3.6	199	50.8	21.0
7	33.2	23	213	4.8	213	56.7	12.8	+9	1995	4	21.6	20	128	3.4	225	56.8	16.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
† USC	10	22-6	0.3	10-30	136	2	15	50-164	3.3	10-20	87	3	0
Toledo	9	27-30	1.1	10-24	136	9	25	54-245	4.5	18-28	140	2	-1
Louisiana Tech	28	63-299	4.7	16-22	194	3	8	19-45	2.4	16-33	122	1	+5
at Pittsburgh	15	33-64	1.9	18-36	161	5	16	44-107	2.4	11-19	272	7	0
at Ohio St	15	38-93	2.4	11-23	120	4	19	47-158	3.4	13-22	239	1	-2
Purdue	17	44-221	5.0	11-25	109	6	22	41-118	2.9	24-51	286	1	-1
at Minnesota	16	33-98	3.0	19-36	189	1	14	49-182	3.7	12-20	166	2	-1
Illinois	21	46-182	4.0	13-24	208	1	23	32-129	4.0	30-50	343	2	+3
at Indiana	19	35-161	4.6	18-23	198	1	20	46-225	4.9	10-23	91	1	+3
Iowa	23	30-132	4.4	27-51	302	2	21	44-162	3.7	25-37	232	4	0
at Michigan	16	34-177	5.2	19-35	230	1	22	50-232	4.6	14-29	212	0	-2
Michigan St	23	45-244	5.4	11-26	218	2	24	37-100	2.7	22-38	308	8	0
TOTALS	212	450-1707	3.8	183-355	2201	37	229	513-1867	3.6	205-370	2498	32	+4
AVERAGES	17.7	38-142	3.8	15-30	183	3.1	19.1	43-156	3.6	17-31	208	2.7	0.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	-3'	24-7	W
Louisville	-20	24-7	L
N Illinois	-46	49-0	W
Temple	-28	41-0	W
at Wisconsin	-8	23-20	L
at Ohio St	+9'	7-38	L
Purdue	-21'	31-14	L
Iowa	-10	20-21	L
at Indiana	-14'	48-26	W
Northwestern	-9	34-9	W
at Michigan	+1'	29-17	W
Michigan St	-8	32-29	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Pittsburgh	-32	34-17	L
Temple	-37	52-10	W
at Louisville	-21	57-21	W
at Illinois	-26	41-6	W
Ohio St	-6'	31-27	L
Minnesota	-34'	16-15	L
at Northwestern	-16	30-27	L
Michigan	-1	8-34	L
at Purdue	-6	42-17	W
Wisconsin	-15	35-10	W
at Michigan St	-4	14-49	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-8	34-6	W
Bowling Green	-38	48-3	W
at Pittsburgh	-25	20-13	L
at Ohio St	+15	9-28	L
at Minnesota	-17	27-17	L
Purdue	-8'	31-13	W
Illinois	-34	27-0	L
at Michigan	-3	0-27	L
Northwestern	-24	41-10	W
at Wisconsin	+1'	3-24	L
Michigan St	-6'	51-28	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-4'	41-7	W
Akron	-45'	70-24	W
Pittsburgh	-34	20-17	L
at Miami (Fla)	-2	27-23	W
Indiana	-27	45-24	L
at Iowa	-28	31-7	L
Ohio St	-11	23-10	W
at Purdue	-4	31-25	W
at Illinois	-16	27-7	W
Minnesota	-14	23-24	L
Michigan	-6	27-31	L
at Michigan St	+2	28-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	-2	5-29	L
Toledo	-18	6-24	L
Louisiana Tech	-15	67-7	W
at Pittsburgh	-5'	0-12	L
at Ohio St	+12	6-45	L
Purdue	+13	22-20	W
at Minnesota	+7	16-25	L
Illinois	-2'	39-25	W
at Indiana	-1'	27-24	W
Iowa	-17	23-26	L
at Michigan	+15'	11-33	L
Michigan St	-1	42-23	W

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS



TB TJ Duckett is a legitimate Heisman candidate as the Spartans leading rusher in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Van Dyke (PS#14) battled Bill Burke for the starting job in both 1998 and '99 and saw action in 11 games, throwing for 746 yards (54.5%) with a 6-4 ratio, but did not start a game. Last year Van Dyke was given the starting job and 3 backup QB's decided to transfer prior to the season. That forced true frosh Jeff Smoker (PS#3) into the backup role. They also got a late signee in Stephen Ratliff but he completed only 45% at JC in 1999 with a 4-9 ratio. While Van Dyke is more of a prototypical passing QB, both Smoker and Ratliff have the speed and running ability to execute the option. Van Dyke was injured in the opener with a thumb sprain and Smoker led the team to their first two wins. Smoker struggled vs W'stern and Van Dyke, finally healthy after 3 games, returned to start vs Iowa but hit just 14 of 35 and they lost. Van Dyke started the next 3 but then Smoker took over and started the final 3 games. The two QB's combined to throw for 2,161 yards with Van Dyke completing a higher percentage (57% to 52%) but Smoker had the better TD/INT ratio at 6-7 compared to Van Dyke's 4-9. Their negative ratio could be attributed to: A.) Van Dyke's injury and not being 100% or B.) Smoker's inexperience. Both are back to battle for the starting job and I expect Smoker to hang on to it. This unit is in much better shape than last year as it goes from 0 QB's with starting experience to two.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Spartans had to replace their leading rusher but plugged in TJ Duckett and after a big season he has become a legitimate Heisman candidate. Duckett has Ron Dayne's size with a little more speed. He weighed 275 lbs for the Citrus Bowl in 1999 but trimmed down to 251 last year, giving him 4.4 speed. In 1999 he split his time between LB and TB, and had 606 yards rushing (5.1). Last year as a full-time RB he took the bulk of the carries and while being banged up a good portion of the year (only had 1 carry vs Illinois) still rushed for 1,353 yards (5.6). VHT signee Tyrell Dortch (PS#4) suffered a severely sprained ankle at the start of the year and then re-aggravated that injury vs Iowa. He did play in 9 games and rushed for 210 yards (5.8). Little-John Flowers (6-0 227 Sr) who was

PS#28 and has rushed for 482 yards in 3 years adds quality depth. JUCO signee Michael McConnell (6-0 205 So) was PS#68 in '99. I list all of the top FB's below. I look for a bigger (and healthier) year out of Duckett. With everyone back, this is clearly one of the NCAA's best RB units.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Spartans had to replace 1st and 4th round NFL DC's. They signed a VHT in Charles Rogers (PS#2) who is 6-4 207 with 4.4 speed, but unfortunately he was a PQ. He was outstanding on the scout team and Williams said at one point "he's wearing our defense out in practice." Now that he is fully eligible, he should be one of the Big 10's best receivers. Coming into last year Williams said they had one of the fastest WR corps ever at Mich St with Shawn Foster (who has moved to DB since) having 4.31 speed and Herb Haygood the 2nd fastest WR with 4.4 speed. They also moved LB Marcus Waters (PS#50) over and while it took him some time to adjust to the position, he had 17 rec's (16.4) and he should improve as he slides down for the WR position. Lavaille Richardson departs after leading the team with 40 rec's (11.5) but Rogers will be an upgrade at this spot. Haygood (PS#40) had a great start to the season but finished with only 35 rec's (15.4). TE Chris Baker has NFL potential and was hampered by an ankle injury but still hauled in 33 rec's (14.0). I list the two deep below and there is plenty of talent, with some quality signees this year. They will likely use more 3 WR sets to get all of the talented players on the field. This potentially could be one of the best WR corps in the Big 10, if not the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans had a veteran unit in 1999 but despite their Citrus Bowl victory averaged just 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but had a lot of OL's miss August preseason drills and there was little continuity coming into the year. C Brian Ottene missed the first 2 games coming off knee surgery but started the last 9. Against Marshall, in a tight game, Williams played 9 OL's to build depth. The team improved to 3.9 ypc rushing but allowed 43 sacks. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace LG Dave Sucura (11 sts, 3 yr str), LT Situpke Peko (10 sts, 2 yr str, #7DC of NYJ), RT Matt Bonito (11 sts) and RG Shaun Mason (11 sts, 3 yr str). This spring there were only 9 OL's on scholarship so Williams did not even hold a spring game but there are plenty of HT's in the group. They do actually have 2 players who have started full-time returning including Paul Harker who had 10 starts as a true frosh but missed most of 2000 with injuries. Williams gave the 2nd string significant playing time last year and 3 other players return with starting experience. Clearly this group is less experienced but I like the talent that Williams has to work with and last year's group under performed in my eyes.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans lost 3 full-time starters from this unit last year but had 3 players back with 8 or more career starts. Despite the fact they had the #1 ranked defense in the Big 10 they only recorded 17 sacks and usually only managed a pass rush when they blitzed. DE Dimitry Bernard missed 7 games with injury and they moved in TE Ivory McCoy as a pass rusher at times but he had zero tfl after 6 weeks. McCoy should improve this year with the full-time move to the DL. This year they must replace Bernard (3 sts, 9 tkl), DT Jace Saylor (11 sts, 50 tkl, 9 tfl) and DE Jaber Hendricks (3 sts, 23 tkl, 3 sks). Williams signed 3 VHT true frosh that I list in the Top Newcomers below. He moves in RB Mike Labino and a JUCO in Van Brown. He also adds a VHT rfr from last year in Dwight Whitfield. This is not a great group by any means but should be able to garner a better pass rush in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - MSU had to replace 4 players from this unit heading into last season including a 1st round draft pick but had 2 starters returning. One of the those returning starters, T.J. Turner, was lost for the season after only 3 games due to a shoulder injury. DE Myers took Turner's place at midyear but then moved back to DE. They were forced to play undersized SS Richard Brown at OLB. This year they must replace Brown (4 sts, 29 tkl, 3 tfl), Turner (3 sts, 12 tkl, #7DC of NE), and Drew Young (8 sts, 56 tkl, 7 tfl). Only one full-time starter returns but he is a good one in Josh Thornhill (PS#7, 3 yr str, #1 tkl'r). This is an area where true frosh could make an impact and I list 3 in the 2 deep below including a pair of VHT's and Williams has a couple of HT rfr to plug in as well. This group is just as experienced as it was last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans usually finish at the top of my pass D rankings, finishing #14 in '97, #8 in '98 and #24 in '99. Last year they had to replace 2 starters who won 1st and 2nd Team Big 10 honors. They did have 2 excellent CB's who, despite the lack of a pass rush, helped them finish #25, allowing 51.6% with an 11-12 ratio. This year they must replace one of those CB's in Renaldo Hill (11 sts, 71 tkl, 3 int's, 12 pbu, #7DC of ARZ) as well as FS Richard Newsome (8 sts, #3 tkl'r, 3 pbu). CB Henry had 22 pbu last year and six players return with starting experience plus they get some top-notch frosh and rfr added to the mix. This group has a lot of talent

MICHIGAN ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
TJ Duckett	240	1416	63	1353	7	5.6					
LJ Flowers	54	303	22	281	2	5.2					
Tyrell Dortch	36	215	5	210	0	5.8					
Dawan Moss	31	90	9	81	3	2.6					
Ivory McCoy	4	28	1	27	0	6.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Jeff Smoker	197	103	52.3	1365	6	7					
Ryan Van Dyke	122	70	57.4	796	4	9					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Lavaille Richardson	40	459	11.5	1	36						
Herb Haygood	35	539	15.4	2	68						
Chris Baker	33	461	14.0	2	37						
Marcus Waters	17	279	16.4	0	36						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK INT					
Craig Jarrett	62	2528	40.8	-	37.3	1 17					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
David Schaefer	6-8	3-5	1-1	1-3	11-17	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
J. Thornhill	114	1	7	6	0	Cedric Henry	46	0	1	22	5
T. Wright	107	1	2	13	2	D. Suggs	44	1	2	1	1
R. Newsome	96	0	2	3	1	Nick Myers	42	2	2	0	0
Renaldo Hill	71	0	5	12	3	L. Guess	40	1	0	2	0
Josh Shaw	67	2	6	0	0	Richard Brown	29	1	2	1	0
Drew Young	56	3	4	1	0	Duron Bryan	26	1	0	1	0
Jace Saylor	50	1	8	6	0	J. Hendricks	23	3	2	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
S. Foster	18	164	9.1	0	H. Haygood	15	346	23.1	0		

and is just as experienced as last year's top-notch secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1994 and '95 the Spartans had top 15 finishes in my special teams rankings and they finished #20 in 1999 thanks to the super punting of Craig Jarrett who had a net of 40.2. Their PR's were also solid with Gari Scott's 13.2 per PR and he was the #4DC of PHI. Their K Paul Edinger was also a 6th round DC and his booming leg was missed. Special teams were a big problem under Williams last year and the unit dropped down to #50 overall. KR Herb Haygood was 36th in the NCAA in KR's in 2000 and is back. P Jarrett was 1st Team Big 10 in '99 and finished last year with a 40.8 punting average despite the slump vs Iowa and NW in which he had 6 punts go for a 24.7 average including a 5 yard punt. Jarrett also made highlight films by getting flagged for 2 personal foul penalties on punt coverage. Shawn Foster and his 4.31 speed generated 9.1 yards per PR and that should improve this season. Versus Iowa they suffered 2 blocked kicks (xp, FG), had a poor punt and a 90 yard KR for a TD while Marshall blocked 2 punts against them. This year all of the top players are back and I look for Jarrett to reclaim his 1st Team Big 10 status. Their top 2 cover men last year were DeMario Suggs and Monquiz Wedlow both of whom return. This group should go from middle of the pack back up to contending for top 20 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

MSU is 7-1 in their last 8 games vs Top 25 teams SU and have won their last six home games against ranked opponents. 1999 was quite a year as they finished in the Top 10 and beat all of the big boys including ND, Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan and Florida. Head Coach Nick Saban departed and the player's choice was Asst HC Bobby Williams. He inherited a team with 11 returning starters and the 3rd toughest schedule in the country including Ohio St, Michigan and Penn St all on the road. Not much went right for Williams last year as the team suffered from -8 turnovers (they almost made my Turnovers-Turnaround article) while losing many close games. In fact, in Big 10 play they finished just 2-6 but outfirsted 7 of their 8 Big 10 foes. They also beat the Rose Bowl representative Purdue, 30-10. Not only did the team suffer many turnovers and close losses last year, they were also plagued with injuries and at midseason Williams said, "my injury report is two pages long." MSU's offense struggled for most of the year with 70 points in the first six Big 10 games but then turned it around to get 53 in the final two. They get a huge addition this year in WR Charles Rogers, who should be one of the best in the country, which will help open up the running game even more for Heisman candidate TJ Duckett. They have a pair of experienced QB's and the biggest question mark for MSU this year is the O-line which must replace 4 starters. Despite the losses, they will clearly be more potent than last year's group which managed just 17.9 ppg. Defensively they did a great job last year leading the Big 10 in total defense. They lose just 8 letterman from that group and should be just as strong. If this team can stay healthy, avoid the turnovers and win the close games, they actually have a shot at the Big 10 Title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB	Matthias Askew 6-7 290 PS#29
QB	Aaron Alexander 6-5 190 PS#20
DB	Mike Bazemore 6-4 228 PS#37
DB	Kevin Vickerson 6-4 250 PS#40
WR	Brian Strickland 6-4 205 PS#33
DB	Brandon McKinney 6-3 310 PS#46
LB	Seth Mitchell 6-3 230 PS#21
OL	Chris Morris 6-4 285 PS#86
OL	Gordon Niebyski 6-4 295 PS#92
LB	Ronald Stanley 6-2 210 PS#65
WR	Ben Stecker 6-5 205 PS#87
WR	BJ Lovett 6-4 200 PS#53JC
TE	Jason Randall 6-6 240 PS#46
TE	Ryan Woods 6-5 230 PS#73
QB	Damien Fortson 6-0 185 PS#159

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JEFF SMOKER SO. 6-3 203 PS#3, 6 sts as true, 1365 yds (52%) 6-7 ratio, 201 rush. Ryan Van Dyke (6-5 224 Sr) PS#14, 746 yds (54.5%), 6-4 ratio 98 & 99, 5 sts, 796 yds ly.
RB T.J. DUCKETT JR. 6-1 252 PS#1LB, 10 tkl as true, 606 yds (5.1), 10 sts ly, 1353 yds (5.6), 8 rec (4.9), 4.4 spd. Tyrell Dortch (5-10 194 So) PS#4, 210 yds (5.8) as true.
FB DAWAN MOSS JR. 5-10 260 PS#94, 2 sts as rfr, 91 yds (5.4), 7 sts ly, 81 yds, 1 rec. Bradshaw Littlejohn (6-1 248 So) PS#28LB, 4 tkl as true, Brian Burns (6-3 236 Jr) PS#74.
WR HERB HAYGOOD SR. 6-0 191 PS#40RB, 293 yds rec, 98-99, 10 sts at WR ly, 35 rec (15.4). BJ Lovett (6-4 200 Jr) PS#53JUCO, 4.4 speed, Robert Strickland is PS#33.
WR Charles Rogers So. 6-4 207 PS#2, Big & 4.4 speed. Partial qualifier last year. Marcus Waters (6-4 233 Jr) PS#50LB, 17 rec (16.4) in 2000. Ben Stecker is PS#87.
TE CHRIS BAKER SR. 6-3 265 NFL prospect, 12 starts as rfr, 22 rec (13.9), 12 starts, 38 rec (10.3), 2nd Tm B10 in 99, 11 sts, 33 rec (14.0) ly. Luc Mullinder (6-4 258 So).
C BRIAN OTTENE SR. 6-6 308 PS#29 in 1999. Missed 1st 2 last year (injured) but 9 sts as rfr and added 18 lbs. DeMarco Monroe (6-4 310 So) PS#35 & lettered as a rfr.
RG William Whitticker rfr. 6-6 303 PS#67OL, 2nd string as true but still redshirted.
Joe Brooks (6-3 285 So) PS#411OL, was a DL last year. Gordon Niebyski is PS#92OL.
LG Paul Harker Jr. 6-3 298 PS#52, 10 sts as true in '98, 307 min. Only 3 games in 1999. In last year. Joe Patrick (6-5 304 So) PS#31, lettered as 2nd string last year.
RT Steve Stewart So. 6-5 310 PS#106, 1 start as rfr and lettered. Added 12 lbs. Sean Poole (6-6 290 rfr) was PS#26OL & missed 2000 with torn ACL. Added 17 lbs.
LT Uliash Booker Jr. 6-7 291 PS#93 in 1998, PQ, 2 games in 99, 2 sts at LT ly & lettered. Joe Tate (6-5 275 So) 1 st, 13 tkl as DE ly. Peter Heyer (6-1 295 Jr) German MVP.
K DAVID SCHAEFER SR. 5-10 197 PS#15K, 11 of 17 FG's in 2000, long of 50, 2 misses from 50+.
Michael Servis (6-1 198 So) 61 yd FG in HS! Dave Rayner is PS#27K.

DE NICK MYERS SR. 6-2 263 8 sts in '99, 31 tkl, 2 sks, 11 sts ly, 42 tkl, 4 tfl.
Ivory McCoy (6-4 232 Sr) PS#69TE, 15 sts at TE L2Y. Van Brown (6-5 250 So) 6.5 sks at JC ly.
DT Kyle Rasmussen So. 6-4 265 PS#59, 3 starts as rfr, 15 tkl, 1 sack in 10 games. Dwight Whitfield (6-2 300 Jr) PS#16DL & added 25 lbs. Matthias Askew is PS#29.
DT JOSH SHAW SR. 6-3 281 PS#105, 31 tkl, 3 tfl as true, 12 starts in 1999, 61 tkl, 4 tfl, 9 starts last year, 67 tkl, 8 tfl. Lonnie Simmons (6-3 287 Jr) was PS#92DL.
DE Greg Taplin So. 6-5 269 PS#95, 4 sts, 21 tkl, 2 tfl as true. Biggie Townsend (6-3 310 Jr) is PS#24, orig signed w/Ohio St, 9 sks at Fork Union ly. Samal Gordon (6-6 265 So) PS#146.
SLB Dominick Brown So. 6-3 247 PS#100LB, Michael Bazemore (6-4 228 Jr) is PS#37DL. Dedrick Roper (6-2 247 So) 2 tkl last year. Ronald Stanley (6-2 210 Jr) is PS#65.
MLB JOSH THORNHILL SR. 6-2 234 PS#7, 6 sts as true, 80 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 sts in 99, 73 tkl, 6 tfl, 11 sts ly, #1 w/114 tkl, 8 tfl. Seth Mitchell is PS#21. Jason Bradley (6-0 248 Jr) PS#77.
WLB Mark Goebel So. 6-2 217 PS#79RB, 13 tkl as true. Matt Kropf (6-3 242 Sr) PS#33LB, 1 start, 12 tkl, 4 tfl ly. James Cooper (6-3 211 Jr) PS#27TE moves to LB ly.
CB CEDRIC HENRY SR. 5-10 180 PS#83, 1 st, 52 tkl, 13 pbu as true, 18 tkl in 99, 11 sts ly, 46 tkl, 5 int, 22 pbu. Broderick Nelson (6-0 176 Jr) PS#16WR, Rod Maples PS#67 ly.
CB DeMARIO SUGGS SR. 5-11 191 PS#69WR, 24 tkl in 98-99, 4 sts ly, 44 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Shawn Foster (5-11 202 Sr) PS#63RB, 336 yds, L3Y. Jeremiah McLaurin (5-11 180 So) PS#60.
SS THOMAS WRIGHT JR. 6-1 193 PS#37, 22 tkl, 5 sks as true, 10 sts ly, #2 w/107 tkl, 2 int, 13 pbu. Duron Bryan (6-0 205 Sr) 39 tkl, 3 years. Monquiz Wedlow (5-11 198 So) PS#70.
FS Lorenzo Guess Sr. 6-1 192 PS#12QB, 1 st, 24 tkl, 1 int in '98-99, 4 sts ly, 40 tkl, 2 pbu. Jeremy Fairrow (6-0 200 So). 6 tkl as true, Jimel Cofer (6-1 197 Jr) PS#50.
P CRAIG JARRETT SR. 6-2 212 PS#8, 64 punts as true, 43.7, 2nd Tm B10. 62 punts in 99, 1st Tm B10, 43.5 avg, 62 punts in 2000, 40.8 average, 37.3 net, 17 inside the 20.

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Head Coach Bobby Williams is a Purdue graduate.
Including bowls, MSU is 1-3 SU, 0-4 ATS vs the Pac 10.
The home team has covered 10 of 15 in the Notre Dame series.
The visitor is 7-1 ATS in the Ohio St series.
MSU is just 3-8 ATS in their final road game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	C Michigan	A												Spartans are 6-0 SU & ATS vs the MAC, winning by an avg of 43-10. MSU is 10-3 ATS as a double digit home favorite.
Sep. 15	Missouri	A												Pending LW's result, MSU is 36-21 ATS on artificial turf the L7 seasons. Spartans are 4-3 SU but 1-6 ATS vs current Big 12 teams since 1976.
Sep. 22	at Notre Dame	G												Michigan St is 4-10 ATS in road openers. MSU is 4-0 SU & ATS the last 4 vs the Irish.
Sep. 29	at Northwestern	G												Could apply here: MSU is 15-7-1 ATS when line is between +4/-4. The Wildcats have not been favored over MSU for over 25 years.
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Iowa (HC)	A												MSU is 2-7 ATS their last 9 vs Iowa. The underdog is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.
Oct. 20	at Minnesota	A												Spartans are 13-5 ATS vs Minny, but only 3-5 ATS the L8 meetings. MSU has played 6 games in domes S/90, they are 3-2-1 SU but 2-4 ATS.
Oct. 27	at Wisconsin	A												LY was the 1st time the road tm had covered in 6 previous meetings. MSU came into 2001 w/a 13-18 record ATS in their last 31 Oct games.
Nov. 3	Michigan	A												UM's 14-0 non-covering win LY ended a streak of 7 straight covers for the SU winner. The home team is 11-4 ATS in this instate rivalry.
Nov. 10	Indiana	A												Spartans are 8-4 ATS vs the Hoosiers since 1987. Mich St has avoided letdown with an 11-4 ATS mark after Michigan.
Nov. 17	at Purdue	G												MSU is 5-1-1 ATS their last 7 vs the Boilermakers. The home team is 8-1-1 ATS the L10 series meetings.
Nov. 24	Penn St	A												Spartans are a perfect 10-0 ATS in their final home game. Michigan St is just 2-2 SU but 4-0 ATS at home vs the Nittany Lions.

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PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	6-6	9-2	5-6	44-33-1
ATS	5-6	7-4	8-3	5-5-1	6-6	8-3	6-5	45-32-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-1	5-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	19-9
Home Dog	2-0	3-2	0-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	10-5
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	0-2	6-7
Away Dog	0-3	3-1	2-2	1-0-1	1-3	1-1	2-1	10-11-1
Favorite	3-3	1-1	6-1	3-3	3-3	6-2	3-3	25-16
Dog	2-3	6-3	2-2	2-2-1	3-3	2-1	3-2	20-16-1
Grass	0-3	1-0	2-1	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	2-3	9-11-1
Artificial	5-3	6-4	6-2	4-4	5-4	6-2	4-2	36-21
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	7-1	2-5-1	4-4	6-2	4-4	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	14-8
Off SU Win	3-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	2-4	7-1	2-3	25-17
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-0	3-1	0-3-1	4-1	1-1	3-2	16-11-1

Coach: BOBBY WILLIAMS (Career 6-6)
Williams' records AT MICHIGAN STATE

2nd Year at Michigan State	3-1	Home Favorite
6-6 Straight Up	1-1	Home Underdog
6-5 Vs The Spread	0-2	Away Favorite
3-2 Off A S/U Loss	2-1	Away Underdog
4-4 Vs Conference	2-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Liberty	+3	Louisville	7-18	L
95	Independence	+6'	LSU	26-45	L
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38	L
97	Aloha	+5	Washington	23-51	L
99	Citrus	+2'	Florida	37-34	W

MICHIGAN ST (5-6) BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 15 (7,8,0)



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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0
9*	31.5	19	147	3.8	222	55.6	11.7	-3	1999	8	20.4	17	76	2.3
4	28.0	20	129	3.2	246	54.1	13.4	+3	1998	8	24.5	19	172	4.2
6*	28.5	20	187	4.3	192	59.6	13.3	0	1997	9	19.8	16	131	3.6
5	29.8	21	178	3.7	222	57.5	13.4	-12	1996	8	25.2	17	124	3.2
6	23.9	19	152	3.8	224	61.0	15.7	-5	1995	5	28.2	22	212	4.6

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
Marshall	23	43-221	5.1	21-31	212	3		13	19-51	2.7	27-44	227	2		+1
at Missouri	18	46-140	3.0	10-24	157	2		15	36-114	3.2	16-31	242	1		-1
Notre Dame	19	50-167	3.3	12-24	181	6		8	37-149	4.0	5-16	63	1		-1
Northwestern	22	35-134	3.8	17-35	233	3		20	55-346	6.3	12-23	160	1		-2
at Iowa	19	41-286	7.0	14-36	180	1		13	37-85	2.3	17-25	146	3		0
Wisconsin	20	46-183	4.0	12-24	183	3		11	40-101	2.5	7-21	96	4		-4
at Michigan	22	44-63	1.4	26-37	292	6		19	35-188	5.4	17-31	138	1		-1
Illinois	17	46-180	3.9	13-24	117	2		19	45-182	4.0	13-29	104	1		-1
at Ohio St	18	39-108	2.8	14-24	103	7		17	50-157	3.1	9-21	132	2		-1
Purdue	27	51-292	5.7	12-23	195	2		19	21-79	3.8	26-43	279	0		+2
at Penn St	24	37-100	2.7	22-38	308	8		23	45-244	5.4	11-26	218	1		0
TOTALS	229	478-1874	3.9	173-320	2161	43		177	420-1696	4.0	160-310	1805	17		-8
AVERAGES	20.8	43-170	3.9	16-29	196	3.9		16.1	38-154	4.0	15-28	164	1.5		-0.7

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	-2	52-14	W
at Nebraska	+29	14-55	L
Louisville	-5'	20-30	L
E Michigan	-19	47-0	W
at Iowa	+8	30-37	W
Illinois	-8'	42-14	W
at Minnesota	-4	27-9	W
Wisconsin	-3'	30-13	W
at Michigan	+8'	29-45	L
Indiana	-15	38-15	W
at Penn St	+8	29-32	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-27	42-10	W
Memphis	-19'	51-21	W
at Notre Dame	+2'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-24	31-10	L
at Indiana	-19	38-6	W
at Northwestern	-13	17-19	L
Michigan	+2'	7-23	L
Ohio St	+6	13-37	L
at Purdue	+1	21-22	T
at Illinois	-24	27-17	L
Penn St	+4	49-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-5'	16-23	L
at Oregon	E	14-48	L
Notre Dame	+7	45-23	W
at Michigan	+8	17-29	L
C Michigan	-28	38-7	W
Indiana	-9'	38-31	L
at Minnesota	-7'	18-19	L
Northwestern	-10	29-5	W
at Ohio St	+27'	28-24	W
Purdue	+2'	24-25	W
Illinois	-20	41-9	W
at Penn St	+6'	28-51	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	-10	27-20	L
E Michigan	-32	51-7	W
at Notre Dame	+6'	23-13	W
at Illinois	-7	27-10	W
Iowa	-21'	49-3	W
Michigan	+2'	34-31	W
at Purdue	-2'	28-52	L
at Wisconsin	+2	10-40	L
Ohio St	-5'	23-7	W
at Northwestern	-19	34-0	W
Penn St	-2	35-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-8	34-24	W
at Missouri	-9'	13-10	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-21	W
Northwestern	-11'	17-37	L
at Iowa	-9	16-21	L
Wisconsin	+3	10-17	L
at Michigan	+16'	0-14	W
Illinois	-2'	14-10	W
at Ohio St	+14'	13-27	W
Purdue	+8	30-10	W
at Penn St	+1	23-42	L

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES



SS Julius Curry was #3 last year in tackles for the Wolverines and added 7 pbu.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Lloyd Carr said that Drew Henson is one of the best QB's he's ever seen and he lived up to his projected greatness last year. In 1999 he split the time with Tom Brady and threw for 546 yards (52.2%) with a 3-2 ratio. Last year he won the starting job but missed the first 3 games due to injury. He started the last 8 and threw for 2,146 yards (61.6%) with a super 18-4 ratio. He was due to return but the NY Yankees lured him away with a multimillion dollar baseball only deal. John Navarre has great size (6-6 242) and was PS#32. He was forced into the starting job at the beginning of last year and after 2 games simply led the NCAA in pass efficiency. After a tough game vs UCLA he ended up throwing for 583 yards (52%) with an outstanding 8-1 ratio! Andy Mignery (6-3 234 So) was PS#24 and attempted 4 passes. Jermaine Gonzales (6-2 201 rFr) was PS#27, has 4.5 speed and also plays on the hoops team. Spencer Brinton is the wild card this year. He was PS#35 in '97 and started 5 games for San Diego St as a true frosh and then the first 2 in '98 until injury. He left for a 2 year Mormon mission and transferred. He was not on campus for the spring practice but will be available in the fall. Henson would have been a Heisman front-runner. Nonetheless, this group, while weaker, still has plenty of talent.

RUNNING BACKS - Michigan has been known as a power running team throughout the years but did not even average 4.0 ypc from 1996-'99. Anthony Thomas finally had a great year rushing for 1,733 yards (5.4) with 18 TD's. In the bowl game last season Thomas became UM's all-time career leading rusher and he was the #2 DC of CHI. In 1999 the second leading rusher was WR Terrell and the #3 rusher had just 23 carries (FB BJ Askew), but last year Chris Perry proved to be a solid fill-in for Thomas as he rushed for 417 yards (5.4) on 77 attempts. Walter Cross has 363 yards in 3 years at the TB position. Ryan Beard (5-9 209 So) was PS#44 and had 81 yards. This year they signed the top RB out of high school in Kelly Baraka and another VHT. It wouldn't surprise me to see a true frosh take over as the top back. FB is solid with BJ Askew back and lots of VHT's behind him. I like the talent available. However with the loss of Thomas combined with the fact that he had his best year last season, this unit looks weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 David Terrell and Marcus Knight combined for 1,832 yards receiving. Knight departed last year but Terrell and Marquise Walker combined for 1,829 yards last season. This year Terrell, who has led the team in rec's the last 2 years, left early for the NFL draft (#1 DC of CHI) so Walker figures to be the go-to guy. Ron Bellamy is one of the team's fastest players and figures to fill the void and Carr has 3 other VHT WR's in the wings (see 2 deep and Top Newcomers). Four different TE's earned starts

last year and I list them below. Jim Fisher (PS#15) is a rFr TE that starts out fifth string, giving them the deepest set of TE's in the country. They are very solid in that area with Shawn Thompson (injured last year) being an NFL prospect. His return simply adds talent to this group. This unit is in about the same shape as it was last year and I look for some more of the underclassmen to emerge as game breaking WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Lloyd Carr does an incredible job recruiting in this area and if you look at my 2 deep below I list 13 players of which 12 are VHT's (see "What Exactly Is A PS#?" on page 266). Last year Michigan had to replace 3 players who combined for 18 starts but had 4 players back who started 9 or more games the previous year. I pointed out last year that despite the incredible talent on the offensive line and at RB the Wolves had not topped 4.0 ypc rushing in 5 years and gained just 3.2 ypc in 1999 while allowing 25 sacks. Finally the OL lived up to their potential last year as they allowed just 18 sacks but more importantly paved the way for an offense that averaged 4.8 ypc rushing. The group was senior laden and the losses are extremely heavy this season. Gone are LT Jeff Backus (12 sts, 4 yr str, 2nd Tm AA, #1 DC of DET), C David Brandt (12 sts, 3 yr str), RT Maurice Williams (12 sts, #2 DC of JAX) and their star, LG Steve Hutchinson (12 sts, 4 yr str, 1st Tm AA, #1 DC of SEA). Wow! All 5 backups return but only 2 players have starting experience. Ben Mast was a full-time starter in 1999. As I mentioned, there is a ton of talent here and NFL scouts will be hanging around this group for years to come but clearly with the loss of 4 quality starters, this group will take some time to gain cohesion and is weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolves' defensive line was hit hard by graduation last year as they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups and had only 1 player returning with starting experience. They were dealt another blow when starting DE Jake Frysinger went down to injury in the first game and they had some very un-Michigan-like performances, including allowing 3.8 ypc for the year and recording just 21 sacks. This year they must replace DT Eric Wilson (9 sts, 8 tll) and DT Dave Petruzzello (12 tlls) moves to the OL. No less than 9 players return with starting experience from last year's injury plagued unit. Shawn Lazarus missed quite a bit of the first half of the year but was very productive down the stretch, starting the last 5. Carr signed a couple of VHT's this year and I list them in the 2 deep below. This unit is much more experienced than it was last season and should anchor a much tougher stop unit.

LINEBACKERS - Much like the D-line, this unit was hit hard by graduation last year as they had to replace 3 players who combined for 31 starts, 2 of which were drafted by the NFL (#2 and #6 DC's). I chronicled in the paragraph above how the defense from UM was not up to its usual standards last year but this season looks promising as all 6 LB's from last year's 2 deep return. How deep is this unit? A lot of teams would have the Wolves' 3rd stringers starting. They are John Spytke (6-3 243 So) who was PS#38 and had 18 tackles, 2 tll last year, David Pearson (6-2 274 So) who was PS#48, and Kolby Wells (6-2 247 rFr, PS#44). Also in the mix at 4th string are Zach Kaufman (6-1 222 So, PS#70) and Roy Manning (6-2 213 rFr, PS#125).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 Carr labeled this group "the suspects" as they were shredded early and often but they got stronger as the season went on although they finished #82 in my pass defense rankings. Last year 7 of the top 8 DB's returned but they lost starting FS Cato June prior to the season with a torn ACL. With the depleted front 7 the secondary did not fare much better, finishing #87 in the pass defense rankings, allowing 58.5% with a 16-16 ratio. The stronger front 7 (hence, stronger pass rush) will aid the secondary as will the fact that 6 of the top 8 DB's returned and they also get June back from injury. The only losses are FS DeWayne Patmon (10 sts, 86 tlls, 2 int's, 5 pbu) and CB James Whitley (9 sts, 49 tlls, 9 pbu). They were solid players but naturally Carr has plenty of VHT's available as replacements. In fact in the 2 deep I list below, plus the two incoming frosh, he has 8 VHT's. I look for significant strides from the Wolves' pass defense this year and they could even get back into the top 20 where they finished in 1998.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When a team stockpiles VHT's like Michigan does, you would expect them to perennially finish in the Top 25 of my special teams rankings. Carr has not had great success with this unit as their top finish from 1995-'99 was #49 and in 1999 they were all the way down to #79. Part of the reason for that finish was that K/P Hayden Epstein (PS#1) tore his ACL in the spring and only saw limited duty and was not 100%. Epstein returned last year and took over both the kicking and punting jobs and Michigan improved to #32 overall, their highest finish in six years. Epstein connected on 8 of 14 FG's with a long of 52 and also had a solid 40.4 punting avg with 19 inside the 20 in 2000. He also handled kickoffs but may get some relief this year with Adam Finley (PS#46) who hit a 52 yard FG in HS and also

MICHIGAN 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Anthony Thomas	319	1776	43	1733	18	5.4					
Chris Perry	77	429	12	417	5	5.4					
Walter Cross	27	162	11	151	0	5.6					
Ronald Bellamy	11	108	9	99	0	9.0					
Justin Fargas	18	92	7	85	0	4.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Drew Henson	237	146	61.6	2146	18	4					
John Navarre	77	40	51.9	583	8	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
David Terrell	67	1130	16.9	14	57						
Marquise Walker	49	699	14.3	4	75						
BJ Askew	18	257	14.3	3	58						
Anthony Thomas	17	271	15.9	1	70						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Hayden Epstein	55	2224	40.4	7	35.8	0	19				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Hayden Epstein	3-4	3-4	1-4	1-2	8-14	52					
PLAYER	TKL	SC	FL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SC	FL	PBU	INT
D. Patmon	86	0	2	5	3	J. LeSueur	32	1	1	3	0
Larry Foote	84	1	9	9	2	B. Williams	32	0	1	2	0
Julius Curry	59	1	4	7	2	Carl Diggs	30	0	7	0	0
Victor Hobson	58	3	9	2	0	Charles Drake	27	0	2	0	0
Eric Brackins	57	2	7	3	0	Dan Rumishek	24	1	5	3	1
J. Whitley	49	1	9	1	0	A. Jordan	21	0	1	0	0
Todd Howard	44	0	2	13	6	Shantee Orr	20	1	4	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. Bellamy	27	297	11.0	0	Walter Cross	14	260	18.6	0		

averaged 41 yards per punt. Their top PR Ronald Bellamy is back after averaging 11.0 last season and top KR Walter Cross averaged 18.6. Michigan allowed just 18.8 per KR and 7.7 per PR and are solid in those areas. UM has blocked 3 punts in each of the last 2 years. With all of the key players back, I look for continued improvement and this could be the first time that Carr actually breaks into my Top 25 in this area.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title even though they faced one of the toughest schedules in the country. Carr has an amazing record against Top 10 teams at 11-1 SU and the Wolves have been to 26 straight bowl games, the second longest streak in the country. Last year UM was thinking National Title at the start of the year but suffered a stunning loss against UCLA and shockingly saw their defense yield 26 plus points on 5 different occasions, including an amazing 54 against Northwestern. They had one of the most potent offenses in the country led by three superstars in QB Drew Henson, RB Anthony Thomas and WR David Terrell as well as a veteran offensive front that supplied the NFL with 3 high draft picks. They showed great balance with 215 yards rushing and 231 yards passing per game during the season. They managed a share of the Big 10 Title and won their fourth straight bowl game making Carr the first coach in Michigan history to do so.

They've also won or shared in three Big 10 Titles the last four years and of course led the NCAA in attendance with an average of 110,822. The Wolves have the talent to overcome their massive losses on the offensive side of the ball but with just four starters back, including a retooled offensive front, they look weaker there. Defensively this unit should more closely resemble the Michigan defenses of old and I rate them the #1 defense in the Big 10 this year. I do 7 sets of power ratings

every season and 5 of them call Michigan the top team in the Big 10 which makes them a clear threat to bag the title. Their Big 10 schedule is manageable. They have three tough road games to Penn St, Michigan St and Wisconsin but Carr has dominated all 3 opponents as of late, beating Penn St and Wisconsin four straight years while he has won 4 of the last 5 against the rival Spartans. Despite the large graduation losses, Michigan once again has the talent and schedule to possibly contend for a National Title and will likely be the preseason favorite in the Big 10 this year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB Kelly Baraka 6-0 180 PS#1
DB Ernest Shazor 6-4 210 PS#1
DL Pat Massey 6-8 235 PS#7
DB Marlin Jackson 6-1 180 PS#6
DL Pierre Woods 6-6 225 PS#9
LB Scott McClintock 6-3 225 PS#9
WR Tim Massaquoi 6-4 215 PS#8
RB David Underwood 6-0 220 PS#16
OL Adam Stenavich 6-5 260 PS#15
OL Dan Simelis 6-6 295 PS#25
TE Kyle Ealey 6-7 240 PS#3
OL Leo Henige 6-5 315 PS#32
OL Matt Lentz 6-3 305 PS#45
DL David Spytke 6-7 242 PS#51
RB Sean Sanderson 6-3 270 PS#62

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2001 PROTECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB John Navarre So. 6-6 242 PS#32, 4 sts as rFr, 583 yds (52%) 8-1 ratio!
Spencer Brinton (6-5 220 Jr) PS#35, 7 starts at SD St in '97 & '98. Andy Mignery is PS#24.
RB Chris Perry So. 6-2 228 PS#45, 417 yds (5.4) as true. Walter Cross (5-11 209 Sr) PS#16, 145 yards in 98, 218 last 2 years. Kelly Baraka is PS#1, good speed.
FB BJ ASKEW JR. 6-3 224 PS#55, 70 yds as true (3.0), 6 sts in 2000, 40 yds (3.6), 18 rec (14.3). Kyle Ealey PS#5TE. Dave Armstrong (6-3 254 Jr) PS#5DL, 9 gms last yr.
WR Ron Bellamy Jr. 6-0 193 PS#28, 4.39 spd, 6 sts, 7 rec (15.1) ly. Tyrece Butler (6-3 204 So) PS#5, 4.38 spd, ind ly. Brent Cummings (5-11 184 So) PS#17RB in '99.
WR MARQUISE WALKER SR. 6-3 212 PS#1, 4 rec as true, 37 rec (10.7) in '99, 7 sts, 49 rec (14.3), #2 ly. Calvin Bell (6-1 190 So) PS#94, 6 rec as true. Zia Combs PS#64DB ly.
TE SHAWN THOMPSON SR. 6-4 254-10 sts in '99, 14 rec (11.6). In ly. Bill Seymour (PS#35), 10 sts ly, 8 rec (11.9). Ben Joppru (6-4 258 Jr) PS#8, 11 rec. Eric Rosel (6-3 240 Sr) PS#35.
C JONATHAN GOODWIN SR. 6-4 294 Transfer from Ohio U. 5 games here in '99, 9 sts ly. Courtney Morgan (6-2 299 So) PS#44, 3 games ly. Andy Christopel (6-3 279 rFr) PS#35.
RG Joe Denay Jr. 6-7 298 PS#26OL in '98, 2nd string last 2 years, 5 games. Kurt Anderson (6-4 299 Sr) PS#12LB, 1 tll in '98. Moved to OL in '99, 3 games OL ly.
LG Ben Mast Sr. 6-4 298 PS#31 in '97, 4 games as rFr, 11 starts in '99, 3 starts ly. Dave Petruzzello (6-4 283 Jr) PS#6TE, 3 sts, 19 tlls as DL. Andy Brown PS#43.
RT Demetrius Solomon So. 6-6 287 PS#4OL in 1999, 2nd string as rFr and 3 games. Jeff Gaston (6-5 262 rFr) PS#21 last year & redshirted. Adam Stenavich is PS#15OL.
LT Tony Pape So. 6-6 299 PS#3OL in '99, 2nd string as rFr & 6 games.
David Baas (6-5 299 rFr) PS#29OL. RS as true. Knee surgery. Should be 100% by the fall.
K HAYDEN EPSTEIN SR. 6-2 205 PS#1, tore ACL in spg of '99, not 100%, 5-8 FG's with long of 58 18-14 FG'S ly, long of 52. Adam Finley (6-3 226 rFr) PS#6 52 yd FG in HS.

DE Jake Frysinger Sr. 6-4 277 PS#44LB, 30 tlls, 3 sks, 6 tll in '98, 6 tlls, 2 tll in '99, 1 st ly. then broken foot, missed rest of yr. Alain Kasha (6-4 236 So) PS#171, 2 sts, 3 tll ly.
DT DAN RUMISHEK JR. 6-3 277 PS#26LB, 4 tlls in '99, 11 sts as DE ly, 24 tlls, 6 tll. Norman Boebert (6-5 278 So) PS#27, 1 st ly, 11 tlls, 3 tll. Gary Rose (6-4 285 Sr) 3 tlls.
NT SHAWN LAZARUS JR. 6-3 278 PS#122LB, 3 tlls in '99, Started L/5 last year, 14 tlls, 3 tll. Grant Bowman (6-1 281 So) PS#76, 5 sts as rFr, 10 tlls, 4 tll, 1 pbu in 11 games.
DE Larry Stevens So. 6-3 229 PS#8LB, 4 sts as true, 18 tlls, 4 tll. Evan Coleman (6-0 269 Sr) PS#98RB, 2 sts, 23 games as FB in '98 & '99, 5 sts as DE ly, 7 tlls, 2 sks.
LB VICTOR HOBSON JR. 6-1 242 PS#13, 5 sts as rFr, 40 tlls, 5 tll, 10 tlls, 58 tlls, 3 sks, 9 tll, Top LB Award here. Shantee Orr (6-1 246 So) PS#68, 2 sts as rFr, 20 tlls, 5 tll.
LB LARRY FOOTE SR. 6-1 228 PS#15, 17 tlls, 1 sk as true, 4 sts, 29 tlls, 4 tll in '99, 12 sts ly, 84 tlls, 10 tll, 2 int, 9 pbu. Anthony Jordan (6-0 226 Sr) PS#49, 5 sts, 67 tlls, 3 yrs.
LB ERIC BRACKINS SR. 6-2 235 PS#88, 1 start as rFr, 25 tlls in '99, 8 sts ly, 57 tlls, 2 sks, 7 tll, HM Big 10. Carl Diggs (6-1 245 So) PS#26LB, 2 starts as rFr, 30 tlls, 7 tll.
CB BRANDON WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 180 PS#55, 1 start as true until injury, 4 pbu, 4 sts ly, 32 tlls, 1 tll, 2 pbu. Jeremy LeSueur (6-0 191 So) PS#9, 2 sts as rFr, 32 tlls, 2 tll, 3 pbu.
CB TODD HOWARD SR. 5-10 183 PS#13, 15 tlls as true, 11 sts in '99, 51 tlls, 14 pbu, 11 sts ly, 44 tlls, 6 int, 13 pbu, 2 tll. Markus Curry (6-0 180 Jr) PS#20 last year, DNQ.
SS JULIUS CURRY JR. 6-0 191 PS#25RB, 9 tlls as rFr, 11 sts ly, 83 w/59 tlls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 1 sk, 4 tll. Ernest Shazor is PS#1 this year. Jonathan Shaw (5-11 197 So) PS#93RB.
FS Cato June Jr. 6-1 213 PS#2 in HS, L4 sts as rFr, 27 tlls, 1 int, 1 pbu, 1 sk. Tom ACL ly. Charles Drake (6-1 197 Jr) PS#16RB, 18 total yds as true, 4 sts as DB ly, 27 tlls, 2 pbu.
P HAYDEN EPSTEIN SR. 6-2 205 PS#1K, 9 punts as true, 40.1 average, 32 in '99, 40.1 average, 55 punts in 2000, 40.4 average, 19 inside 20 and net of 35.8. HM B10.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The dog is 9-1-1 ATS & the visitor 8-2-1 ATS in the Notre Dame series. Michigan is 5-1 SU, 4-1-1 ATS vs WAC teams since 1976. Including bowls, UM is 4-1 SU & 3-2 ATS vs the Pac 10 since '92. Wolverines are 2-6 ATS away after 2 or more home games. UM is 6-12 in sandwiched home games. The visitor is 7-2 ATS in the Indiana series.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Sep. 1	Miami (Oh)	G													Despite a 4-2 mark LY, the Wolves are just 21-30 ATS at home S/93. UM is 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home openers.
Sep. 8	at Washington	A													Last meeting came in the '92 Rose Bowl & UM won 38-31 as a 2 pt dog. Michigan is 2-1 SU & ATS vs the Huskies in 3 Rose Bowls S/76.
Sep. 15	W Michigan	G													Maize & Blue are 18-31 ATS as DD fav's S/93 but were 4-1 ATS LY. Wolverines are 6-3 ATS in their last 9 non Big 10 home games.
Sep. 22	Illinois	G													Michigan is 13-19 ATS at The Big House vs conference foes. Despite a 2-1 mark LY, UM is just 5-16 ATS as a Big 10 DD fav.
Sep. 29															BONUS: UM has won & covered 4 in a row vs Paterno & the Lions.
Oct. 6	at Penn St	G													Michigan is 2-8 ATS the week after a bye. Could apply: UM came into 2001 with an 8-2 ATS mark as a dog under Carr.
Oct. 13	Purdue (HC)	G													Last year's 1 pt loss dropped UM's SU record vs Purdue to 8-2 L/10. They are just 4-6 ATS vs the Boilers in that span.
Oct. 20															
Oct. 27	at Iowa	G													Michigan is 5-9 ATS in their L/14 meetings vs the Hawkeyes. Maize & Blue are an astounding 1-11 ATS as road chalk S/98.
Nov. 3	at Michigan St	A													Pending the 9/8 result, UM is just 1-4 ATS their last 5 on art turf. Wolverines are 8-4 SU but 4-8 ATS vs the Spartans.
Nov. 10	Minnesota	G													Minnesota & Michigan annually battle for the Little Brown Jug. The home team has covered just 3 of the last 13 meetings.
Nov. 17	at Wisconsin	A													May apply: UM is 14-4-1 ATS L/19 & 9-2 ATS their L/11 as a dog. Michigan is 7-2 SU but 3-6 ATS their last 9 vs the Badgers.
Nov. 24	Ohio St	G													The last time OSU had a new coach they covered as a 12 pt AD in a 34-31 loss in '88. The home team is 12-6-1 ATS in this "Big 2" rivalry.

STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	9-3	8-3	11-0	9-3	9-2	8-3	61-18
ATS	4-7	5-7	5-6	6-5	4-8	5-6	6-5	35-44
Home Fav	1-4	1-5	2-4	3-4	3-2	3-3	4-2	17-24
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	2-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	0-5	1-3	0-3	9-17
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	7-2
Favorite	3-6	4-6	3-6	5-5	3-7	4-6	4-5	26-41
Dog	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	9-3
Grass	3-7	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-7	4-4	6-4	26-37
Artificial	1-0	3-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	9-7
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	25-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	10-13
Off SU Win	2-5	3-5	4-3	5-5	3-5	5-3	3-4	25-30
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	8-9

Coach: LLOYD CARR (Career 58-16)
Carr's record AT MICHIGAN

7th Year at Michigan	16-20	Home Favorite
58-16 Straight Up	2-0	Home Underdog
31-37 Vs The Spread	7-15	Away Favorite
6-8 Off A S/U Loss	6-2	Away Underdog
22-26 Vs Conference	9-11	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Outback	E	Alabama	14-17	L
97	Rose	-7	Washington St	21-16	L
98	Citrus	-3	Arkansas	45-31	W
99	Orange	+1	Alabama	35-34	W
00	Citrus	-7	Auburn	31-28	L

MICHIGAN (9-3) BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 55 (22,30,3)
Lost: 18 (11,5,2)

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS %	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS %	YPP	DEF	YPP
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4				
7*	30.1	21	122	3.2	265	60.4	12.9	+10	1999	8	20.6	16	121	3.3	212	51.7	16.2				
6	27.6	18	156	3.8	226	59.1	13.8	-3	1998	9	18.1	15	122	3.1	181	49.9	16.8				
8*	26.8	21	182	3.9	205	63.3	14.4	+9	1997	6	9.5	12	89	2.7	134	49.5	23.5				
5*	23.1	19	168	3.9	214	55.6	16.5	+2	1996	9	15.3	17	115	3.0	182	55.1	19.3				
7	26.0	21	202	4.4	194	52.6	15.2	+4	1995	6	17.2	16	94	2.6	192	56.2	16.6				

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
Bowling Green	29	53-289	5.5	15-19	265	3	16	28-58	2.1	18-42	213	3	-1
Rice	21	49-230	4.7	13-19	166	2	11	46-164	3.6	5-11	107	1	+2
at UCLA	16	46-263	5.7	8-28	111	0	24	39-126	3.2	22-41	268	1	+1
at Illinois	25	55-341	6.2	12-28	172	1	21	32-95	3.0	27-38	352	2	+2
Wisconsin	18	44-118	2.7	15-27	257	3	14	42-180	4.3	8-18	98	1	+2
at Purdue	19	29-174	6.0	26-35	256	0	32	43-244	5.7	32-45	286	0	0
Indiana	26	52-282	5.4	17-22	280	0	15	33-85	2.6	14-30	101	1	+2
Michigan St	19	35-188	5.4	17-31	138	1	22	44-63	1.4	26-37	292	6	+1
at Northwestern	33	44-217	4.9	24-37	318	2	31	50-332	6.6	27-40	322	1	-2
Penn St	22	50-232	4.6	14-29	212	0	16	34-177	5.2	19-35	230	1	+2
at Ohio St	16	43-88	2.0	14-25	303	1	22	34-149	4.4	21-48	251	2	+2
Auburn (Bowl)	21	42-159	3.8	15-21	294	5	23	35-92	2.6	28-37	394	2	+2
TOTALS	265	542-2581	4.8	190-321	2772	18	247	460-1765	3.8	247-422	2914	21	+13
AVERAGES	22.1	45-215	4.8	16-27	231	1.5	20.6	38-147	3.8	21-35	243	1.8	1.1

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-12	20-8	L
at Colorado	+8	20-13	W
Boston College	-22	20-14	L
UCLA	-8	38-9	W
at Northwestern	-7	16-17	L
Indiana	-24	27-20	L
at Minnesota	-13	44-10	W
Michigan St	-8	45-29	W
at Purdue	-14	3-9	L
Penn St	-1	17-29	L
at Ohio St	+17	13-9	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado	-1	27-3	W
Baylor	-28	38-3	W
Notre Dame	-14	21-14	L
at Indiana	-20	37-0	W
Northwestern	-24	23-6	L
Iowa	-7	28-24	L
at Michigan St	-2	23-7	W
Minnesota	-27	24-3	L
at Penn St	+1	34-8	W
at Wisconsin	-14	26-16	L
Ohio St	-3	20-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	-5	20-36	L
Syracuse	-10	28-38	L
E Michigan	-35	59-20	W
Michigan St	-8	29-17	W
at Iowa	-9	12-9	L
at Northwestern	-14	12-6	L
Indiana	-13	21-10	L
at Minnesota	-12	15-10	L
Penn St	+3	27-0	W
Wisconsin	-3	27-10	W
at Ohio St	+10	16-31	L
at Hawaii	-38	48-17	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	-7	26-22	L
Rice	-27	37-3	W
at Syracuse	-5	18-13	L
at Wisconsin	-3	21-16	W
Purdue	-6	38-12	W
at Michigan St	-2	31-34	L
Illinois	-24	29-35	L
at Indiana	-16	34-31	L
Northwestern	-23	37-3	W
at Penn St	+6	31-27	W
Ohio St	-11	24-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-30	42-7	W
Rice	-27	38-7	W
at UCLA	-4	20-23	L
at Illinois	-7	35-31	L
Wisconsin	-8	13-10	L
at Purdue	+2	31-32	W
Indiana	-15	58-0	W
Michigan St	-16	14-0	L
at Northwestern	-7	51-54	L
Penn St	-15	33-11	W
at Ohio St	+2	38-26	W

OHIO ST BUCKEYES



New coach, new attitude, new QB? Steve Bellisari will fight to keep the starting job.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Throughout the spring and summer of 1999 Steve Bellisari and Austin Moherman went to battle for the starting QB job and Bellisari, who played SS as a true frosh, eventually won the job because he was more mobile. Bellisari had 10 starts that year but completed just 45%, throwing mostly deep balls. The coaching staff tried to cure Bellisari of his deep ball addiction last year but he still all but ignored the short passing game and kept throwing the ball deep and finished completing 52.6% with a 13-13 ratio. He also rushed for 386 yards. With a new coach he will try to hang on to his starting job. Craig Krenzler (6-4 215 So) was PS#23 and had 9 pass attempts for 57 yards in 7 games last year. Scott McMullen (6-3 195 So) was PS#42 and had 11 passes for 88 yards in 3 games a season ago. Rick McFadden (6-5 210 rFr) was PS#46. Tressel is known as an excellent QB coach and has a lot of talent to work with. Last year's QB production was below expectations and with everyone back, added talent, and a new coaching philosophy, I think this unit should be much more productive.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year OSU had to replace their top 2 rushers but Derek Combs (#7 DC of OAK) emerged and won the team MVP Award despite the fact that he injured an ankle and missed one full game and was not 100% in parts of others. He had 888 yards (5.1) and is one of two departures from the backfield this year along with Jerry Westbrook (97 yards, 2.3). Jonathan Wells had a roller coaster season as he was among the team leaders in rushing yards early on but then was demoted to 3rd string after he failed to pick up numerous 3rd and short chances. He won his job back vs Illinois with a 131 yard effort and led the team in rushing in the bowl. He finished with 598 yards (4.4). Sam Maldonado (PS#3) was scheduled to redshirt as a true frosh but Cooper decided to play him vs Penn St and it was basically a wasted year for him. This year they also signed 2 VHT's (see Top Newcomers). The FB's saw little action rushing or receiving but the top 2 are back and also in the mix there is Brandon Joe (PS#19). Despite the loss of Combs, last year's production was not up to OSU standards and this unit is actually more experienced than it was in 2000.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Buckeyes returned their top 2 receivers but did have to replace their starting TE. They are in much better shape at TE this year as the top 2 are back and I list them below. Ken-Yon Rambo (#7 DC of OAK) and Reggie Germany (#7 DC of BUF) were PS#1 and PS#6 respectively and had big seasons in 1999 but did not live up to their potential last year, combining for just 75 rec's (15.4). Unheralded walk-

on Chad Cacchio was the #4 rec with 20 grabs and a solid 19.5 and Vanness Provitt was #5 (16, 14.3). Their top 4 WR's all depart. Naturally there are plenty of VHT's battling for the open jobs and I list a FOUR DEEP below including 3 VHT's. Last year's unit under performed but with the loss of their top 4 WR's, this unit is down a notch or two.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buckeyes have not remotely dominated on the ground recently like they did during the Woody Hayes days. Last year they brought in OL coach George Belu from Wake Forest and he inherited an OL that had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and one backup. They then lost starting LT Tyson Walter for the season and rFr Adrien Clark ended up starting the last 10 games. The Buckeyes averaged just 3.7 ypc rushing and allowed 31 sacks making it 3 times in the last 4 years they have averaged 4.2 ypc rushing or less. This year they must replace RG Tam Hopkins (12 sts, HM B10), LG Mike Gurr (12 sts) and RT Henry Fleming (12 sts, 2 yr str). They do get the healthy return of Walter, who was a three year starter, and LeCharles Bentley was OSU Lineman of the Year in '99 and co-LO with TE Sanders last year. Cooper did a great job recruiting in this area as all 5 projected starters are VHT's as are 2 of the backups. This unit only goes two deep as the 3rd stringers are true frosh or non-HT's. With 3 starters back, this unit has a little more experience returning than last year and should do better than that under performing unit which failed to produce a solid rush attack at too many crucial times.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After their Sugar Bowl loss a few years back to Florida St, John Cooper went to rotating the DL more. In 1999 they had 9 of 10 lettermen returning but the defense shockingly went from allowing 2.2 ypc to 3.7. Last year almost everyone returned again with the only loss being a #7 draft pick. OSU's defense improved, allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing. After recording 29 sacks in 1999 the group had 47. This year the losses are significant. Gone are DE Rodney Bailey (12 sts, 8 sks, HM B10, DE POY, #6 DC of PIT), DE Brent Johnson (11 sts, 9 sks, 6 tfl, 2nd TM B10), DT Ryan Pickett (12 sts, 3 sks, 3 tfl & #1 DC STL), DT Clinton Wayne (8 tfls, 1 sk), DE Joe Brown (8 tfls, 1 sk, 1 st) and DE Heath Queen (2 tfls). Those are 22 sacks that depart. If you include this year's true frosh you will note that I have 7 VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. This is a talented unit but clearly less experienced than last season and will be weaker.

LINEBACKERS - This looks like one of the top LB corps in the country. Last season the Bucks had to replace one starter who was a #4 draft pick and then lost another starter prior to the season due to injury as well as a top backup. This year everyone returns and the unit is so ridiculously deep that the Bucks' 4th string could start for many other schools. I list the 3 deep below but the 4th string includes Jack Tucker (6-1 235 Jr) who was PS#46J, and Jamal Muhammad (5-11 235 rFr) who was PS#55DB. Of the nine players in the 3 deep listed below, 7 are VHT's. This is one of the most experienced and talented LB corps in the country led by 3rd Team AA Joe Cooper.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Under John Cooper the Bucks always fielded a strong defense and their lowest finish in my pass efficiency defense ratings from 1994-'98 was #13. In 1999 they had to replace a couple of NFL draftees and surprisingly plummeted to #65, allowing 59.7% with a 14-12 ratio. Last year they had to replace 1st and 4th round draft picks, at CB and FS, as well as a top backup SS. Surprisingly OSU rose to #35 in my pass D rankings, allowing 54.3% with a 14-18 ratio. This year they must replace CB Nate Clements (12 sts, 4 int's 13 pbu, 3rd TM AA & #1 DC of BUF) and CB David Mitchell (12 sts, 5 int, 11 pbu). McNutt looks solid at one corner and it would not surprise me to see Crosby or Lee beat out Ross (suspended in spring) at the other CB spot. The safeties are strong with Doss and Nickey earning 1st Team and HM B10 honors respectively. There are 5 VHT's listed in the 3 deep that I list below. Despite the loss of 2 very talented CB's, this unit could even move up in the pass D rankings this year and is just as experienced as the 2000 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ohio St finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 1995, #19 in 1996 and #1 in 1998 but plummeted to #73 in 1999. Last year they climbed back up towards the top with a finish at #29. Dan Stultz departs as OSU's second all-time leading scorer. He hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 49 last year. His strong leg will be missed on KO's but Josh Huston (PS#10) had 67 touchbacks on 79 KO's in his senior year in HS and should do fine there. BJ Sander took over the punting job last year and averaged 41.9 but was not that impressive. Stultz handled the pooch punting, averaging 37.8 on 22 pooch punts which extended Sanders' punting average. OSU loses Nate Clements who was perhaps the Big 10's best PR (13.2) and they must

OHIO ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Derek Combs	175	935	47	888	5	5.1					
Jonathan Wells	136	620	22	598	6	4.4					
Steve Bellisari	107	386	207	179	1	1.7					
Jerry Westbrook	43	111	14	97	3	2.3					
Sam Maldonado	22	54	4	50	1	2.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Steve Bellisari	310	163	52.6	2319	13	13					
Scott McMullen	11	5	45.5	88	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ken-Yon Rambo	53	794	15.0	2	65						
Darnell Sanders	23	270	11.7	5	29						
Reggie Germany	22	366	16.6	1	46						
Chad Cacchio	20	390	19.5	4	60						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK In20					
BJ Sander	37	1549	41.9	-	-	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Dan Stultz	7-7	8-10	4-7	0-0	19-24	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SCL	TKL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCL	TKL	PBU	INT
M. Doss	94	3	0	6	3	D. Mitchell	45	0	0	11	5
Joe Cooper	80	4	6	3	1	R. Pickett	39	3	4	0	0
N. Clements	68	0	2	13	4	D. Ross	37	0	4	7	2
M. Wilhelm	66	3	12	2	1	B. Johnson	34	9	6	1	0
D. Nickey	64	1	4	2	1	R. Bailey	31	8	5	4	0
C. Bullard	46	6	5	2	1	K. Peterson	15	3	4	0	0
M. Collins	46	3	2	0	0	C. Grant	13	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Nate Clements	39	513	13.2	1	Ken-Yon Rambo	17	478	28.1	0		

replace Ken-Yon Rambo who helped OSU rank #1 in the Big 10 and #4 in the NCAA in KR's with a lofty 28.1 avg. A lot will depend on how the replacements fare. I do expect better numbers out of the punt game and they naturally have a lot of VHT's to fill in for the return game. With most of the key players gone this unit looks weaker, but could maintain a decent ranking as Tressel will specifically concentrate on this area.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU expanded The Horseshoe and set a new attendance record but a loss in the bowl game left them out of the final AP Top 25 rankings for the second straight year. That was the first time that had happened since 1990 and 1991. OSU had climbed as high as 5th in the coaches poll during the year after they had beaten Wisconsin 23-7 on the road. After their 5-0 start they lost to Minnesota (and former Buckeye, Glen Mason) at home, but rebounded to take an 8-2 record into the Michigan game. When the season ended the Buckeyes were 8-4 and off yet another loss to their rival and off a disappointing lackluster bowl loss. Coming on the heels of a 6-6 season in 1999, the posting of the Big 10's lowest graduation rate, and teammates feuding in the media, AD Andy Geiger sent John Cooper packing. OSU had finished #2 in the country in two of the previous 4 years and Cooper always had among the best recruiting classes in the country. Iowa's Coach Ferentz, after playing Ohio St, Nebraska and Kan St said the Buckeyes were the most talented team they had played in 2000. Cooper appeared to have a National Title within reach and in 1998 they were #2 in the country and led Mich St 24-9 but lost 28-24. Jim Tressel had 4 National Titles in Division IAA ball with the last being in 1997. The only question is whether he'll be able to handle the jump to IA. The Buckeyes lose the second most lettermen in the Big 10 (25) and the 11 starters they have returning is also among the fewest. Tressel has plenty of talent to work with and I look for the offense to be stronger than last year's under performing version. Defensively they have just six starters back and the team benefitted from +8 turnovers last year. They have a potentially dominating D-line, one of the best sets of LB's in the country but the question mark is the secondary. The schedule is very manageable in Big 10 play as most of their peers must travel to Columbus and the Bucks actually have a shot at 6 or 7 wins in Big 10 play, provided that they adjust to the new schemes on both sides of the ball. The potential six win Big 10 schedule clearly makes them a contender, even in what appears to be a rebuilding year with massive graduation losses and major coaching changes.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB STEVE BELLISARI SR. 6-3 220 PS#11. 22 tkl's at SS as true. 10 sts in 99, 1616 yds (45%), 12-9 ratio, 604 rush, 2319 yds ly (53%). 13-13 ratio, 386 rush. Craig Krenzler (6-4 215 So) PS#23.
RB Jonathan Wells Sr. 6-1 230 PS#21. Power. 197 yds (4.8) as true. 292 yds in 99, 598 yds (4.4), 4 sts in 2000. Sam Maldonado (6-0 230 So) PS#3. 50 yds as true. Maurice Hall PS#8.
FB JAMAR MARTIN SR. 6-0 245 PS#39. 102 yds as true. 6 sts in 99, 110 yds, 12 sts ly, 19 yds. Jesse Kline (6-1 227 So) PS#42. 5 yds as rFr. Brandon Joe (6-0 245 rFr) PS#19.
WR Drew Carter So. 6-4 187 6 rec (12.5) as rFr. Smooth. Chris Vance (6-1 180 Jr) PS#106JC, in for spring. Michael Jenkins (6-4 200 So) PS#43. Chris Gamble PS#86.
WR Ricky Bryant So. 6-0 175 PS#19. 3 rec (22.0), 49 min as rFr. Angelo Chhattams PS#15. Bam Childress (5-8 180 rFr) PS#27. John Hollins (6-2 180 rFr) was PS#37.
TE DARNELL SANDERS JR. 6-6 265 PS#16. 1 rec as rFr. 12 sts ly, 23 rec (11.7). Ben Hartsock (6-3 250 So) PS#46, 1 rec (11.0) ly. Jason Caldwell (6-4 260 rFr) PS#43.
C LeCHARLES BENTLEY SR. 6-2 290 PS#42. Lettered as true. Last 6 sts in '99, 209 min, OSU co-OL of Yr. 12 sts ly, 2nd TM B10, 306 min. Mike Jacobs (6-1 285 Sr) had 26 min in 99.
RG Bryce Bishop So. 6-3 300 PS#8 in 99. PQ. RS in 2000 after arriving in Aug. Jim Massey (6-5 290 Sr) PS#83. Back surgery as rFr. 13 min in '99, Acad inelig in 2000.
LG Alex Stepanovich So. 6-4 285 PS#18OL in 2000. 7 games as true, 33 min. Added 15 lbs. Scott Kuhnhein (6-4 285 Jr) PS#20. 17 min, 5 gms ly. Adam Olds is PS#25.
RT TYSON WALTER SR. 6-5 300 PS#35. 13 sts, 325 min as rFr. 13 sts, 289 min, HM Big 10 in '98. 12 sts, 286 min at LT in '99. Med RS ly. Shane Oliver (6-4 330 So) PS#16, 22 min as true.
LT ADRIEN CLARKE SO. 6-4 325 PS#15OL. 10 starts as rFr, 242 minutes, good feet & size. Ivan Douglas (6-6 295 So) PS#253OL, 79 minutes, 9 games, 2 starts as rFr.
K Josh Huston rFr. 6-1 185 PS#10K in 2000. Hit 9 of 15 FG's, long of 43 & all misses from 47+. 17 of 18 inside 45 in HS career. Mike Nugent is PS#5, 52 yd FG ly.

DE Kenny Peterson Jr. 6-4 265 PS#7. 2 tkl's as rFr. 15 tkl's, 3 sks, 4 tfl in 2000, 114 min. Darrion Scott (6-3 265 So) PS#14LB, 8 tkl's, 49 min as true. Simon Fraser is PS#13.
DT Tim Anderson So. 6-3 289 PS#15. 7 games as rFr, 6 tkl's, 2 sks, 18 min. David Thompson (6-5 280 Jr) PS#68, 11 games, 25 min, 2 years. Andrew Tyree is PS#13TE.
DT MIKE COLLINS SR. 6-3 290 PS#74. 23 tkl's, 6 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 56 tkl's, 4 sks, 7 tfl. 12 starts ly, #1 on DL w/46 tkl's, 3 sks, 2 tfl, HM B10. Fred Sturup (6-3 291 So) PS#35.
DE Will Smith So. 6-3 240 PS#18. 12 tkl's as true, 3 sks, 2 tfl, 99 min. Tim Cheatwood (6-4 250 Sr) PS#77. 1 start, 25 tkl's, 3 tfl in '98 & '99. 1 start at TE ly with 3 rec's.
OLB JOE COOPER SR. 6-0 225 PS#78DB. 60 tkl's, 6 tfl in '98 & '99. 12 sts ly, 3rd TM AA, 80 tkl's, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Cie Grant (6-1 220 Jr) PS#61DB, 13 tkl's ly. Redgie Arden is PS#11.
MLB MATT WILHELM JR. 6-4 245 PS#33. 16 tkl's as true. 12 sts ly, 66 tkl's, 15 tfl, 2nd TM Big 10. Fred Pagac (6-1 225 So) PS#14, 11 tkl's as true. Marco Cooper (6-1 230 So) PS#3, 3 tkl's as true.
OLB COURTLAND BULLARD SR. 6-3 227 PS#8. 11 tkl's as true. 10 sts in 99, 40 tkl's, 4 tfl, 12 sts ly, 6 sks, 5 tfl, 46 tkl's. Robert Reynolds (6-3 220 So) PS#23, 11 tkl's as true. Pat O'Neill PS#23 in 99.
CB Richard McNutt So. 5-10 178 PS#10. 12 games as rFr, 12 tkl's, 1 tfl, 45 min. Maurice Lee (5-9 170 So) PS#13WR. Bobby Britton (5-10 175 So) PS#70, 4 tkl's, 27 min as true.
CB Derek Ross Jr. 6-1 197 PS#56. 13 tkl's as true, RS in 99. 37 tkl's, 4 tfl, 7 pbu, 2 int, 166 min last year. Curtis Crosby (5-11 180 So) PS#8. Harlen Jacobs (6-0 190 rFr).
SS MICHAEL DOSS JR. 5-11 197 PS#12. 2 sts as true, 43 tkl's, 5 tfl, 2 pbu, 12 sts ly, 1st TM B10, #1 w/94 tkl's, 13 tfl, 3 int, 6 pbu. Will Allen (6-1 175 So) was PS#7. 7 tkl's ly.
FS DONNIE NICKEY JR. 6-3 203 PS#148. 10 sts as rFr, 73 tkl's, 1 int, 2 pbu, 292 min, 12 sts ly, HM Big 10, 64 tkl's, 2 int, 4 pbu. BJ Barre (6-0 185 So) PS#49, 10 tkl's, 31 min as true.
P. B.J. SANDER SO. 6-3 212 PS#3K. 2 punts in 99 but redshirted. Only long punts last year, 37 punts, 41.9 average - Stultz did pooch punts. Andrew Schabo (6-2 220 Jr).

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 DL Dustin Fox 6-0 185 PS#16
 OL Adam Olds 6-5 270 PS#25
 RB JaJa Riley 6-2 188 PS#40
 TE Andrew Tyree 6-3 280 PS#13
 OL Marcus Green 6-3 300 PS#50
 OL Ryan Cook 6-7 295 PS#53
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Jim Tressel is the new coach of the Buckeyes. He was 135-57-2 SU in 15 seasons at Youngstown St & his team won 4 Division IAA Championships and made the Playoffs 10 of those 15 years. Bucks are 8-1 ATS their last 9 vs the Big East (13-2 SU S/80). OSU is 17-4 ATS vs Iowa since 1976. The visitor is 7-1 ATS last 8 in the Michigan St series.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Akron	G												
Sep. 15	San Diego St	G												
Sep. 22	at UCLA	G												
Sep. 29	at Indiana	G												
Oct. 6	Northwestern	G												
Oct. 13	Wisconsin (HC)	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	at Penn St	G												
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	A												
Nov. 10	Purdue	G												
Nov. 17	Illinois	G												
Nov. 24	at Michigan	G												

Bonus: Bucks were 30-11-1 ATS as away chalk under Cooper.
 Bonus: OSU is 6-0 SU but 1-5 ATS vs other Ohio schools S/ '76.
 Buckeyes are 20-9 ATS the last 8 years in August & September.
 OSU is 11-3 ATS in their last 14 openers at The Horseshoe.
 Overall Ohio St is 19-9 ATS vs non-conference schools since 1993.
 Including bowls, OSU is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS vs current Mt West tms, 0-3 ATS L/3.
 Scarlet & Gray are 10-1 ATS in their 1st road game.
 Buckeyes are 10-2 ATS away vs non-Big 10 foes since 1990.
 The visitor is 6-2-1 ATS the last 9 in this series.
 Despite a 3-5 mark LY, OSU is 33-23 ATS in Big 10 play the L7Y.
 Should apply here: OSU is 13-5 ATS as single-digit fav, but 3-4 L2Y.
 This will be only the 5th night HG in school history, 4-0 SU & 2-2 ATS.
 Four of the L/5 series meetings have been decided by 10 or more pts.
 Could apply here: OSU is 23-9 ATS as a fav of 15 or less but were 3-4 LY.
 Bonus: OSU came into 2001 with a 19-11 ATS record in October.
 Bonus: Buckeyes are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games after a bye.
 OSU is 10-2 ATS L/12 in the first of back to back away games.
 Ohio St is 6-2 ATS vs PSU since the Lions joined the Big 10.
 Pending earlier results, Ohio St is 16-9 L/25 conf road games.
 Buckeyes are 22-8 ATS on artificial turf since 1990.
 This has been a close series the L2Y, with avg winning margin of 3' pts.
 The 6 meetings prior to those were decided by an avg of 28.2 ppg.
 OSU is 4-12 ATS their L/16 vs the Illini (1-4 ATS L/5 home finales).
 Bucks are 1-5-2 ATS at home before travelling to Michigan.
 Ohio St is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS their last 6 trips to The Big House.
 Pending prior results, OSU is 4-7 ATS L/11 as an away dog.

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (99,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-1	10-1	10-2	10-1	6-6	8-3	64-17
ATS	8-4	11-1	7-4	6-6	7-4	5-7	5-6	49-32
Home Fav	4-1	6-0	4-2	2-5	3-3	3-4	2-4	24-19
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	2-1	5-1	3-2	3-0	4-1	0-1	3-1	20-7
Away Dog	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	4-6
Favorite	6-2	11-1	7-4	5-5	7-4	3-5	5-5	44-26
Dog	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	5-6
Grass	6-2	7-1	6-3	4-6	5-4	4-6	4-5	36-27
Artificial	2-2	4-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	13-5
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	4-4	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	33-23
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	2-1	16-9
Off SU Win	4-4	10-1	6-4	6-4	5-4	1-5	3-5	35-27
Off SU Loss	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	4-1	1-1	9-3

Coach: JIM TRESSEL (Career 135-57-2)
Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

1st Year at Ohio State	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Citrus	-5	Tennessee	14-20	L
96	Rose	-2	Arizona St	20-17	W
97	Sugar	+6'	Florida St	14-31	L
98	Sugar	-12'	Texas A&M	24-14	L
00	Outback	-6'	S Carolina	7-24	L

OHIO ST (8-4) CONFERENCE: BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6* Returning: 43 (21,20,2)
 DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 25 (15,9,1)

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OHIO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF YPP	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6
5	23.8	18	167	4.2	181	46.7	14.6	-8	1999	7	23.9	19	160	3.7	203	59.7	15.1
8	35.8	24	200	4.7	298	58.9	13.9	+5	1998	9	12.0	14	70	2.2	190	48.3	21.7
5*	30.3	21	164	3.8	242	59.7	13.4	0	1997	3	13.1	15	119	3.2	158	46.3	21.2
6	37.9	22	228	4.8	212	53.8	11.6	+15	1996	10	10.9	14	96	2.6	150	46.2	22.5
7*	37.6	23	210	4.8	269	61.9	13.1	+8	1995	6	16.9	17	145	3.8	184	51.7	19.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
Fresno St	22	50-223	4.5	11-20	166	4	22	27-87	3.2	31-51	285	1	+5
at Arizona	12	40-101	2.5	12-20	240	2	11	39-57	1.5	11-23	137	8	-2
Miami (Oh)	26	56-273	4.9	13-30	194	4	19	22-132	6.0	21-48	236	0	+3
Penn St	19	47-158	3.4	13-22	239	1	15	38-93	2.4	11-23	126	4	+2
at Wisconsin	15	44-249	5.7	8-13	143	1	20	43-109	2.5	19-35	209	11	0
Minnesota	13	35-70	2.0	11-28	130	4	22	48-138	2.9	16-28	243	2	+1
at Iowa	19	33-108	3.3	20-36	338	2	19	39-13	0.3	22-42	233	8	+2
at Purdue	12	31-70	2.3	17-29	208	4	25	28-31	1.1	39-65	455	2	+2
Michigan St	17	50-157	3.1	9-21	132	2	18	39-108	2.8	14-24	103	8	+1
at Illinois	29	57-223	3.9	23-38	251	1	15	30-152	5.1	16-30	181	1	-2
Michigan	22	34-149	4.4	21-48	251	2	16	43-88	2.0	14-25	303	1	-2
S Carolina (Bowl)	16	33-85	2.6	16-28	173	4	18	51-218	4.3	9-19	175	1	-2
TOTALS	222	510-1866	3.7	174-333	2465	31	220	447-1226	2.7	223-413	2680	47	+8
AVERAGES	18.5	43-156	3.7	15-28	205	2.6	18.3	37-102	2.7	19-34	223	3.9	0.7

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-28	70-7	W	Wyoming	-30	24-10	L	at W Virginia	-11	34-17	W	† Miami (Fla)	-5'	12-23	L	Fresno St	-18'	43-10	W
Pittsburgh	-36'	72-0	W	Bowling Green	-39	44-13	L	Toledo	-37	49-0	W	UCLA	-11	42-20	W	at Arizona	-5'	27-17	W
at Notre Dame	-3	29-16	W	Arizona	-17	28-20	L	Missouri	-24'	35-14	L	Ohio U	-43	40-16	L	at Michigan St	-23	27-16	L
Penn St	-9'	38-7	W	at Missouri	-15	31-10	W	Penn St	-15	28-9	W	Cincinnati	-33	34-20	L	Penn St	-12	45-6	W
Wisconsin	-26'	17-14	L	Iowa	-3'	23-7	W	at Illinois	-36'	41-0	W	Wisconsin	-7	17-42	L	at Wisconsin	-1'	23-7	W
at Purdue	-26	42-14	W	at Penn St	+6'	27-31	W	Minnesota	-38	45-15	L	Purdue	-2'	25-22	W	at Minnesota	-13	17-29	L
at Iowa	-14'	38-26	L	Indiana	-34	31-0	L	at Northwestern	-29	36-10	L	at Penn St	+11	10-23	L	at Iowa	-19	38-10	W
Minnesota	-35'	45-0	W	Northwestern	-21'	49-6	W	at Indiana	-24	38-7	W	at Minnesota	+3'	20-17	W	at Purdue	+1'	27-31	L
at Illinois	-29	48-0	W	at Michigan St	-6	37-13	W	Michigan St	-27'	24-28	L	Iowa	-22'	41-11	W	Michigan St	-14'	27-13	L
at Indiana	-35	27-17	L	at Minnesota	-23	31-3	W	at Iowa	-25	45-14	W	at Michigan St	+5'	7-23	L	at Illinois	-7'	24-21	L
Michigan	-17	9-13	L	Illinois	-39'	41-6	L	Michigan	-10	31-16	W	Illinois	-10'	20-46	L	Michigan	-2'	26-38	L
				at Michigan	+3'	14-20	L					at Michigan	+11	17-24	W				

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS



CB Ashante Woodyard and the rest of the defense look to torch the competition this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Boilermakers suffer a big loss as Drew Brees heads off to the NFL (#2 DC of SD). In his final year he threw for 3,668 yards (60.4%) with a 26-12 ratio. He leaves as the Big 10 career leader in pass attempts, completions, yards, TD's and total offense. He's #4 in the NCAA in career total offense. Brees leads all of the QB's in NCAA history who have 10,000 yards passing or more in rushing with 939 yards. It's not all gloom and doom here, however, as it does not matter who the QB is in Joe Tiller's offense, they are going to put up big numbers. In Tiller's first year here he took Billy Dicken, a little used backup QB and got him to throw for 3,136 yards (55%) with a 21-16 ratio. In Brees' first season he threw for 3,983 yards (63.4%) with a 39-20 ratio. I'm going to go out on a limb here and forecast greatness for Brandon Hance (PS#14). Hance graduated HS early and spent last spring learning Tiller's system and had a big spring game. He was backup QB all year but still maintained his redshirt. If he remains healthy and sticks around for his senior season, odds are he will break all of Brees' records. He is even more mobile than Brees with 4.7 speed and he rushed for over 500 yards and 19 TD's as a senior in HS. My only question is will he be able to throw on the run as well as Brees did? In Brees' first year he was the only scholarship QB on campus in the spring and got almost every snap. That is the case for Hance this year. In the fall Kyle Orton (PS#11) comes on board and will challenge for the top spot. Naturally going from a 3 year starting record setting QB to an untested rFr means the position will be weaker, but I look for Hance (or Orton) to put up big numbers this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Purdue is known for its pass offense but Tiller has proven that they can have an effective running game. In his first year here in 1997 they were 5th in the Big 10 in rushing with 174 ypg and the group averaged 5.2 ypc. They suffered losses to graduation in 1998 and had injuries in 1999 but last year rushed for 151.8 ypg with a 4.1 ypc. Montrell Lowe started 6 of the last 7 in 1999 and ended up leading the team in rushing with 841 yards (4.9). Steve Ennis (6-0 218 Jr, PS#262) began the year as the starter but Lowe took over and led the team in rushing again with 998 yards (4.4). Ennis had 8 TD's rushing but was suspended for the bowl and his return for the fall is very much in doubt. Sedrick Brown (6-1 246 Sr) was the team's 3rd leading rusher with 260 yards (5.9). He was PS#77 in 1998 and rushed for 130 yards with 1 start in 1999. Joey Harris (5-11 200) was PS#31 in 2000 and could emerge as this year's top back. He ran the 200 meters in 20.21 in HS but did not qualify last year and could play right away if he gains eligibility. Brandon Robinson (5-10 202 So) was PS#137 and is also in the mix. Tiller is also high on this year's top signees

Reggie Benton (PS#26, orig signed w/Michigan) and Brandon Jones (PS#36). He is excited that Harris, Benton and Jones could add much needed speed to the unit. With everyone back, lots of added talent plus a brand-new QB, I will look for the numbers to be even stronger this year.

RECEIVERS - Last year Purdue had to replace their top 2 receivers who combined for 173 rec's. This year they lose their fastest WR in Vinny Sutherland (#5 DC of ATL) who led the team with 72 rec's (14.1). They also must replace Donald Winston, their #6 rec who had 20 rec's (9.0) and Keith Dawson (5 rec). True frosh John Standeford had more rec's than any other true frosh receiver in the NCAA last season. Tim Stratton won the John Mackey Award as the Top TE in the country and returns for his senior season. I list the rest of the talented two deep below and Tiller is very high on rFr Taylor Stubblefield (would have played as true if not injured) and true frosh Kevin Noel (PS#25). This group actually has more experience than last year and looks even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Boilermakers had 3 seniors last year who had been together as full-time starters for 3 full years. They were a very athletic and quick line and they also got bigger and stronger each season. After allowing just 15 sacks in 1999, they improved to just 10 last year and also paved the way for a 4.1 ypc rushing. Part of that super sack number could be attributed to Brees' quick release, but clearly, this was a quality line with 4 starters returning last year. They moved G Chucky Okobi to C because that position is the most important as it calls the offensive signals. They make a similar move this year taking G Gene Mruczkowski and moving him to the C spot. Unfortunately for Purdue, the losses are heavy this year. Gone are Okobi (12 sts, 4 yr str, #5DC of PIT), RG Ian Allen (9 sts), RT Brandon Gorin (12 sts, 3 yr str, #7DC of SD) and LT Matt Light (12 sts, 3 yr str, 1st TM B10, #2DC of NE) and 1 backup. They move TE Pete Lougheed into the LT spot and including his 3 starts at TE, return 3 players with starting experience. Tiller should form another capable unit but clearly this group is a lot less experienced than last year's line which was among the best in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Boilers allowed 3.5 ypc rushing in 1998 and 3.6 in 1999. Last year they only had to replace one starter but surprisingly allowed 4.0 ypc while the defense as a whole recorded 33 sacks. Tiller likes to use quick guys up front and DE Akin Ayodele already has 20 sacks, placing him 3rd on the Purdue sack list after just 2 years. Starting DE Brian Dinkins lost his job after 3 starts and had just 19 tackles and 4 tfl and he departs. Also gone are DT Brent Botts (4 sts, 14 tkl), DE Ike Moore (2 sts, 17 tkl) and DT Rocco Foggio (5 tkl). All 4 players that started the final 8 games last year return plus Tiller has some talented frosh and rFr to add to the mix as well. Also joining the unit is former LB Tim Olmstead who was PS#12LB and missed last year with a broken foot. Naturally with practically everyone back this unit will be much tougher.

LINEBACKERS - The Boilers had to replace 2 starters last year and lost one of my projected starters, Tim Olmstead, to injury prior to the season. This youthful LB corps was part of the reason the defense allowed 4.0 ypc rushing. The good news this year is that everyone is back from the 2 deep and Tiller is excited about some of this year's true frosh signees as he bagged 5 HT's including VHT Brent Grover (PS#10). All 3 starters last year were underclassmen including 2 frosh. Gilbert Gardner was a highly regarded WR coming out of HS and increased his weight from 203 to his current 220 and should be more effective in his 2nd year at LB. Also Jason Loerzel, who was his best LB in '99, tore his ACL and missed the bowl game that year and was not fully recovered last year but could reclaim his starting spot this season. This is a very experienced LB group and naturally should be much stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Purdue finished #69 in my pass D rankings in 1999 having to replace 3 starters. Last year they once again lost 4 players who combined for 33 starts and dropped even more, down to #102 while allowing 61% with a 14-10 ratio. Finally Tiller has an experienced secondary to work with. The only losses this year are CB Chris CLOPTON (12 sts, 41 tkl, 4 pbu) and backup FS Tom Vaughan (8 tkl). Tiller is high on Antwan Rogers who is CLOPTON's replacement and says he could be the best cover CB on the team. He is a VHT that has 4.3 speed, good size and got stronger in his redshirt season. Stuart Schweigert makes my 1st Team Big 10 List. He is another VHT (PS#16WR) that simply led the team in tackles as a true frosh and had 10 pbu! I list the talented and experienced 2 deep below. I really like the CB combo of Woodyard and Rogers as they both stand at 6-2 yet have sub-4.4 speed. I look for a huge improvement in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to Tiller's arrival this unit traditionally finished in the bottom third of my special teams rankings. After a #69 finish in Tiller's first year they moved up to #26 in 1998 and had everyone back for 1999 but

PURDUE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Montrell Lowe	226	1033	35	998	6	4.4					
Drew Brees	95	601	80	521	5	5.5					
Sedrick Brown	44	268	8	260	1	5.9					
Steve Ennis	38	96	14	82	8	2.2					
Vinny Sutherland	10	59	7	52	1	5.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Drew Brees	512	309	60.4	3668	26	12					
Brandon Hance	9	5	55.6	40	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Vinny Sutherland	72	1014	14.1	13	68						
John Standeford	67	744	11.1	6	43						
Tim Stratton	58	605	10.4	2	29						
Seth Morales	35	556	15.9	2	78						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Scott Kurz	30	1091	36.4	-	Tm(32.5)	0	15				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Travis Dorsch	4-5	4-6	4-6	0-0	12-17	45					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
S. Schweigert	85	0	1	10	5	Matt Mitrone	47	1	12	2	0
L. Johnson	71	2	4	5	0	G. Gardner	47	1	3	2	0
Akin Ayodele	66	9	6	6	2	Chris CLOPTON	41	1	3	4	0
Ralph Turner	65	4	6	5	1	Jason Loerzel	26	0	3	0	0
A Woodyard	65	0	3	7	0	Craig Terrill	23	6	1	2	0
Joe Odum	53	2	3	1	1	Brady Doe	21	1	0	4	1
Shaun Phillips	51	7	7	6	0	Brian Dinkins	19	3	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
V. Sutherland	16	159	9.9	0	V. Sutherland	22	535	24.3	0		

surprisingly slipped to #40 overall. Last year with almost everyone back again, they shockingly dropped to #71 and special teams cost them games vs ND and Penn St. PR Vinny Sutherland averaged 16.4 in 1999 but saw his average drop to 9.9 last year. Sutherland and CLOPTON each averaged a solid 24.3 on KR's last year but both depared. Their net punting of 32.5 was a sore spot with Scott Kurz doing well as a pooch punter with 15 punts inside the 20 on his 30 punts (36.4 avg) and Travis Dorsch (PS#5), the long punter, averaging a lofty 50.2. Dorsch is back to handle FG's for a fourth year and hit 12 of 17 last year with a long of 45. Purdue blocked 4 kicks last year (2 FG's, 1 xp and 1 punt) and a blocked FG was returned for a TD. Tiller says that last year's special teams unit was so young they did not practice much in the spring as many players joined in the fall, but this year he put more emphasis on it in the spring. Despite the losses this season, they could move up in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year was a breakthrough year for Purdue. They had flirted with the Rose Bowl in previous years but could never break through the Penn St/Ohio St/Michigan triangle and stood 0-6 against those three major foes after losing to PSU last September. They broke through beating Michigan and Ohio St in tight games and got to their first Rose Bowl since 1966 behind the passing of QB Drew Brees. They beat a ranked opponent on the road for the first time under Tiller and have had 4 straight winning years for the first time since 1966 through 1969. They are an outstanding 21-3 SU at home under Tiller. Tiller's spread passing offense had struggled in the redzone his first 3 years and they lost a lot of games despite having massive FD advantages. He put a lot of emphasis on redzone scoring last spring and in 50 trips last year they scored 36 TD's. A lot of the improvement last year was not only due to Brees but also the defense which recorded its first shutout since 1981. Tiller likes speed on defense so the DE's are like big LB's and they played a lot of undersized frosh in 2000. DC Brock Spack called them the "Greenfense" as they had 9 frosh in the two deep. They lose just one starter from that group but are still rather young with only 3 seniors projected in the starting lineup. Their 33 sacks last year almost set a school record (38 in 1989) and they should break that mark this season. This will be Tiller's best defense yet. Offensively I think Brandon Hance will do just fine at the controls of the offense but keep in mind they must also replace four O-line starters so he will not have as much time to throw as Brees did and he also lacks the experience. This team has averaged over 30 ppg under Tiller no matter who has been at the QB spot and will be potent once again. Tiller says this year they have a very small senior class and a much younger team as the offense has just two senior starters. Joe Tiller has done a great job here as Purdue had won only 23 games in the 7 years prior to his arrival but in just 4 years he's already racked up 33 wins. Purdue is a dangerous team once again this year. Since I do not expect any Big 10 team to go through the season undefeated, I think Purdue is a legitimate contender for Big 10 honors once again, despite a schedule that has them playing both Michigan and Ohio St on the road.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Brandon Hance rFr. 6-1 190 PS#14. In for spring in 2000. 2nd string but still reds. 4.7 speed. 90% of snaps this spring. Kyle Orton is PS#11. Mike Rhinehart is PS#54.

RB MONTRELL LOWE JR. 5-8 192 PS#78. Started 6 of L7 in '99. #1 w/841 yds (4.9). 7 sts ly, 998 yds (4.4), 2 rec (8.0). Sedrick Brown (6-1 246 Jr) PS#77, 390 yds (4.4) 2 yrs.

WR SETH MORALES JR. 5-10 170 32 rec (17.2) in '98 at Butler. 12 sts here ly, 35 rec (15.9). Gary Haggans (6-3 197 rFr) PS#25, 1 play & redshirted. Kevin Noel is PS#25.

WR JOHN STANDEFORD SO. 6-4 187 PS#78. 2 sts as rFr, #2 w/67 rec (11.1), 6 TD's.

Taylor Stubblefield (6-1 166 rFr) PS#51, 4.5 speed. Chris James (5-10 184 Jr) 18 rec, 2 yrs.

WR A.T. SIMPSON SR. 6-4 232 PS#6. 13 rec (10.3) as true. 11 rec (7.0) in '99.

#5 ly, 25 rec (11.0), 3 sts. Andre Henderson (6-3 197 So) PS#52, 7 rec as true, 4.5 speed.

TE TIM STRATTON SR. 6-4 258 PS#31. 4 sts as rFr, 38 rec (10.0), 7 sts in '99, 49 rec (12.1), 9 sts ly, John Mackey Award, 58 rec (10.4). Chris Randolph (6-4 249 Sr) 11 sts, 30 Y.

C GENE MRUCZKOWSKI JR. 6-2 310 PS#11. 12 sts as rFr in '99. 12 sts at G in 2000, HM Big 10. Moves to C. Nick Pilipauskis (6-2 264 So) 3 games last year. Matt Knollman is PS#97.

RG Rob Turner Jr. 6-4 304 PS#61DL. 11 games in '99, 2nd string & lettered. 12 games last year, 3 sts. Max Miller (6-3 279 Jr) PS#80LB in '98, 3 games, 2 years.

LG Kelly Kitchel Jr. 6-6 306 PS#33OL. 4 games as 2nd string as rFr. 11 games as 2nd string ly. Sean Rulfo (6-2 280 Sr) PS#257DL. 2nd string 3 yrs, 14 games.

RT Kelly Butler rFr. 6-8 297 PS#119OL. 2 games as true but reds. David Owen (6-6 275 rFr) PS#260DL. DL on scout team ly, added 15 lbs. Jason Eisele (6-5 271 rFr).

LT Peter Lougheed Jr. 6-5 279 PS#29TE in '98. 1 start in '99. 3 starts last year, 4 rec (14.0) solid blocker, 12 games. Tyler Moore (6-7 273 rFr) PS#350, added 34 pounds.

K TRAVIS DORSCH SR. 6-6 211 PS#5. Hit 16 of 22 FG's as true, long of 47. 18 of 31 FG's in '99, long of 47. Hit 12 of 17 FG's in 2000, long of 45. Hit 4 of 6 from 40+, HM B10.

DE SHAUN PHILLIPS SO. 6-3 252 PS#77TE. 12 sts as rFr, 51 tkl, 7 sks, 7 tfl, 6 pbu, HM B10. Tim Olmstead (6-2 252 So) PS#12LB, inj ly. Kevin Nesfield was Scout tm Del POY ly.

DT CRAIG TERRILL SO. 6-3 289 PS#39. 8 sts as rFr, 23 tkl, 6 sks, 1 tfl, 2 pbu.

LB LUKE BURROUGHS (6-4 261 So) was PS#106TE in 2000. Daniel Giles (6-1 260 So) is PS#88LB.

DT MATT MITTRONE SR. 6-3 281 PS#254. 11 sts as rFr, 8 tkl, 12 sts in '99, 39 tkl, 15 tfl, 12 sts ly, 2nd TM Big 10, 13 tfl, 4 tkl. Daemone Grier (6-1 307 So) is PS#157DL.

DE AKIN AYODELE SR. 6-3 253 PS#83JC. 12 sts here in '99, 64 tkl, 11 sks, 8 tfl, 12 sts ly, 66 tkl, 9 sks, 6 tfl, 2nd TM B10. Vedran Dzolovic (6-3 245 So) PS#265, 5 tkl, 1 sk ly.

OLB GILBERT GARDNER SO. 6-2 220 PS#199WR. 11 sts as true, 47 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 pbu.

Brent Grover is PS#10LB. Niko Koutouvidis (6-3 228 So) PS#275, 11 tkl, 1 tfl as a true.

MLB JOE ODUM JR. 6-2 243 PS#201. 3 sts as rFr, 41 tkl, 7 tfl, 8 sts ly, 53 tkl, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 3 pbu. Added 20 lbs. Alex Tene (5-10 216 Jr) 9 tkl, 2 yrs. Patrick Schaub, 6 tkl as true.

OLB LANDON JOHNSON SO. 6-2 212 PS#142. 10 sts as rFr, #2 w/71 tkl, 6 tfl, HM Big 10.

Jason Loerzel (6-3 217 Sr) 6 sts in '98. 11 sts, 71 tkl, 7 tfl in 1999. Not 100% last year.

CB ASHANTE WOODYARD JR. 6-2 201 PS#159JUCO. 4.3 speed. 4 tkl in '99 but RS.

12 sts ly, #4 w/65 tkl, 3 tfl, 7 pbu. Jacques Reeves (6-1 180 So) was PS#148, 11 tkl as true.

CB ANTWAN ROGERS rFr. 6-2 166 PS#31 in 2000. Added 14 lbs and Tiller says he may be best cover CB here. Deaunte Ferrell (5-11 190 So) PS#81RB, 5 tkl, 2 pbu as a true.

SS RALPH TURNER JR. 6-2 210 PS#126QB. Last 7 starts as rFr, 11 tkl, 10 sts ly, #4 w/65 tkl, 10 tfl, 5 pbu. Ben Smith (6-3 210 Sr) PS#91QB, 2 starts, 25 tkl, 2 pbu, 2 years.

FS STUART SCHWEIGERT SO. 6-3 202 PS#16WR. Started last 9 as true, #1 w/85 tkl, 5 int, 10 pbu. Big 10 Frosh of the Year. Brady Doe (6-0 194 Sr) 5 sts ly, 21 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu.

P SCOTT KURZ SR. 6-1 195 30 punts in 2000, 36.4 average & 15 inside the 20! Travis Dorsch 13 punts in 2000, 50.2 avg. Aaron Levin (5-11 207 rFr) was PS#49K in 99.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB Brent Grover 6-4 230 PS#10
QB Kyle Orton 6-3 205 PS#11
WR Kevin Noel 6-3 185 PS#25
RB Brandon Jones 5-11 215 PS#36
RB David Williams 5-10 185 PS#49
DB James Evans 6-1 202 PS#53
DB Charles Davis 6-6 265 PS#22
QB Mike Rhinehart 6-5 235 PS#54
DL Matt Turner 6-3 260 PS#85
TE Brian Wang 6-7 260 PS#98
DL Ryan Davis 6-4 245 PS#36
OL Matt Knollman 6-4 250 PS#97
LB Brent Hawkins 6-2 210 PS#69
LB LaDrellie Bryant 6-2 215 PS#71
LB Brandon Villarreal 6-2 260 PS#72

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Boilermakers are 21-3 SU & 15-8-1 ATS at home under Tiller. Although it has happened two years in a row, Purdue has been ranked higher than Notre Dame at game time only 5 times. Purdue is 4-11 ATS in lined games prior to Notre Dame. The "Basketball on Grass" group is 0-4 ATS L/4 vs Penn St. Purdue is 7-3 ATS vs Wisconsin.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PUR Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 2	at Cincinnati (Sun)	A												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 15	Notre Dame	G												
Sep. 22	Akron	G												
Sep. 29	at Minnesota	A												
Oct. 6	Iowa	G												
Oct. 13	at Michigan	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Northwestern (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	Illinois	G												
Nov. 10	at Ohio St	G												
Nov. 17	Michigan St	G												
Nov. 24	at Indiana	G												

Boilermakers are 11-6 ATS L/17 as away chalk but were 2-3 LY. Purdue is 3-10 ATS in their first lined away game.
Bonus: Purdue is 12-6-1 ATS the L7Y on artificial turf.
NOTE: The UConn was moved to Sunday so it will be televised nationally on ESPN.
Purdue has covered 6 of the last 8 meetings vs the Irish. Boilers are 8-3 ATS in their L/11 home openers, 3-0 ATS when ND is the foe.
Possibly pending the ND result, Purdue is 13-6-1 ATS L/20 as a home fav. Boilermakers are 10-4 ATS at home vs non Big 10 teams.
Despite "only" getting 62 pts LY, avg scoring in this series is 79.6 ppg L/8Y. Boilers are 7-2-1 ATS vs the Golden Gophers.
Purdue is 3-8 ATS their last 11 games vs Iowa. Boilermakers are 11-6 ATS in October since 1997.
Could apply here: Purdue is 10-4 ATS as a DD away dog. Boilers eeked out a 1 pt win LY but Purdue is just 2-10 SU vs UM.

The visitor is 8-1 ATS in this series since 1990. Drew Brees' alma mater is 5-1 ATS in their L/6 Homecoming games.
The visitor is 4-1-1 ATS the L/6 series meetings. Lookahead has not been a problem as Purdue is 4-1 ATS before Ohio St.
OSU has outscored Purdue 278-110 in the last 8 meetings and... Boilermakers are 1-7 SU and 2-5-1 ATS vs the Buckeyes.
Purdue is 3-12 ATS the week before playing Indiana. Boilers are 4-9-1 ATS their last 14 home finales.
The visitor is 9-3-1 ATS in this *Old Oaken Bucket* battle, but 0-3 L3Y. Purdue is 5-10 SU and 6-9 ATS in road finales since 1985.

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (67,332)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-5-2	4-6-1	3-8	8-3	8-4	7-4	8-3	42-33-3
ATS	6-5	7-3-1	5-6	6-4-1	7-5	5-6	6-5	42-34-2
Home Fav	3-2	1-1	1-2	2-1-1	5-1	2-2	4-2	18-11-1
Home Dog	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	6-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-3	9-6
Away Dog	3-2	2-1-1	3-2	0-1	1-3	0-2	0-0	9-11-1
Favorite	3-2	2-1	1-2	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	6-5	27-17-1
Dog	3-3	5-2-1	4-4	1-2	1-3	1-3	0-0	15-17-1
Grass	4-4	5-3	3-5	3-3-1	6-3	4-6	5-4	30-28-1
Artificial	2-1	2-0-1	2-1	3-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	12-6-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-3-1	4-4	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	14-8
Off SU Win	4-0	2-0-1	2-1	4-3	5-2	2-4	3-4	22-14-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	3-3	3-4	2-0-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	15-15-1

Coch: JOE TILLER (Career 72-46-1)
Tiller's records AT PURDUE

5th Year at Purdue	13-6-1	Home Favorite
33-16 Straight Up	2-2	Home Underdog
24-20-1 Vs The Spread	8-6	Away Favorite
8-5-1 Off A S/U Loss	1-6	Away Underdog
17-14-1 Vs Conference	7-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Peach	+2'	Virginia	24-27	L
97	Alamo	-4'	Oklahoma St	33-20	W
98	Alamo	+13'	Kansas St	37-34	W
99	Outback	-5'	Georgia	25-28	L
00	Rose	-1'	Washington	24-34	L

PURDUE (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
BIG 10



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 36 (13,20,3)
Lost: 19 (10,9,0)

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197
8*	32.0	25	130	4.1	332	60.2	14.4	+1	1999	4	25.4	19	139	3.6	227
4	34.2	24	116	3.8	324	63.5	12.9	+5	1998	8	21.2	19	145	3.5	194
7	33.0	21	174	5.2	269	53.8	13.4	+14	1997	3	22.3	22	178	4.1	223
6*	17.6	20	144	3.4	222	53.0	20.8	-5	1996	8	29.5	19	160	4.1	204
8*	25.6	20	232	4.9	171	56.2	15.5	-3	1995	8	24.5	20	172	4.5	225

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
C Michigan	25	40-145	3.6	26-45	336	1	13	38-65	1.7	16-28	150	1	+3
Kent St	32	37-168	4.5	36-54	437	0	17	33-129	3.9	20-30	190	1	-2
at Notre Dame	20	43-177	4.1	13-24	221	3	14	34-78	2.3	14-25	158	2	-1
Minnesota	33	39-122	3.1	33-50	409	1	16	28-55	2.0	22-39	214	2	-1
at Penn St	22	41-118	2.9	24-51	286	1	17	44-221	5.0	11-25	109	5	+1
Michigan	32	43-244	5.7	32-45	286	0	19	29-174	6.0	26-35	256	0	0
at Northwestern	25	47-222	4.7	22-40	239	1	19	37-83	2.2	24-36	369	7	+1
at Wisconsin	19	26-145	5.6	21-43	274	0	24	42-158	3.8	21-29	243	7	+1
Ohio St	25	28-31	1.1	39-65	455	2	12	31-70	2.3	17-29	208	4	-2
at Michigan St	19	21-79	3.8	26-43	279	0	27	51-292	5.7	12-23	195	2	-2
Indiana	32	50-294	5.9	20-29	216	0	19	36-205	5.7	13-28	123	0	+2
Washington (Bowl)	19	28-76	2.7	23-39	275	2	23	52-268	5.2	18-24	149	2	0
TOTALS	303	443-1821	4.1	315-528	3713	11	220	455-1798	4.0	214-351	2364	33	0
AVERAGES	25.3	37-152	4.1	26-44	309	0.9	18.3	38-150	4.0	18-29	197	2.8	0.0

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+2	14-52	L
at Notre Dame	+21	0-35	L
W Virginia	+6	6-20	L
N Carolina St	-4	42-21	W
Minnesota	-3	30-27	L
at Penn St	+21	14-31	W
Ohio St	+26	14-42	L
at Wisconsin	+10	25-33	W
Michigan	+14	9-3	W
at Northwestern	+10	24-27	W
Indiana	-7	16-33	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-9	22-36	L
Notre Dame	+19	28-17	W
Ball St	-16	28-14	L
Northwestern	-3	21-9	W
at Minnesota	-6	59-43	W
Wisconsin	-2	45-20	W
at Illinois	-10	48-3	W
at Iowa	+10	17-35	L
Michigan St	-1	22-21	T
Penn St	+6	17-42	L
at Indiana	-14	56-7	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	+7	17-27	L
Rice	-13	21-19	L
UCF	-4	35-7	W
at Notre Dame	+7	30-31	W
Minnesota	-9	56-21	W
at Wisconsin	+6	24-31	L
at Penn St	+8	13-31	L
Illinois	-24	42-9	W
Iowa	-14	36-14	W
at Northwestern	-13	56-21	W
at Michigan St	-2	25-24	L
Indiana	-16	52-7	W

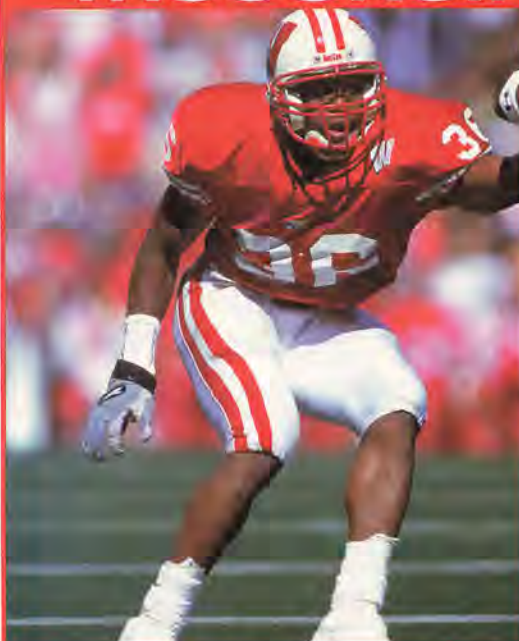
1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCF	-17	47-13	W
Notre Dame	-4	28-23	W
C Michigan	-37	58-16	W
Northwestern	-28	31-23	L
at Michigan	+6	12-38	L
at Ohio St	+2	22-25	L
Michigan St	+2	52-28	W
Penn St	+4	25-31	L
at Minnesota	-3	33-28	W
Wisconsin	-1	21-28	L
at Indiana	-13	30-24	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-38	48-0	W
Kent St	-43	45-10	L
at Notre Dame	-6	21-23	L
Minnesota	-13	38-24	W
at Penn St	-13	20-22	L
Michigan	-2	32-31	L
at Northwestern	-3	41-28	W
at Wisconsin	-5	30-24	W
Ohio St	-1	31-27	W
at Michigan St	-8	10-30	L
Indiana	-16	41-13	W

WISCONSIN BADGERS



CB Mike Echols looks to echo last year's performance when he had a Big 10 leading 25 pbu.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Brooks Bollinger (PS#36) was the Scout Team Offensive POY in 1998 and took over the starting job for the last 8 games in 1999. He guided the team to the Rose Bowl victory (Bowl MVP), throwing for 1,133 yards (59%) with an 8-2 ratio while also rushing for 573 yards. He was #2 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency that season. Last year the Badgers had a ton of suspensions and injuries on both the O-line and receiving corps and Bollinger struggled early, completing just 48% for 708 yards with a 4-4 ratio in the first 8 games. Bollinger was hurt and backup QB Jim Sorgi led the team to comeback wins vs Mich St and Indiana and hit 21 of 29 for 243 yards vs Purdue. Sorgi would have finished 1st in the Big 10 in pass efficiency and 2nd nationally (if he had played enough games) completing 67% with a 6-2 ratio. He also hit 13 of 15 for 198 yards in this year's spring game. Over the final 5 games of 2000, Bollinger hit 59% for 771 yards and a 6-3 ratio, benefitting from a healthier team, and is 17-3 SU as a starter. Both have 4.8 speed although Bollinger is more of an option runner (2nd leading career QB rusher here) while Sorgi is the better pure passer, giving opponents two solid QB's to prepare for. Matt Schabert (6-2 193 rFr) PS#34 and Scott Wille (6-3 205 So) PS#43 add talent to the mix along with a pair of true frosh including a VHT in Owen Daniels. This unit is deeper than it was heading into last season and I look for improved numbers especially with Alvarez introducing the spread pass offense in the spring and they will use it at times this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Badgers had the large shoes of Ron Dayne (the NCAA's career record holder for rush yards) to fill and had very little experience returning. They switched the style of their feature back, going from the "big" 252 lbs back (Dayne still had 4.5 speed) to Michael Bennett (5-10 204). He was #1 in the Big 10 in the 60 and 200 meters with blazing speed but turned down a shot at the Olympics. Bennett had some phenomenal games rushing for 290, 293, 188 and 218 yards in 4 different games and despite missing 2 full games (Cincy and Minny) he was the Big 10's #2 rusher with 1,681 yards and a nifty 5.4 ypc. He was the #1 DC of MIN. Bennett became the 5th player to rush for 1,000+ yards in a single season under Alvarez and last season was the 8th straight year the Badgers recorded a 1,000 yard season from a back, a Big 10 record. Last year I expected Tyron Griffin to win the job as a true frosh, but with the emergence of Bennett, he was redshirted to get extra seasoning. Griffin is bigger than Bennett (231 lbs) but still has 4.4 speed. He reported to camp last August at 255 lbs but has dropped 24. Broderick Williams (6-0 207 So) was

PS#195 and is also a sprinter on the track team but had just 26 yards rushing. He was injured in the spring and will likely miss the year. Jerone Pettus (5-9 176 rFr) was PS#92 and was the Scout Team Offensive MVP last year. Anthony Davis (5-8 185 rFr) was PS#85. I list the potential FB's below and Chad Kuhns, their starter, returns. Those departing besides Bennett are Eddie Faulkner (244 yds, 4.2) and Matt Unertl (142 yds, 4.1). I project Griffin to become the 6th Badger back to top 1,000 yards under Alvarez, pushing the UW streak to 9 consecutive years, but it will be tough to match Bennett's production of 2000. **RECEIVERS** - Last year the Badgers returned all 3 starters but due to suspensions and injuries Chris Chambers and Nick Davis, the top 2 returning receivers, each played in just 9 games, both missing 4. Chambers was one of the top WR's in college ball and was the #2 DC of MIA. Despite missing 4 weeks he hauled in a total of 22 rec's vs Purdue and Iowa and finished with 52 grabs (15.6) to lead the team. The Badgers were 5-2 SU with him as a starter. They also used the TE position quite a bit last year with the top 3 TE's combining for 28 catches. Chambers departs as do TE's John Sigmund (11 rec, 8.9, 13 sts) and Dague Retzlaff (8 rec, 7.1). They appear well stocked at TE with 3 HT's listed below. Lee Evans started 11 games last year and was the team's #2 receiver with 33 rec's and a team high 19.2 ypc. Davis was suspended for the bowl but should return and had 21 rec's (11.7). I look for Travann Hayes (5-11 182 So) to make a big impact this season if he becomes eligible. He is a VHT (PS#13) and was a partial qualifier last year. He could easily steal one of the starting jobs. Byron Brown (6-0 184 So, PS#148) and Jamaal Wilson (6-3 186 So, PS#327) are both in the mix as are this year's top signees. While it will be tough to replace a player the caliber of Chambers, this unit should be more stable than the 2000 version and the two new VHT's give them the potential to be even better.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Alvarez does a great job of assembling big and talented offensive lines and Wisky, as mentioned earlier, has had a 1,000 yard rusher for eight consecutive years. Back in 1997 Alvarez started 3 frosh in the opening day lineup and those 3 combined for 139 starts in their careers but all depart in C Casey Rabach (3rd Tm AA, 13 sts, #3DC of BAL), G Bill Ferrario (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, #4DC of GB) and OT Dave Costa (5 sts until a broken leg). RT Brian Lamont (11 sts) decided to retire due to injuries. Also gone are backups Josh Jakubowski (2 sts) and Jeremy Dox (1 start). That young O-line of 1997 averaged 4.0 ypc rushing but increased to 4.3 and 5.2 over the next 2 years. Last year, in part due to suspensions, they averaged just 4.1 while allowing 43 sacks (four different OL combos in the first 5 games). In 1998 and 1999 the unit had just two different lineups. While the losses are massive, Alvarez has three VHT's that I project as starters returning and with his propensity for putting out solid O-lines, I look for that to continue this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers had one of the best DL's in the country last year as they returned all 4 starters and the 2 deep included 5 VHT's. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE John Favret (10 sts, 40 tkl, 3 sks), NT Eric Mahlik (13 sts, 42 tkl, 4 tfl) and DT Ross Kolodziej (13 sts, 34 tkl, 7 tfl, #7DC of NYG). The Badgers usually rotate 8 DL's so there is some experience returning and check out Alvarez's recruiting as all four projected starters are VHT's! Wisky never records a lot of sacks and even last year the talented D-line had just 27 while allowing 4.3 ypc. I like the talent in the unit below but clearly it is thinner than it was last season and will go through a rebuilding year.

LINEBACKERS - The Badgers had to replace their #1 and #3 tacklers last year but always field a fine unit as a LB has been the team's leading tackler in 18 of the last 19 seasons. Last year Nick Greisen became the first Badger in five years to lead the Big 10 in tackles (146) while also topping the team in tfl's (14) and tying for the team lead in sacks (6). They return another starter in Jeff Mack, who, last year, had the most tackles by a frosh LB during the Alvarez era (55). They must replace LB Roger Knight (13 sts, 93 tkl, 8 tfl, #6DC of PIT) and backup LB Ryan Marks (15 tkl). I list the projected 2 deep below and almost everyone in the unit is an HT. This group has more experience than it did last year and with the top guy back, should be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Badgers finished #4 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace a #4 DC but had 3 starters returning including their star, Jamar Fletcher. Fletcher did miss 3 games due to suspension but won the Thorpe Award as the top DB in the country and left early for the NFL (#1 DC of MIA). Also departing this year is sure tackling FS Jason Doering (10 sts, 97 tkl, 3 int, #6DC of IND) and SS Devory Hughes (3 sts, 19 tkl). They bring in a top-notch true frosh in Brett Bell (PS#10) who should play immediately. Overall 5 players in the 2 deep I list below have starting experience and the Badgers finished #12 last year in my pass defense rankings, allowing 50% with a 15-21 ratio. With the loss of a player like Fletcher, this unit will be weaker but not by as much as you would expect as I like their CB combo. Last year Echols led the Big 10 with 25 pbu while Tucker was 3rd in the Big 10 in the 100 meters and they add a VHT rFr at FS. Call this unit down a notch with the loss of their superstar.

WISCONSIN 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Michael Bennett	310	1761	80	1681	11	5.4					
Brooks Bollinger	157	717	258	459	6	2.9					
Eddie Faulkner	58	250	6	244	2	4.2					
Matt Unertl	35	148	6	142	2	4.1					
Chad Kuhns	16	53	0	53	0	3.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Brooks Bollinger	209	110	52.6	1479	10	7					
Jim Sorgi	69	46	66.7	615	6	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Chris Chambers	52	813	15.6	5	50						
Lee Evans	33	634	19.2	4	54						
Nick Davis	21	246	11.7	2	45						
John Sigmund	11	98	8.9	2	15						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Kevin Stemke	69	3070	44.5	-	42.9	0	22				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Vitaly Pisetsky	3-3	6-7	4-8	0-4	13-22	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Greisen	146	6	8	5	3	Ben Herbert	47	1	3	0	0
Jason Doering	97	0	1	6	3	Eric Mahlik	42	1	3	4	1
Roger Knight	93	4	4	2	0	John Favret	40	3	0	4	0
Mike Echols	75	1	0	25	5	B. Thompson	36	0	0	1	0
Joey Boese	58	0	4	8	0	J. Fletcher	34	0	0	21	7
Jeff Mack	55	0	0	0	0	R. Kolodziej	34	3	4	2	0
W. Bryant	48	6	5	2	0	C. Clark	29	0	0	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Nick Davis	15	82	5.5	0	Nick Davis	17	391	23.0	0		

SPECIAL TEAMS - Barry Alvarez normally does an excellent job here as he has had some amazing KO men through the years that have recorded a high percentage of TB's. Vitaly Pisetsky handled those duties for 4 years and last year the Badgers allowed just 18.1 per KR with lots of TB's. He also hit 13 of 22 FG's with a long of 49 with FOUR of his misses from 50+ so he will be tough to replace. Last year Alvarez signed Adam Espinoza who hit 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 51 in high school and put 80% of his KO's into the endzone. So while there will be a dropoff, they appear to be in good shape. One player who looks impossible to replace is P Kevin Stemke who was also here 4 years and last year won the Ray Guy Award as the top punter in the country. While he was just #3 in the country with a 44.5 average, Stemke's 42.89 net punting ranked first in the NCAA and set a Big Ten record. The Badgers' return game was mediocre last year which was surprising due to the presence of Nick Davis (missed 4 games due to susp) as they finished #6 in the Big 10 in KR's and also #6 in PR's. Davis averaged 25.6 per KR in 1999 and 12.6 per PR but those numbers dropped to 23.0 and 5.5 last season. With Davis' return I look for him to be perhaps the premier returnman in the country and the Badgers have notched 8 TD's with him primarily handling the returns the last 3 years. With the great kickers the last 4 years, the Badgers finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and last year were #5. Even with the loss of 2 kickers, this still looks like one of the premier units in the NCAA, but I'll call it a notch weaker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wisconsin used to be a perennial doormat in the Big 10. From 1985-1990 they averaged just one Big 10 victory per season. Barry Alvarez has changed the Badgers' fortunes dramatically. He has guided the team to 7 bowl games with six bowl wins, including 3 Rose Bowl titles. After finishing #4 in the country in 1999 and returning 16 starters last year, Badger fans expected a possible National Title and they were ranked in the Preseason Top 5. Unfortunately there were massive suspensions at the start of the year which got things off on the wrong foot and they stood just 3-3 after six games before rebounding to get to another bowl and win it. This is Alvarez's biggest rebuilding year since his arrival as he has the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the Big 10. They also lose 27 lettermen and have just 33 returning which means almost 1/2 of last year's lettermen were seniors and that is almost unheard of. Wisconsin also benefitted from +7 turnovers last year. The Badgers lead the Big 10 in total wins over the last 3 years and their 78,711 average attendance last year set a school record. They proved to be road warriors last season winning 4 of 5 on the road. Eight games were decided by 7 or less points last year including 3 that went into OT (1-2). The Badgers are always strong along both lines but this year must replace seven linemen (4 OL, 3 DL) that started a combined 275 games. I think Alvarez has advanced this program past the rebuilding stage and they should be in the reload mode this year. However, this team is a lot younger than last year's version and a bowl bid may hinge on the season finale at Minnesota, but the good news is that is almost like a home game as the crowd will likely be made up of at least half of the Badgers' great travelling fans.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL	Anttaj Hawthorne	6-3 310 PS#5
DB	Brett Bell	6-0 190 PS#10
QB	Owen Daniels	6-3 215 PS#18
WR	Darrin Charles	6-6 190 PS#26
WR	Jonathan Orr	6-3 175 PS#41
DB	Johnny Sylvain	5-10 170 PS#51
RB	Matt Bernstein	6-2 250 PS#79
WR	Donte Sanders	6-1 190 PS#78
DB	Robert Brooks	5-10 170 PS#91
DL	Jeff Lang	6-6 255 PS#93
DL	Jason Palermo	6-3 265 PS#101
DL	Lybie Maiava	6-2 300 PS#104
TE	Bob Docherty	6-6 260 PS#43
OL	Jake Wood	6-6 270 PS#101
OL	Mike Kleber	6-2 280 PS#105

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB BROOKS BOLLINGER JR. 6-2 204 PS#36. 8 sts as rFr, 1133 yds (59%), 8-2 ratio, 573 rush, 12 sts ly, 1479 yds (53%) 10-7 ratio, 717 rush. **Jim Sorgi** (6-5 178 So) PS#50, 615 (67%) 6-2 ratio, 6-0 231 PS#41. Big & 4.4 speed. HS career 5,470 rush yds, 105 TD's. **Anthony Davis** (5-8 185 rFr) PS#85. **Jerone Pettus** (5-9 176 rFr) PS#92. **Scout Tm MVP.**
RB TYRON GRIFFIN rFr. 6-0 231 PS#41. Big & 4.4 speed. HS career 5,470 rush yds, 105 TD's. **Anthony Davis** (5-8 185 rFr) PS#85. **Jerone Pettus** (5-9 176 rFr) PS#92. **Scout Tm MVP.**
FB CHAD KUHN'S SR. 6-1 230 32 total yds as rFr, 8 sts in 99, 52 yds, 11 rec (12.1). 7 sts ly, 53 yds (3.3), 8 rec (6.5). **Isaac Booker** (5-10 253 Jr) PS#131. **Eric Bickerstaff** (6-0 219 Jr).
WR LEE EVANS JR. 5-11 190 PS#73. 2 sts as true, 3 rec (25.3). 10 sts ly, #2 w/33 rec (19.2). **Darrin Charles** is PS#26. **Stephon Watson** (6-3 190 Jr) PS#51DB, moves to WR.
WR NICK DAVIS SR. 5-10 183 PS#89. 10 rec as true, 9 sts, 19 rec (18.2) in 99. 4 sts ly (susp) 21 rec (11.7). 1944 career ret yds. **Travann Hayes** (5-11 182 So) PS#131. Looks to gain elig.
TE MARK ANELLI SR. 6-5 255 PS#81. 2 sts as rFr, 3 rec (15.3), 6 sts ly, 10 rec (7.8). **Tony Paciotti** (6-4 245 rFr) PS#23. **Mark Bell** (6-4 244 rFr). **Rob Tucker** (6-4 237 So) PS#57.
C AL JOHNSON JR. 6-4 280 PS#16. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 11 starts in 2000, HM Big 10 as a soph. **Andy Ulrich** (6-2 285 rFr) was PS#404OL ly and redshirted.
RG KALVIN BARRETT rFr. 6-2 316 PS#40L & 16 punts this year. **Benches** 400 & squats 455, 5.2 spd. **Jonathan Clinkscales** (6-3 302 rFr) PS#125. **Donovan Raiola** (6-3 290) PS#104.
LG DAN BUENNING rFr. 6-4 299 PS#146OL. Was 2nd string all year in 2000 but still redshirted. **Joe Chose** (6-4 292 rFr). **Matt Lawrence** (6-5 270 rFr) is PS#110OL.
RT JASON JOWERS JR. 6-6 310 PS#92. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. Top backup at G/C ly & played all but 1 series vs MSU. **Mike Lorenz** (6-5 296 rFr) PS#51. **Fred Nieforth** PS#243.
LT BEN JOHNSON JR. 6-7 319 PS#100L in rFr. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. 9 sts ly "potential to be best OL ever here". **B.A. Morgan Davis** (6-5 294 rFr) orig signed in '99.
K Adam Espinoza rFr. 5-10 166 PS#14K. 11 of 14 FG's long of 51 as senior in HS. 80% of KO's into endzone in high school. **Mark Neuser** (5-9 164 So) had 1 xp in 1999.

DE DARIUS JONES SO. 6-3 268 PS#5LB backup LB as true. **Delante McGrew** (6-4 215 Sr) PS#87LB. 9 tkl, 10 gms, 2 tfl, 2 yrs. **Jonathan Welsh** (6-4 207 Jr) PS#229.
DT WENDELL BRYANT SR. 6-4 293 PS#17. 2 starts as true, 2 sks, 11 sts in '99, 48 tkl, 7 sks. 12 sts ly, **Co-DL of Yr in B10**, 48 tkl, 11 tfl. **Jesse Mayfield** (6-6 271 So) PS#79.
DT Ben Herbert Sr. 6-4 238 PS#22LB. 6 tkl as true, 13 tkl, 3 sks in '99. 3 sts ly, 42 tkl, 4 tfl ly. **Traison Lewis** (6-2 235 Jr) PS#49. **Mark Katula** (6-6 256 Jr) PS#137DL.
DE JAKE SPRAGUE SR. 6-4 283 PS#35DL. 1 start as true, 10 tkl, 1 tfl, 2 sts, 23 tkl, 3 sks in '99, 17 tkl, 6 hurries, 1 sk ly. **Anttaj Hawthorne** is PS#5. **Chuck Smith** (6-6 267 Sr).
OLB JERRON SMITH rFr. 6-1 229 PS#51LB. Scout Tm Def MVP here last year. **Ryan Keppman** (6-4 214 rFr) PS#76. **Howard Boye-Doe** (6-2 225 rFr) PS#256RB, was in f'd ly.
LB NICK GREISEN SR. 6-2 234 PS#43. 14 tkl as true, 10 tkl in '99. 12 sts last year, #1 in Big 10 w/146 tkl, 6 sks, 8 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **P Cannon** (6-1 237 Jr) PS#37 in '98.
LB JEFF MACK SO. 6-2 237 PS#181LB. 11 sts as rFr, 55 tkl (most by frosh under Alvarez). **Bryson Thompson** (6-1 212 Sr) PS#40DB, 2 starts, 48 tkl, 1 tfl in 3 years.
CB MIKE ECHOLS SR. 5-10 171 4.3 speed. 11 sts as rFr, 46 tkl, 3 int, 12 sts in '99, 12 pbu. 12 sts ly, #1 in Big 10 w/25 pbu, 5 ints, 75 tkl. **Chuckie Cowans** (5-8 162 rFr) PS#236.
CB B.J. TUCKER JR. 5-11 171 PS#35. #3 in Big 10 in 100m, 3 sts ly, 23 tkl, 7 pbu. **Michael Broussard** (5-10 185 So) PS#103RB, 11 tkl, 1 st as true. **Brett Bell** is PS#10.
SS JOEY BOESE SR. 5-11 170 PS#44. 1 st as true, 22 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 st in '99, 31 tkl, 13 sts ly, 58 tkl, 8 pbu. **Chris Catalano** (6-1 213 rFr) PS#84. **Ryan Simmons** (5-11 188 Jr).
FS KAREEM TIMBERS rFr. 6-3 207 PS#22, 4.4 speed. **Carleese Clark** (5-11 192 Sr) PS#107LB. 5 tkl in '98 & '99. 2 sts ly, 29 tkl, 2 pbu. **Ryan Aiello** (6-1 204 So) was PS#92.
P Kirk MUNDEN SO. 5-9 172. Averaged a super 45.2 as senior in high school. Hit 47 yr FG in HS. No stats last season. **Adam Espinoza** (5-10 166 rFr) was PS#14K.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Badgers are 9-6 ATS as a home dog S/91, but are 0-3 last 2 yrs. Wisconsin is 10-0 SU but 6-4 ATS vs the MAC since 1989. The home team is 4-2 ATS but 2-4 SU in the Northwestern series. UW is 4-12 ATS their last 16 sandwiched road games. Badgers are 7-0 SU and 4-2 ATS vs current WAC schools S/87.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 25	Virginia	A												
Sep. 1	at Oregon	A												
Sep. 8	Fresno St	A												
Sep. 15	W Kentucky	A												
Sep. 22	at Penn St	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Indiana	A												
Oct. 13	at Ohio St	G												
Oct. 20	at Illinois	A												
Oct. 27	Michigan St (HC)	A												
Nov. 3	Iowa	A												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	Michigan	A												
Nov. 24	at Minnesota	A												

Wisconsin is 1-5 ATS in their L/6 home openers. UW has not played a regular season gm vs an ACC school in over 24 years. UW is 2-6 ATS in their 1st game away from Camp Randall, but covered LY. Including Bowls, Badgers are 5-0-1 SU but 2-4 ATS vs the Pac 10. The Badgers came into 2001 on a 1-6 ATS run against non-conf foes. Could apply here: UW is 7-13 ATS off a SU loss. The Hilltoppers were 11-2 SU & lost in the 2nd round of IAA playoffs LY. They outscored their opponents by a shocking 404-145 margin (31-11 per game). Badgers are 7-3 ATS in their L/10 Big 10 openers, but 1-3 last 4. Wisconsin is 6-2 ATS the L/2Y in conference road games. Bonus: UW is 7-2 ATS the week prior to a bye. The home team is 5-3 ATS in the series & UW won 59-0 here in '99. Badgers are 2-4 ATS the week after a bye since 1994. Wisconsin is 2-4 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more road games. Each of the L/2 meetings has been decided by at least 14 pts, as have 7 of the L/11. Badgers are 7-2 ATS in their L/9 matchups with Illinois. Wisky is 4-2 in the 2nd of 2+ away games. UW is 3-1 ATS L/4 Homecoming games but lost SU & ATS in OT to Purdue LY. The favorite is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings. UW is 6-2 ATS in their second straight home game. Badgers are 9-6 ATS but 4-10-1 SU their last 15 vs Iowa. Bonus: Wisconsin is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS last 4 vs Iowa. Ron Dayne's alma mater is 2-4 SU but 4-2 ATS L/6 vs Wolverines. Wisconsin is 9-1 ATS in their last 10 Camp Randall finales. Badgers are 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS at the Metrodome. Wisconsin is 2-5 ATS in their last 7 road finales.

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,129) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	4-5-2	7-5	8-4	10-1	9-2	8-4	52-25-3
ATS	6-5	3-8	6-6	5-7	8-3	7-4	4-8	39-41
Home Fav	4-2	2-2	2-3	2-2	5-1	4-1	1-4	20-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	3-5
Away Fav	1-1	0-4	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	10-13
Away Dog	1-2	1-0	1-2	0-3	0-1	2-0	1-0	6-8
Favorite	5-3	2-6	4-4	3-4	8-2	5-3	3-6	30-28
Dog	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-2	9-13
Grass	1-1	1-2	1-1	1-3	3-2	2-1	2-1	11-11
Artificial	5-4	2-6	5-5	4-4	5-1	5-3	2-7	28-30
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	4-4	28-28
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	0-4	11-13
Off SU Win	1-4	1-3	4-2	5-3	6-3	6-2	2-5	25-22
Off SU Loss	4-0	1-4	2-3	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	11-13

Coach: BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 79-48-4)

Alvarez's records AT WISCONSIN

12th Year at Wisconsin	26-20	Home Favorite
79-48-4 Straight Up	10-10	Home Underdog
63-59 Vs The Spread	13-16	Away Favorite
22-23 Off A S/U Loss	14-13	Away Underdog
47-41 Vs Conference	16-18	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Copper	-8	Utah	38-10	W
97	Outback	+8	Georgia	6-33	L
98	Rose	+9	UCLA	38-31	W
99	Rose	-14	Stanford	17-9	L
00	Sun	-5	UCLA	21-20	L

WISCONSIN (9-4) BIG 10

CONFERENCE:



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 33 (15,18,0)
Lost: 27 (13,12,2)

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	YPP
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2									
8	34.1	22	274	5.2	142	55.7	12.2	+11	1999	8	12.8	17	110	3.5	188	50.3	23.2									
9*	31.8	17	216	4.3	114	52.5	10.4	+23	1998	8	11.9	16	92	2.7	200	54.4	24.6									
6*	22.4	19	189	4.0	157	54.9	15.5	-2	1997	5	23.5	17	156	4.3	218	61.2	15.9									
8	29.0	20	249	5.5	137	58.4	16.4	+10	1996	8	18.7	20	115	3.3	251	60.0	19.6									
7	21.4	19	129	3.4	222	62.0	16.4	+3	1995	7	23.0	21	168	4.1	227	60.5	17.2									

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Michigan	16	57-156	2.7	6-11	96	5	14	20-(-1)	-0.1	20-39	243	4	+2
Oregon	11	43-302	7.0	5-13	65	2	20	25-92	3.7	22-49	362	2	+2
Cincinnati	16	47-198	4.2	11-21	107	4	22	37-113	3.1	19-37	238	0	+1
Northwestern	26	60-352	5.9	12-24	153	2	24	38-266	7.0	21-41	278	2	-2
at Michigan	14	42-180	4.3	8-18	98	1	18	44-118	2.7	15-27	257	3	-2
Ohio St	20	43-109	2.5	19-35	209	9	15	44-249	5.7	8-13	143	1	0
at Michigan St	11	40-101	2.5	7-21	96	4	20	46-183	4.0	12-24	183	3	+4
Purdue	24	42-158	3.8	21-29	243	7	19	26-145	5.6	21-43	274	0	-1
at Iowa	20	50-118	2.4	18-26	292	3	9	24-84	3.5	13-27	122	4	-1
Minnesota	21	46-216	4.7	12-21	204	3	28	51-303	5.9	18-32	187	4	+3
at Indiana	22	39-228	5.8	16-23	207	0	27	47-250	5.3	15-35	209	2	+2
Hawaii	27	63-254	4.0	13-22	216	1	23	14-42	3.0	24-56	361	1	-1
UCLA (Bowl)	18	44-177	4.0	9-18	130	2	20	37-114	3.1	20-33	282	1	0
TOTALS	246	616-2549	4.1	157-282	2116	43	259	453-1958	4.3	228-456	3139	27	+7
AVERAGES	18.9	47-196	4.1	12-22	163	3.3	19.9	35-151	4.3	18-35	241	2.1	0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-26	24-3	L
at UNLV	-37	52-17	L
Stanford	-8	14-0	W
Penn St	+8	20-23	W
at Ohio St	+26	14-17	W
Northwestern	-5	30-34	L
at Michigan St	+3	13-30	L
Purdue	-10	33-25	L
Minnesota	-13	45-28	W
at Iowa	+2	0-31	L
at Illinois	-7	35-15	W
at Hawaii	-28	59-10	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	+8	0-34	L
Boise St	-39	28-24	L
at San Jose St	-16	56-10	W
San Diego St	-9	36-10	W
Indiana	-14	27-26	L
at Northwestern	-3	26-25	L
Illinois	-13	31-7	W
at Purdue	+2	20-45	L
at Minnesota	-6	22-21	L
Iowa	+8	13-10	W
Michigan	+14	16-26	W
at Penn St	+15	10-35	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-10	26-14	W
Ohio U	-16	45-0	W
UNLV	-38	52-7	W
Northwestern	-12	38-7	W
at Indiana	-9	24-20	L
Purdue	-6	31-24	W
at Illinois	-21	37-3	W
at Iowa	-7	31-0	W
Minnesota	-21	26-7	L
at Michigan	+3	10-27	L
Penn St	-1	24-3	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	-42	49-10	L
Ball St	-36	50-10	W
at Cincinnati	-27	12-17	L
Michigan	+3	16-21	L
at Ohio St	+7	42-17	W
at Minnesota	-2	20-17	W
Indiana	-14	59-0	W
Michigan St	-2	40-10	W
at Northwestern	-23	35-19	L
at Purdue	+1	28-21	W
Iowa	-31	41-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-33	19-7	L
Oregon	-6	27-23	L
Cincinnati	-14	28-25	L
Northwestern	-16	44-47	L
at Michigan	+8	10-13	W
Ohio St	+1	7-23	L
at Michigan St	-3	17-10	W
Purdue	+5	24-30	L
at Iowa	-16	13-7	L
Minnesota	-5	41-20	W
at Indiana	-6	43-22	W
at Hawaii	-19	34-18	L

IOWA HAWKEYES



RB Ladell Betts' 1090 yards exactly equaled Iowa's net rush yards in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Kyle McCann got the scholarship that Drew Brees wanted back in 1997. In 1998 McCann started 5 games as a rFr and threw for 1,179 yards (54.1%) with a 2-5 ratio. He began 1999 as the starter but lost his job after 2 games while completing just 44.6% for 280 yards. Randy Reiners started the next 4 but Scott Mullen (6-6 200) replaced him for the last 5 and finished #6 in the Big 10 in total offense, completing 56% with a 5-7 ratio. Last year it was Mullen who began the year as the starter but after 4 games and 877 yards (52.5%) with a 5-4 ratio, he was benched. Mullen did have to face the defenses of both Kansas St and Nebraska. Jon Beutler then started 4 games and threw for 841 yards (62%) with a 6-3 ratio but did not see the field again after being injured vs Ohio St. Kyle McCann took every snap of the last 18 quarters and guided the team to 2 of their 3 victories. His stats were not awe inspiring as he threw for 862 yards (58%) with a 5-4 ratio while also rushing for 141. Beutler was a walk-on to the basketball team in the offseason. With Mullen's graduation, McCann and Beutler will battle it out for the starter's job. David Raih (6-5 190 So, PS#139) and David Bradley (6-2 205 rFr, PS#147) will also compete. An interesting addition this year is mobile JUCO transfer Brad Banks (PS#72) who passed for 2,000 and rushed for 500 yards at JC last year. With McCann and Beutler both being pocket passers, he would add another dimension for opposing defenses to prepare for and joined the team in the spring. There should be more stability at this position and with the added talent, I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Iowa has had a long line of outstanding RB's and Ladell Betts (PS#14) has a shot at becoming the school's all-time rushing leader. He currently ranks #3 and needs 1,531 yards to break the school record. Betts had 1,090 yards (4.7) rushing last year and that was the exact net rushing total for the team as they gained 1,603 but lost 513 in sacks. Betts was HM Big 10 and has some talented backups. Jermelle Lewis (5-11 208 rFr) was PS#15 and was the Scout Team Offensive POY in 2000 and has 4.3 speed. Fred Russell (5-8 177 So) was PS#47 and has 4.28 speed and played in 3 games as a true frosh until injury. Aaron Greiving (5-11 207 So) was PS#37. Robbie Crockett (6-0 207 Sr) was PS#82 and Sika Massaquoi (PS#22) and was the #2 TB out of spring. With Iowa incorporating some of the spread offense, you can expect to see less of the FB this year but Jeremy Allen (6-1 240 Sr) returns after having 135 yards rushing last season. While Iowa lacks a FB on their two deep, I have taken the liberty of putting them into a 3 WR set as I expect them to be in that formation more than the traditional two back set. Basically everyone returns including lots of VHT's and Betts topped 1,000 yards despite an unstable O-line and with that unit improved, I look for stronger production out of the TB's.

RECEIVERS - In 1998 Kahlil Hill was the team's game breaker and leading receiver but he was suspended in 1999 and Kevin Kasper stepped to the forefront with 60 rec's (11.1). Last year Kasper was back and while the Hawks benefited from Hill's return they did have to replace a starting WR and TE. Robert Gallery started the first 4 at TE but moved to OT and Kyle Trippier, a converted OL, took over down the stretch. Trippier had 19 rec's (9.9). Kasper was the team's Offensive MVP, setting a school record with 82 rec's and led the Big 10 in receptions per game. He actually had a higher ypc than Hill did. Unfortunately both Kasper (#6 DC of DEN) and Trippier depart. They do add DB Tim Dodge and his blazing speed, JUCO CJ Jones and a solid class of true frosh WR's. I list the 2 deep below and clearly Hill is the star who should be in line for a big year. Overall this unit is a little less experienced and may be down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an NFL O-line coach for six years which means this position is one of his top priorities. In Ferentz's first 16 games here he used 10 different starting OL's. In 1999 he had 4 new starters on the offensive line and it featured 3 frosh for most of the year. After averaging just 227 ypg their first six outings, they averaged 388.2 over the last 5 and for the season allowed 29 sacks while rushing for 3.0 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 22 starts so UI basically had 3 players with starts returning. The unit was then hit hard by injuries throughout the year and talented Ben Sobieski missed his 2nd straight year due to injury. Last season the front paved the way for just a 2.7 ypc rushing while allowing 57 sacks. Ferentz is very high on this year's unit. The only loss this year is center A.J. Blazek (12 sts, HM Big 10). Eight different players earned starts last year and 7 of them return plus they (hopefully) get the addition of Sobieski and some talented true frosh who will likely redshirt. Top signee Blake Larsen (PS#3), however, may be too good to keep off the field. This 2 deep is loaded with talent including 4 VHT's and Ferentz may finally have an O-line that he can rely on.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Hawks had to replace 3 starters including a 2nd Team AA and allowed 5.0 ypc while the team had just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts but moved in star LB Aaron Kampman to the DE spot so basically had 3 starters returning. While the Hawks still ranked 9th in the Big 10 in rush defense they showed improvement, allowing 4.5 ypc and the team garnered 24 sacks. Kampman seemed to get better in each game and was the Big 10 Defensive Player of the Week with 16 tackles against Mich St. This year they must replace DE Anthony Herron (12 sts, 64 tkl's, 5 tfl, HM B10) but have 7 of the top 8 returning and get an HT rFr and a couple of HT true frosh added to the mix. The Hawks have been overpowered up front in year's past but if this year's projected starters maintain their spots, the front line averages a hefty 292 lbs per man. It looks like the Hawks will be much tougher up front this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Hawks moved LB Kampman to DE last year and only lost one other backup so they had 3 players returning with starting experience. This year they must replace OLB LeVar Woods (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 10 tfl, Def MVP) as well as LB Derrick Davison (46 tkl's, 5 sts). Everyone else returns and if you look at the OLB spot, you'll see I have 2 frosh VHT's plugged in to contend for time. Again this year three players are back with starting experience. Last year Mike Dolezal was leading the team in tackles when he got injured and was hobbled over the final 4 games. Roger Meyer replaced him and became the team's #2 tackler. Fred Barr had some legal problems early but started six of the final seven games. The Hawks' defense was not overwhelming last year, but this group has good talent. Even with the loss of their leading tackler I look for this group to be stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hawks secondary was usually strong under Fry including finishes of #31, #16 and #7 from 1995-'97 in my pass Drankings. His final contingent finished #52 and Ferentz inherited 3 starters in 1999 but they dropped to #108. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and DJ Johnson, a projected starting CB, was injured in the first game which moved WR Tim Dodge into the lineup. The lone returning starter, Shane Hall, was injured early and played at less than 100% most of the year, so 2 true frosh were starters by season's end in hard hitting SS Bob Sanders and CB Benny Sapp. The Hawks finished #103 in my rankings allowing 56.7% with 21 TD's and just 9 int's. This year they lose FS Ryan Hansen (12 sts, HM Big 10, 3 tkl's, 10 pbu), CB Robbertto Rickards (9 tkl's, Special Teams POY) and Dodge who moves back to WR. They welcome Hall and Johnson back, have added a JUCO CB in Jermine Roberts who had 11 int's last year and bring in another solid class of true frosh including 3 HT's who I list in the 2 deep below. I look for significant improvement out of this unit in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hayden Fry always did a solid job in this area as the team finished 28th, 17th and 32nd in my special teams rankings his final 3 years. Kirk Ferentz inherited a group that lost super returnman Kahlil Hill to suspension but still managed a respectable #30 finish in 1999. The strength of the unit over the last 4 years has been punter Jason Baker. Baker had a 42.5 average

IOWA		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
RUSHING		232	1133	43	1090	5	4.7				
Ladell Betts		34	139	4	135	0	4.0				
Jeremy Allen		7	22	0	22	0	-3.1				
Robbie Crockett		56	141	164	-23	1	-0.4				
Kyle McCann		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Scott Mullen		141	74	52.5	877	5	4				
Kyle McCann		136	79	58.1	862	5	4				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Kevin Kasper		82	1010	12.3	7	47					
Kahlil Hill		58	619	10.7	5	75					
Kyle Trippier		19	188	9.9	0	18					
Ryan Barton		18	272	15.1	1	39					
Ladell Betts		17	111	6.5	0	31					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Jason Baker		74	3145	42.5	16	39.0	0	24			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Nate Kaeding		2-3	4-8	8-11	0-0	14-22	49				
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
LeVar Woods	97	0	10	2	1	Anthony Herron	64	3	2	1	0
Roger Meyer	95	2	6	1	0	Benny Sapp	55	1	2	14	0
A. Kampman	94	3	1	0	1	B. Sanders	52	1	2	1	0
Mike Dolezal	72	1	3	1	0	J. Montgomery	49	2	9	5	0
Ryan Hansen	72	0	2	10	3	D. Davison	46	0	2	0	0
Fred Barr	72	0	3	3	1	Tim Dodge	45	0	1	4	2
D. Pickens	65	7	3	0	0	Colin Cole	39	5	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Kahlil Hill	16	153	9.6	0	Kahlil Hill	25	680	27.2	1		

as a senior which was 17th best in the country and a 39.0 net. Replacing him will be tough and Ferentz has talked about utilizing K Nate Kaeding (PS#16) in that role. Kaeding did have a 45.3 avg in high school. As a K Kaeding started off well as a true frosh hitting 6 of his first 9 FG's, but suffered a rough 3 game stretch midseason hitting just 1 of 6 vs MSU, Illinois and OSU. He rebounded to hit all of his last 7 and finished the year 14 of 22 with a long of 49 including a super 8 of 11 from 40-49. He should be one of the best kickers in the Big 10 and has a strong leg for KO's. Over the last 2 years the Hawks have had one of the best kick coverage units in the country, allowing just 17.1 and 17.2 ypr. Return specialist Kahlil Hill is back for his senior season and he avg'd 17.7 on PR's in 1998 but last year was only 6th in the Big 10 with a 9.6 avg. I look for him to improve on those numbers. Hill was #7 in the NCAA last year in KR's with a super 27.2 average and is the only player in Iowa history to have a PR and a KR TD in the same game (in '98). Tim Dodge was #3 in the Big 10 and #46 in the NCAA in KR's in 1999 (23.3) and runs on Iowa's 4x400m track team. They broke in a new long snapper last year in true frosh Kevin Worthy who should continue to improve each year. Iowa's kickers have had 71 straight xp's without a miss. Overall the Hawks finished #7 in my special teams rankings last year (I had them rated #14 coming into last season) and should again be a contender for Top 20 honors, but look a little weaker with the loss of a super punter like Baker.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 the Hawks had been to 4 bowl games the previous six years and started out the season 4-0 when they travelled to Columbus to face Ohio St. Since then they are just 10-32 SU. After finishing just 1-10 in an injury plagued 1999 season, I called for them to win 3 or more last year despite the fact that they had a tough non-conf slate (Kan St and Neb) as well as the usual Big 10 schedule. The Hawks pulled a stunner against Mich St but stood 1-8 with 3 games to go before upsetting Penn St and Northwestern and narrowly losing to Minnesota (a game in which they led 24-12) in the season finale. Their early season loss to W Mich was the first time the Hawks lost to a MAC team ever and falling to Iowa St didn't look so bad in retrospect either, as both turned out to be powers. I congratulate the Iowa fans for their solid crowd support despite the fact that the team has been suffering through some losing seasons. They averaged 61,123 in six home games, which is #24 in the NCAA. Offensively this team looks solid with numerous capable QB's, a star RB in Ladell Betts and a gamebreaking WR in Kahlil Hill. They also have their best offensive line in Ferentz's tenure and keep in mind he's a former NFL O-line coach. After averaging less than 17 ppg in each of the last 3 years, they will be much more potent on that side of the ball. While Iowa has allowed 5.0 and 4.5 ypc rushing the last 2 years, they look much more stout in their front 7 this year with 8 starters back overall on defense. Kansas St and Nebraska have been replaced on the schedule by a pair of MAC teams and the Hawkeyes should begin the season 3-0 and be favored in Big 10 play against both Indiana and Minnesota at home. Should they take care of all 5 games in the favorite's role, they need to bag just one upset during the season to find themselves back on the winning side of the ledger. This team is clearly capable of that and will be one of the surprise teams of the Big 10 this year.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL	Blake Larsen	6-7	304	PS#3
LB	Matt Roth	6-4	245	PS#25
OL	Ben Cronin	6-5	270	PS#52
WR	Abdul Hodge	6-2	220	PS#51
WR	Ed Hinkel	6-1	170	PS#62
QB	DeVon Clark	6-3	160	PS#67
WR	CJ G. Barkema	6-6	235	PS#74
TE	Ben Gadd	6-6	235	PS#81
DL	Fabian Dodd	6-3	280	PS#80
QB	Kahlil Stewart	6-6	230	PS#54
QB	Mike Follett	6-5	215	PS#66
WR	C.J. Jones	6-0	185	PS#66JC
LB	Matt Neubauer	6-6	225	PS#93
QB	Brad Banks	6-1	180	PS#72JC

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OFFENSE

QB KYLE MCCANN SR. 6-5 214 PS#28. 5 sts as rFr, 1179 yds (54%), 2-5 ratio. 2 sts in 99 (45%), 4 sts lry, 862 yds (58%), 5-4 ratio. **Jon Beutler** (6-5 200 So) PS#27. 4 sts as rFr, 841 yds (62%).
RB LADELL BETTS SR. 5-11 215 PS#14. 8 sts as rFr, 679 yds (3.6), 11 sts in 99, 2nd TM B10, 857 yds (4.5), 12 sts lry, 1090 yds (4.7), 57 career rec. Sika Massaquoi (5-11 200 Jr) PS#22.
WR C.J. JONES JR. 6-0 185 PS#66JC. 42 rec (22.1) at JC last year. **Tim Dodge** (5-10 180 Sr). Iowa track team 4x400 relay. 3 rec in '99, 9 sts at DB lry, 45 tkl's, 2 int. **WR KAHIL HILL SR.** 6-3 195 PS#18. 11 sts as rFr, 35 rec (12.3), PR & KR. Susp in 1999. 10 starts last year, 58 rec (10.7), 833 ret yds, **HM B10**. DeVon Clark is PS#67.
WR Chris Oliver Sr. 6-2 210 PS#27. 3 rec as true. 2 starts in 1999, 26 rec (11.9) 10 rec (20.6) in 2000. Kahari Stewart is PS#54LB. CJ Barkema (6-8 235) is PS#74WR.
TE Erik Jensen So. 6-3 259 PS#73RB. 8 games, 2 rec as rFr. Ben Gates is PS#31TE. Tony Jackson (6-3 265 rFr) PS#145. Andy Thorn (6-5 255 rFr) was PS#82.
C BRUCE NELSON JR. 6-4 290 PS#179OL. 11 sts at RG as rFr, 12 sts lry, 11 at LG, 1 at LT, **HM Big 10**. Added 15 lbs. Peter Traynor (6-3 290 Jr) 2nd string the last 2 years.
RG Sam Aiello So. 6-5 310 PS#31OL. 5 sts (4 @ RT, 1 @ RG) lry. Missed 4 w/ inj. Eric Rothwell (6-3 300 So) PS#158OL. Adam Densmore (6-4 290 So) was PS#84.
LG ERIC STEINBACH JR. 6-7 284 PS#23TE. Started last 4 as rFr. Knee inj lry but started 3 gms at RG, +29 lbs. **Andy Lightfoot** (6-6 294 Jr) PS#25. 2 starts in '99, 8 starts lry.
RT ROBERT GALLERY SO. 6-7 300 PS#16TE. 4 sts at TE as rFr, 3 rec, started last 4 at RT, +25 lbs. Kory Borchers (6-6 290 So) PS#63DL. David Porter (6-7 316 Sr) PS#4.
LT ALONZO CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-4 305 PS#278. 6 sts as rFr, 11 starts in '99, 10 sts (9 @ LT, 1 @ RG). **Ben Sobieski** (6-5 305 Sr) PS#27DL. 11 sts at LT in '98, inj last 2 years.
K NATE KAEDING SO. 6-0 165 Missed 5 of 6 midseason lry but rebounded to hit 14 of 22 w/l of 49 & 8 of 11 from 40-49! 20-20 on xp's. Nate Campbell (5-10 195) is a rFr.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE Colin Cole Jr. 6-2 300 PS#230. 9 games as true, 25 tkl's, 3 sks, 4 tfl. 1 st lry, 39 tkl's, 5 sks, 2 tfl. **Howard Hodges** (6-2 235 So) 18 tkl's. Jonathan Babiniaux moves from FB.
DT DERRICK PICKENS SR. 6-2 284 PS#50JUCO. 11 sts, 65 tkl's, 7 sks, 3 tfl here. **Jared Klack** (6-5 287 So) PS#144DL. 11 tkl's, 1 tfl lry. **Cody O'Hare** (6-4 270 Sr) 23 tkl's, 3 yrs.
DT JERRY MONTGOMERY SR. 6-3 300 PS#139. 10 tkl's as true, 10 tkl's, 4 tfl in '99, 12 sts, 49 tkl's, 11 tfl lry. **Scott Webb** (6-2 295 Jr) PS#267. **Derreck Robinson** (6-5 260 rFr) PS#69.
DE AARON KAMPMAN SR. 6-4 282 PS#5LB. 2 sts as true, 49 tkl's, 6 sks, 8 tfl. 11 starts in '99, #2 w/103 tkl's. Move to DE lry, #3 w/94 tkl's, 2 sks, 1 tfl. **HM Big 10**, added 22 lbs.
OLB Matt Roth Jr. 6-4 245 PS#25. 27 tfl in HS. **Grant Steen** was PS#324. **Tony Burrier** (6-4 212 Jr) PS#126QB = 12 lbs. **Abdul Hodge** (6-2 220 Jr) PS#51 has 4.5 speed.
LB FRED BARR JR. 6-2 238 PS#282. 6 sts as true, 74 tkl's, 4 tfl. Started 6 of 17 lry, 72 tkl's, 3 pbu. **Kevin Worthy** (6-2 235 So) PS#200. 25 tkl's as true, **Matt Neubauer** is PS#93.
LB MIKE DOLEZAL SR. 6-3 240 PS#31LB. 34 tkl's in 99, 7 sts lry injury, 72 tkl's, 4 tfl. **Roger Meyer** (6-3 244 Sr) PS#114LB. 4 sts, 44 tkl's in 98, 6 starts lry #2 w/95 tkl's, 8 tfl.
CB BENNY SAPP SO. 5-10 181 PS#295. Started L/R as true, 55 tkl's, 3 tfl, 14 pbu. **Mikkel Brown** (5-10 195 Sr) PS#45, 12 gms, 12 tkl's lry. **Marques McLaurin** PS#296JC lry.
CB Jermine Roberts Jr. 6-2 210 PS#33JC. 11 int's at JUCO last year. **Matt Stockdale** (5-10 188 Sr) PS#187. 8 starts in 3 years, 76 tkl's, 8 pbu. **Edu Hinkel** is PS#62WR.
SS BOB SANDERS SR. 5-8 194 PS#173. 4 starts as true, 52 tkl's, 3 tfl, 3rd. **hitter, Shane Hall** (5-11 201 Sr) PS#80. 8 starts in '99, 53 tkl's, 12 gms lry (inj) 29 tkl's, 4 pbu.
FS D.J. JOHNSON JR. 5-10 192 PS#71RB. 1 start as true, 18 tkl's, 3 starts in '99, 21 tkl's, 3 pbu. **Inj lry**. **Chad Greenway** is PS#8QB. **Mike Follett** is PS#66QB. **Chris Smith** 18 tkl's lry.
P. David Baker rFr. 6-2 205 PS#147QB. **Nate Kaeding** (6-0 165 So) PS#16. Did KO's and FG's last year. Had 45.3 avg in HS as senior. Had 86 TB's on KO's in high school.

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Iowa is 10-2-1 L/13 ATS when favored by 21 or more points.
The visitor is 9-2-1 ATS in the Illinois series.
Hawkeyes are 2-9 ATS L/11 vs Ohio St, and the Buckeyes have dominated,
leading by a combined score of 160-38 at the half of the last 5 games.
Iowa is 5-9 ATS L/14 as an underdog of 20 or more points.

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IOWA (3-9) CONFERENCE BIG 10

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-5-1	7-4	8-3	7-4	3-8	1-10	3-9	34-43-1
ATS	7-4	5-5	7-4	6-3-1	3-8	4-7	8-4	40-35-1
Home Fav	3-1	2-2	2-3	4-0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	13-9-1
Home Dog	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-3	3-2	9-8
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	3-1	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	7-3
Away Dog	2-3	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-4	1-4	5-1	11-15
Favorite	3-1	4-2	5-4	5-2-1	2-2	1-0	0-1	20-12-1
Dog	4-3	1-3	2-0	1-1	1-6	3-7	8-3	20-23
Grass	6-2	2-4	4-3	6-2-1	2-7	4-5	6-3	30-26-1
Artificial	1-2	3-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	10-9
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	2-6	3-5	6-2	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	11-9
Off SU Win	3-1	4-2	5-2	3-2-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	18-11-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-3	2-1	3-1	1-6	4-5	5-3	18-22

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 8* DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN: Returning: 49 (22,26,1) Lost: 19 (8,9,2)

RET	STS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0
6*	14.7	16	94	3.0	207	53.7	20.4	-5	1999	4	31.5	23	245	5.0	218	56.4	14.7
4	15.6	16	81	2.2	186	50.5	17.1	-1	1998	6	26.1	19	187	4.4	212	53.4	15.3
7*	34.3	18	217	5.0	189	52.8	11.8	+8	1997	7	13.3	15	119	3.0	156	44.9	20.8
7*	28.3	18	180	4.1	177	57.3	12.6	+10	1996	7	20.3	17	141	3.6	167	45.5	16.0
5	30.7	22	199	4.3	178	57.0	13.6	0	1995	8	21.6	18	128	3.4	208	52.5	15.6

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Kansas St	9	30-80	2.7	10-26	76	6	20	47-178	3.8	14-28	250	0	+2
W Michigan	17	31-49	1.6	23-34	314	3	17	36-59	1.6	21-31	294	4	0
Iowa St	17	28-93	3.3	22-41	235	4	24	46-246	5.3	18-27	239	1	0
at Nebraska	18	31-47	1.5	19-40	252	6	23	51-331	6.5	10-13	159	1	-1
at Indiana	29	34-152	4.5	30-47	380	4	29	53-433	8.2	9-22	111	0	0
Michigan St	13	37-85	2.3	17-25	146	3	19	41-286	7.0	14-36	180	1	0
at Illinois	15	32-86	2.7	18-34	181	5	22	44-169	3.8	17-28	248	3	-2
Ohio St	19	39-13	0.3	22-42	233	8	19	33-108	3.3	20-36	338	2	-2
Wisconsin	9	24-84	3.5	13-27	122	4	20	50-118	2.4	18-26	292	3	+1
at Penn St	21	44-162	3.7	25-37	232	4	23	30-132	4.4	27-51	302	2	0
Northwestern	18	40-103	2.6	17-27	250	2	26	50-129	2.6	25-45	248	7	0
at Minnesota	15	34-136	4.0	14-24	159	8	21	40-142	3.6	23-38	299	0	-1
TOTALS	200	404-1090	2.7	230-404	2580	57	263	521-2331	4.5	216-381	2960	24	-3
AVERAGES	16.7	34-91	2.7	19-34	215	4.8	21.9	43-194	4.5	18-32	247	2.0	-0.3

3rd Year at Iowa	1-1	Home Favorite
4-11 Straight Up	5-5	Home Underdog
12-11 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
9-9 Off A S/U Loss	6-5	Away Underdog
9-7 Vs Conference	3-4	Vs Non-Conf

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Holiday	-3'	BYU	13-13	L
93	Alamo	+11'	California	3-37	L
95	Sun	+5'	Washington	38-18	W
96	Alamo	-3'	Texas Tech	27-0	W
97	Sun	-6'	Arizona St	7-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-6'	21-20	L	N Iowa	NL	66-0	-	C Michigan	-34	98-0	W	Nebraska	+27	7-42	L	† Kansas St	+29	7-27	W
Idaho St	-17'	38-13	W	Tulsa	-26	54-16	W	Idaho St	-28	9-17	L	at Iowa St	+4	10-17	L	W Michigan	-7'	21-27	L
at Tulsa	-18	20-27	L	at Iowa St	-27	63-20	W	at Arizona	+12	11-35	L	N Illinois	-14'	24-0	W	Iowa St	+3	14-24	L
Michigan St	-8	37-30	L	Illinois	-28	38-10	T	at Illinois	-10	37-14	W	at Michigan St	+21'	3-49	L	at Nebraska	+41'	13-42	W
at Indiana	-6	31-10	W	at Ohio St	+3'	7-23	L	Michigan	+9	9-12	W	Penn St	+28	7-31	W	at Indiana	+14	33-45	W
at Penn St	+10	21-20	W	at Michigan	+6'	24-28	W	Northwestern	-10	26-24	L	at Northwestern	+4'	21-23	W	Michigan St	+9	21-16	W
Ohio St	+14'	26-38	W	Indiana	-26	62-0	W	at Indiana	+3	7-14	L	Indiana	+2'	31-38	L	at Illinois	+12'	0-31	L
at Illinois	-9'	31-21	W	Purdue	-10'	35-17	W	Wisconsin	+7	0-31	L	at Ohio St	+22'	11-41	L	Ohio St	+19	10-38	L
Northwestern	-6	13-40	L	at Wisconsin	-8'	10-13	L	at Purdue	+14	14-36	L	Illinois	+6'	24-40	L	Wisconsin	+16	7-13	W
Wisconsin	-2'	31-0	W	at Northwestern	-11	14-15	L	Ohio St	+25	14-45	L	at Wisconsin	+31'	3-41	L	at Penn St	+17	26-23	W
at Minnesota	-11	43-24	W	Minnesota	-21	31-0	W	at Minnesota	+7	7-49	L	Minnesota	+20	21-25	W	Northwestern	+12	27-17	W
																at Minnesota	+14	24-27	W

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI



QB Kurt Kittner is back for his senior season and should be one of the Big 10's best QB's.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In Ron Turner's first two seasons at the helm a big part of the Illini's offensive struggles were due to the fact that he played musical QB's and the Illini completed just 42.7% and 46.7% in 1997 and 1998. Finally in 1999 he stuck with one QB and that was Kurt Kittner. Kittner had a phenomenal TD/int ratio of 24-5, throwing for 2,702 yards (54.5%) and rushing for 226 yards while leading the team to a bowl game blowout win. Last year Kittner started 10 games (missed NW with concussion) and threw for only 1,982 yards but raised his completion percentage to 58.2% with a still solid 18-8 ratio. That despite the fact he had a young and inexperienced WR corps that was missing its star. Dustin Ward (6-3 193 So) was PS#92 and threw for 390 yards (53.2%) with a 4-2 ratio and started vs NW. Christian Morton (6-1 180 So) was PS#39 and is the most athletic of the QB's as he has played WR and KR. Morton resisted a move to WR but in practices prior to the NW game at QB he was not as effective as Mark Kornfeld (6-1 209 rFr, PS#58) who was redshirting. Morton played CB in the spring. Keep your eye on the player who emerges as the clear #2 QB this year because he will be the starter of the future (this year's true frosh Diugoleg, PS#56 is also in the mix). This is a very deep and talented position and I look for improved play from Kittner in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - The Illini alternated RB's Rocky Harvey and Steve Havard for 2 years and they combined for 1,564 yds in 1999 but leading rusher Havard departed last year. Harvey was joined in the backfield by VHT Antonio Harris (PS#14) and the two combined for 1,455 yds with Harris the leading rusher with 772 while Harvey had the better ypc at 5.6. Harris actually had 69 more carries but the two alternated series. The #3 and #4 TB's left the team prior to the season so those two got the bulk of the carries. This year they must replace solid FB Jameel Cook who left early for the NFL (#6 DC of TB) after rushing for 215 yds and being the #2 receiver with 34. I list his replacements below. This year Turner also signed two top-notch true frosh (see Top Newcomers). I look for more production out of Harris and give him a shot at topping 1,000 yards overall and this group is actually in better shape than last year.

RECEIVERS - In Ron Turner's first two seasons he tried to rely on JUCO's at this position but most did not qualify, leaving the unit very thin. Last year there was nary a JUCO in the unit and they had to replace their top 2 receivers from 1999. They then suffered a staggering loss when their #1 deep threat and by far top receiver, Brandon Lloyd, was lost for the season with a broken leg in July. All season long the Illini talked about the absence of Lloyd and the effect it had on this group. The big news is that Lloyd is back and should be 100%. Four WR's gained starting time last year with the leading receiver being Greg Lewis (40 rec, 13.6). They must replace TE Josh Whitman who had 9 starts and 13 rec's and was HM Big 10 but there is good talent available. This unit is so deep that 3 players who have a shot at starting are not even listed in the two deep

below. Ade Adeyemo (6-0 191 rFr) was PS#33, Jamaal Clark (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#23 and Dwayne Smith (6-2 190 So) who was PS#58 and could be a deep threat. Smith was a star in the spring and voted most improved player. As long as Lloyd stays healthy, I think this unit should be vastly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Illini had to replace 3 starters from the offensive front but still allowed just 27 sacks on 413 pass attempts and paved the way for the Illini's best ypc rushing of the '90's (4.3). Last year they had the benefit of all 5 starters returning and one of Turner's strengths is recruiting VHT's to this unit. This year they have a couple of losses in LT Marques Sullivan (#5 DC of BUF, 11 sts, 2nd Tm Big 10, 4 yr str) and RG Ray Redzinski (11 sts, 4 yr str, 2nd Tm Big 10), but 8 of the top 10 return and the 2 new projected starters are both VHT's. The 3 returning starters have started 23 straight games together but for the first time in 4 years the projected starters average under 300 lbs (but not by much 299). Last year's O-line allowed just 20 sacks and paved the way for a 4.1 ypc, and this year's group looks just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups last year and then lost 2 players from the 2 deep in Mike O'Brien and Jeff Ruffin (6-4 281 So, PS#158) in the first 2 games due to injury. They ended up playing 4 true frosh. This season they must replace 2 starters in DE Fred Wakefield (1st Tm Big 10, Def MVP, led the Big 10 in tfl) and DT Jason Eberhart (10 sts, 38 tkl, 4 tfl) but 6 of the top 8 are back and those true frosh are now soph's. Besides getting both Ruffin and O'Brien back they add 2 HT rFr and a JUCO plus a VHT true frosh who could play immediately in Lionel Williams. Last year they allowed a very poor 4.8 ypc rushing and ranked #11 in the Big 10 in rush defense (232.5 ypg) and recorded just 18 sacks. Even with the loss of their star, I look for much improved play up front this season.

LINEBACKERS - This school was developing the reputation of "LB U" with 2 Butkus Award winners in 3 years from 1994-96. They had one of their strongest LB corps recently in 1999 but had to replace their #1 and #2 tacklers last year although they had a player who had 9 starts in '98 returning. This year 5 of the top 6 LB's from 2000 depart. Gone are Robert Franklin (11 sts, #1 tklr, 4 tfl), Michael Young (11 sts, 56 tkl), Mondrian Long (36 tkl, 3 tfl), Marcus Hood (6 tkl) and Eric Garrett (8 tkl). They bring in an HT true frosh and a JUCO who were both in for the spring along with a VHT true frosh and some solid rFr who will also contend. While they return their #2 tackler and have some solid additions, I'm concerned about the fact that JUCO Mario Ivy played DL and this will be his first year at LB and that the true frosh will have some growing pains. This has the makings of a decent group but I'll call it a little weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini ranked #33 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace 3 starters but got a 1998 starter back who missed '99 with injury. The unit was hit hard by injuries as they lost CB Walker in the 3Q vs Minnesota, CB Hurd two games later and in the final game had just one of their top 4 CB's available and only 5 healthy scholarship DB's. While the unit allowed just 179.9 ypg, you must consider the fact that their defense vs the rush was #11 in the Big 10 so teams did not have to pass as much on the beleaguered unit. The Illini did give up just 54.8% with an 8-12 ratio and finished #42 in my 2000 rankings. This year they must replace CB Trayvon Waller (5 sts, 24 tkl, 5 pbu) and CB Bobbie Singleton (1 st, 28 tkl). Everyone else returns and there are a good number of VHT's in the group. This year Turner brings in PS#12JC in Michael Hall who had 8 int's at JC last year and a couple of top-notch true frosh who I project into the 2 deep below. This looks like a quality group with all 4 projected starters being 6 foot or taller and 5 players return with starting experience. I'll call this a solidly improved secondary in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Illini ranked #35 in my special teams rankings in Tepper's final season but under Turner UI has ranked #68, #68, #51 and #43. At least for Turner's sake they're showing improvement. Last year Muhammad Abdullah was the Special Teams POY on coverage units. They did allow just 16.7 on KR's last year which is among the tops in the country. FG accuracy is not included in my special teams rankings or the Illini would have dropped lower. In 1999 Neil Rackers hit 20 of 26 including 2 of 3 from 50+ and had 40 touchdowns on KO's. Last year the FG accuracy struggled as they hit just 6 of 11 with a long of 47. Fitts and JT Tubbs (5-9 160 So, PS#49) are both back but Patrick King could win the honors as he was PS#20. Fitts is back to handle the punting duties for the 4th consecutive year and dropped a little last season from 42.3 to 40.9. Christian Morton is an outstanding athlete and was dynamic on PR's with a 24.4 avg on 8 attempts (with 1 TD) and he also averaged 20.0 on KR's. Eugene Wilson actually had more PR's than Morton, but averaged just 5.1 ypr. After averaging 9.8 in '99. They must replace 3 year long snapper Nathan Hodel. With practically everyone back they should continue to climb in the special teams rankings.

ILLINOIS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Antonio Harris	192	811	39	772	7	4.0					
Rocky Harvey	123	720	37	683	3	5.6					
Jameel Cook	49	223	8	215	0	4.4					
Kurt Kittner	44	151	90	61	2	1.4					
Carlos Lattimore	9	43	0	43	1	4.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Kurt Kittner	297	173	58.2	1982	18	8					
Dustin Ward	62	33	53.2	390	4	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Greg Lewis	40	544	13.6	6	55						
Jameel Cook	34	218	6.4	1	18						
Aaron Moorehead	30	520	17.3	4	61						
Walter Young	27	403	14.9	0	57						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Steve Fitts	52	2128	40.9	-	36.3	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Steve Fitts	1-2	3-7	1-1	0-0	5-10	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rob Franklin	109	0	4	6	1	B. Moore	55	3	4	0	0
J. Schumacher	104	0	2	3	0	Marc Jackson	52	0	1	3	0
M. Abdullah	90	0	2	1	0	J. Eberhart	38	1	3	2	0
B. Jackson	76	1	2	4	2	E. Wilson	37	0	1	16	4
T. Washington	68	8	8	1	0	Mondrian Long	36	0	3	1	1
F. Wakefield	61	9	12	3	1	Bob Singleton	28	0	0	2	1
Mike Young	56	0	1	4	0	Trayvon Waller	24	1	2	5	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
C. Morton	8	195	24.4	1	C. Morton	27	539	20.0	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

It's been 8 full seasons at Memorial Stadium in which the Illini have beaten no Big 10 rivals other than Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Northwestern. They are 0-18 SU at home vs the other six. In 1999 the Illini became the first Big 10 team to go into both Columbus and Ann Arbor and come out with wins since 1951. That year they benefited from +13 in turnovers and put together an 8-4 record that included a season ending bowl blowout win over Virginia, 63-21, and they made my Turnovers=Turnaround article in 2000. Last year they were ranked #21 in the AP and Coaches Polls in the Preseason and had 9 starters back from a potent offense that was the highest scoring in school history. However, the turnovers dried up as they were -2 for the year and they scored almost a full TD less per game. When the smoke cleared, they were home for the holidays with a 5-6 record. In the season ending game vs N'western they did not have QB Kittner and ended up the polar opposite of the previous year, getting blown out 61-23. The Illini were better than their 5-6 record indicated as they realistically beat Michigan with 2 wrong fumble calls going against them and they suffered 3 losses by 4 points or less. They will benefit from larger home crowds for the 3rd consecutive season and lose just 12 seniors from last year's team. Offensively they should be among the top teams in the country with 7 starters back and the big addition of WR Brandon Lloyd, their home run threat, who missed all of last year due to injury. Coupled with a veteran QB, RB and offensive front, they should near 1999's level of scoring. Defensively they recorded their first shutout since 1995 last year but have switched DC's to Mike Cassidy who was the DC at Okla St last year and held National Champ Oklahoma to just 12 points. The Big 10 schedule looks a little too rough for the Illini to contend for Big 10 honors but should they remain healthier than last year, they have the talent and are capable of getting back to the postseason.

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OFFENSE

QB KURT KITTNER SR. 6-3 210 PS#24, 5 sts as rFr, 782 yds (44%), 12 sts in 99, 2702 yds (55%), 24-5 ratio, 10 sts ly, 1982 yds (58.2%) 18-8 ratio. Dustin Ward PS#92, 390 yds 4-2 ratio ly.
RB ANTONIO HARRIS JR. 6-1 222 PS#14, 214 yds in 99, 772 yds (4.0) ly, Rocky Harvey (5-9 186 Sr) PS#55, 5 sts as true, 634 yds (4.7), 5 sts in 99, 774 yds (5.4), 11 sts ly, 683 yds (5.6).
FB CAREY DAVIS SO. 6-0 218 PS#323, 61 yds off, 50 ret yds ly. Carlos Lattimore (6-1 215 Jr) RS in 99, 43 yds ly, Brad Haywood (6-1 231 So) was PS#136, 6 tkl as LB as true.
WR BRANDON LLOYD SO. 6-2 184 PS#470B, 7 sts as true, 30 rec (17.0), deep threat. Broke leg ly. Eric McGooey (6-3 191 So) PS#97, 15 rec as rFr, Aaron Moorehead (6-3 185 Jr) 7 sts, 30 rec ly.
WR GREG LEWIS JR. 6-0 178 PS#113, 5 sts as rFr, 12 rec (12.4), 11 sts ly, #1 w/40 rec (13.6). Walter Young (6-5 218 Jr) PS#51QB, 14 rec in 99, 7 sts, 27 rec (14.9) in 2000.
TE BRIAN HODGES SR. 6-4 262 PS#65QB, 11 sts at TE as rFr, 7 rec (7.6), 9 rec (11.8) in 99, 8 rec (8.6) ly. Kenny Boyle (6-5 249 So) PS#67, Anthony McClellan (6-3 223 Fr) PS#94.
C LUKE BUTKUS SR. 6-4 287 PS#340L, 8 games as rFr, 12 sts, 46 knockdowns in 99, 11 sts ly, HM B10, 65 knockdowns. James Brown (6-4 280 Jr), Duke Preston PS#195 ly.
RG AARON HODGES SO. 6-5 276 PS#180L, 62 snaps, 4 games as rFr. Pat "Bucky" Babcock (6-6 290 rFr) PS#149, Jim Ferguson (6-4 289 So) was PS#148 in 1999.
LG JAY KULAGA SR. 6-5 306 9 gms as rFr, lettered, 12 sts in 99, 45 knockdowns, 11 sts ly, 67 KD's. Bryan Koch (6-3 265 rFr) PS#289, Kyle Schnettgoecke PS#126.
RT TONY PASHOS JR. 6-6 330 PS#148 in 99, 12 sts in 99, 41 knockdowns, 11 sts in 2000, #1 w/80 knockdowns. Dan Catter (6-7 322 Sr) PS#187, 2nd string the L2Y.
LT DAVID DIEHL JR. 6-5 294 PS#36 in 99, 33 plays as rFr, 2nd string in 2000 at G. Sean Babin (6-7 302 So) PS#39, 2nd string ly. Chris Rucks (6-6 282 So) PS#187.
K J.J. TUBBS SO. 5-9 160 PS#49, 13 of 13 xp's, 1-1 FG's ly, 50 yd FG in HS. Patrick King (5-11 178 rFr) PS#20, 48 yd FG in HS. Peter Christophilos (5-9 166) PS#29.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE Robby Long Sr. 6-3 246 PS#55, 7 tkl, 25 games, 3 years. Lionel Williams is PS#18, Mike O'Brien (6-6 232 So) PS#208, 7 tkl as true, 1 game until injury last year.
DT BRANDON MOORE SR. 6-3 275 PS#217, 11 sts in 99, 46 tkl, 5 sks, 11 sts ly, 55 tkl, 7 tfl. Brett Kauter (6-3 257 Jr) PS#261, 20 tkl, 4 tfl, 2Y. Clark Collins (6-3 285 rFr) PS#100L.
DE Charles Gilstrap So. 6-3 285 PS#241, 9 tackles as true, added 15 pounds. Jamie Hanton (6-4 290 Jr) PS#283JUCO, in for spring. Mike Maloney (6-3 265 rFr) PS#91DL.
DE TERRELL WASHINGTON SR. 6-4 237 PS#108LB in '97, PS#147JC in 99, 22 tkl, 5 tfl here in 99, 11 sts ly, 68 tkl, 8 sks, 8 tfl. Derrick Strong (6-5 230 So) PS#71, Jemari Perry (So) PS#161.
OLB JERRY SCHUMACHER JR. 6-3 230 PS#195, 19 tkl, 2 tfl as true, #2 w/104 tkl last year, 11 sts, 2 tfl. Mike Gawelek (6-2 220 rFr) PS#168, Lee Scinski (6-1 215 rFr) PS#201.
MLB Ty Myers So. 6-4 222 PS#130 in 99, 2 tkl as rFr, James Goranson is PS#57 and in for the spring. Joe Bevis (6-0 210 So) PS#92, 1 tkl, 7 games as a true frosh.
OLB Mario Ivy Jr. 6-3 225 PS#48JUCO, DE at JC ly. Moved to LB, in for spring. Lamont Holden (6-3 220 rFr), Matt Sinclair is PS#30DL, T.W. Norman is PS#62DL.
CB Marc Jackson Jr. 6-1 201 PS#26, 1 start, 11 tkl as true, 3 sts ly, 52 tkl, 3 pbu. Anthony Hurd (5-10 189 Sr) PS#111, 3 sts in 99, 2 sts ly (inj). 21 tkl, 5 pbu, L3 years.
CB EUGENE WILSON JR. 6-0 183 PS#141, 3 tkl in 99, 11 sts ly, 37 tkl, 4 int, 16 pbu. HM Big 10, Michael Hall (5-10 175 Jr) PS#12JC, Nana Agyeaman (6-2 190 So) 2 tkl ly.
SS BOBBY JACKSON SR. 6-1 211 PS#10, 5 starts as true, 11 starts in 99, 51 tkl, 6 pbu. RS in 99, 11 sts ly, 76 tkl, 4 pbu. Kevin Anderson (6-2 185 rFr) PS#139, Chuck Moore is PS#20.
FS MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH SR. 6-1 202 4 sts as true, 26 tkl, 1 int, 12 sts in 99, 79 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu, 11 sts ly, #3 w/90 tkl, 2 tfl. Nick Piazza (6-1 190 Sr) PS#58WR, 4 tkl last year.
P STEVE FITTS SR. 6-0 201 PS#55, 77 punts as true, 41.3 average, 36.1 net, 65 punts in 99, 42.3 average, net of 36.1, 52 punts in 2000, 40.9 average and net of 36.3.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year was the first time in eight seasons that the Illini scored at least 10 points in every game.
IU is 3-0-1 SU, 3-1 ATS vs current Mt West schools since 1980.
The visitor is 9-2-1 ATS the L/12 in the Illinois/Iowa matchups.
The home team is 6-2 ATS in the Michigan St series.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IL Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at California	G												
Sep. 8	N Illinois	A												
Sep. 15	Louisville	A												
Sep. 22	at Michigan	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Minnesota	A												
Oct. 13	at Indiana	G												
Oct. 20	Wisconsin (HC)	A												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	at Purdue	G												
Nov. 10	Penn St	A												
Nov. 17	at Ohio St	G												
Nov. 22	Northwestern (Thurs)	A												

Illinois is just 3-4 SU but 6-1 ATS their last 7 road openers.
Pac 10 teams have outscored UI 166-55 the L/5Y (UI is 1-4 ATS).
Illini are 9-16 ATS vs non-Big 10 teams S/91, but 7-0 SU their L/7.
Fighting Illini are 9-19-2 ATS as a home favorite.
May apply here: Despite a 2-0 mark LY, UI is just 5-16 ATS L/21 as a home dog.
Pending L2W, UI is 10-24-1 ATS at home over the L/6 seasons.
Fighting Illini have covered 3 in a row vs the Wolverines.
Illinois is 15-6-1 ATS in their conference opener, but 2-4-1 the L7Y.
UI is 2-5 ATS the last 7 vs the Golden Gophers.
Illini are 4-8 ATS the week after a bye.
Pending LW's results, UI is 6-15 ATS in their last 21 October tussles.
The favorite is 10-5-1 ATS in this series since 1981.
Fighting Illini are 2-5-1 SU and 2-6 ATS vs the Badgers.
Pending UM result, UI is 3-8-1 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Bonus: Wisconsin was also the Homecoming opponent in 1998 & pounded Illinois 37-3!!
The SU winner is 8-1-1 ATS in the last 10 series games.
Boilermakers have outscored UI 90-12 in the L/2 meetings.
Illini are 1-3 ATS, 0-4 SU & have been outscored 134-38 L4Y vs Penn St.
Under Turner, Illini are 8-4 ATS in the final 3 games of the season.
Fighting Illini are 12-4 ATS their last 16 vs Ohio St.
Illinois pulled an upset in their last trip to The Horseshoe, 46-20 in 1999.
The visiting team has covered 7 of 9 and 10 of 13 in this series.
Only 4 of the L/11 series meetings have been decided by more than 7 pts.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (70,904)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-5-1	2-9	0-11	3-8	7-4	5-6	28-48-1
ATS	5-6	5-5-1	4-7	2-8-1	4-6	7-4	4-7	31-43-2
Home Fav	2-3	1-3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-3	7-11-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	0-4	1-5	1-3	1-3	2-0	6-17
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	4-2
Away Dog	1-1	3-1	3-2	1-3-1	3-2	3-1	0-3	14-13-1
Favorite	3-4	2-3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-4	11-13-1
Dog	2-2	3-2	3-6	2-8-1	4-5	4-4	2-3	20-30-1
Grass	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0-1	2-1	4-1	1-2	11-7-1
Artificial	4-5	4-4-1	3-6	1-8	2-5	3-3	3-5	20-36-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-5	2-5-1	3-5	4-4	3-5	23-32-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	8-11-1
Off SU Win	2-4	2-2-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	4-2	3-2	11-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-2	3-5	2-7-1	3-3	2-2	1-4	17-24-1

ILLINOIS (5-6) BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47 (22,20,5)

Lost: 17 (4,11,2)



ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9
6*	32.3	21	174	4.3	234	54.2	12.6	+13	1999	8	22.8	21	170	4.1	218	53.2	17.0
6*	13.5	15	142	3.8	146	46.5	21.3	-11	1998	8	29.6	21	154	3.7	217	55.7	12.5
6	10.8	15	125	3.6	162	42.7	26.5	-10	1997	6	33.5	20	211	4.7	207	59.7	12.5
7	17.3	18	133	3.5	178	55.0	18.0	-10	1996	5	33.8	19	213	4.8	194	57.7	11.4
6*	17.5	15	119	2.9	158	50.8	15.8	+4	1995	5	18.0	16	136	3.3	180	52.6	17.6

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mid Tenn St	26	49-285	5.8	19-27	190	1	26	35-207	5.9	25-40	262	2	+1
at San Diego St	24	44-259	5.9	19-26	158	0	17	34-99	2.9	19-36	151	1	0
California	20	57-222	3.9	7-24	112	2	15	33-114	3.5	15-32	162	3	0
Michigan	21	32-95	3.0	27-38	352	2	25	55-341	6.2	12-28	172	1	-2
at Minnesota	16	30-82	2.7	18-43	178	3	26	64-364	5.7	10-17	182	1	-2
Iowa	22	44-169	3.8	17-28	248	3	15	32-86	2.7	18-34	181	5	+2
at Penn St	23	32-129	4.0	30-50	343	2	21	46-182	4.0	13-24	208	1	-3
at Michigan St	19	45-182	4.0	13-29	104	1	17	46-180	3.9	13-24	117	2	+1
Indiana	24	36-99	2.8	21-29	277	2	31	65-447	6.9	10-18	130	1	+2
Ohio St	15	30-152	5.1	16-30	181	1	29	57-223	3.9	23-38	251	1	+2
at Northwestern	19	36-116	3.2	20-37	246	3	35	71-315	4.4	19-32	163	0	-3
TOTALS	229	435-1790	4.1	207-361	2389	20	257	538-2558	4.8	177-323	1979	18	-2
AVERAGES	20.8	40-163	4.1	19-33	217	1.8	23.4	49-233	4.8	16-29	180	1.6	-0.2

Coach: RON TURNER (Career 23-33)

Turner's records AT ILLINOIS

5th Year at Illinois	3-4	Home Favorite
16-29 Straight Up	5-11	Home Underdog
17-25-1 Vs The Spread	2-1	Away Favorite
8-16-1 Off A S/U Loss	7-9-1	Away Underdog
12-19-1 Vs Conference	5-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Hall of Fame	+3	Clemson	0-30	L
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA	3-6	W
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27	L
94	Liberty	-7	E Carolina	30-0	W
99	MicronPC	+2'	Virginia	63-21	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+12'	8-20	W	S Mississippi	+4	7-24	L	at Washington St	+12'	13-20	W	Arkansas St	-14'	41-3	W	Mid Tenn St	-33'	35-6	L
USC	+3	3-55	L	at Louisville	+6	14-26	L	Mid Tenn St	NL	48-20	-	San Diego St	+3'	38-10	W	at San Diego St	-6'	49-13	W
at Arizona	+8	0-41	L	Washington St	+12	22-35	L	Louisville	-6'	9-35	L	at Louisville	+11'	41-36	W	California	-14	17-15	L
Akron	-27	38-7	W	at Iowa	+28	10-38	T	Iowa	+10	14-37	L	Michigan St	+7	10-27	L	Michigan	+7	31-35	W
Indiana	-5'	46-43	L	Penn St	+26	6-41	L	at Northwestern	+14	13-10	W	at Indiana	+2	31-34	L	at Minnesota	-1	10-44	L
at Michigan St	+8'	14-42	L	at Wisconsin	+13	7-31	L	Ohio St	+36'	0-41	L	Minnesota	+1	7-37	L	Iowa	-12'	31-0	W
at Northwestern	+12'	24-27	W	Purdue	+10'	3-48	L	Wisconsin	+21'	3-37	L	at Michigan	+24'	35-29	W	at Penn St	+2'	25-39	L
Iowa	+9'	21-31	L	at Indiana	+4'	6-23	L	at Purdue	+24	9-42	L	Penn St	+16	7-27	L	at Michigan St	+2'	10-14	L
Ohio St	+29	0-48	L	Northwestern	+12'	21-34	L	at Penn St	+33'	0-27	W	at Iowa	-6'	40-24	W	Indiana	-8	42-35	L
at Minnesota	+3'	21-23	W	at Ohio St	+39'	6-41	W	Indiana	+13'	31-16	W	at Ohio St	+10'	46-20	W	Ohio St	+7'	21-24	W
Wisconsin	+7	15-35	L	Michigan St	+24	17-27	W	at Michigan St	+20'	9-41	L	Northwestern	-13'	29-7	W	at Northwestern	+7'	23-61	L

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS



FB Damien Anderson's return is a bad omen for the rest of the Big 10.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Gavin Hoffman unexpectedly quit the team prior to the year and the Cats' QB's struggled. Zak Kustok, a VHT (PS#20) who originally signed at Notre Dame, had trouble gaining eligibility. He was not allowed to join the team until 4 weeks into the season and it took him a long time to get acclimated. That, plus the fact that his WR corps was decimated by injuries, accounted for his 741 passing yards (45.8%) with a 3-6 ratio in '99. Last year they switched to a spread offense and Kustok adapted like a fish to water. Kustok led the team to its most productive offensive season in school history and threw for 2,389 yards (57%) with a 19-7 ratio while also rushing for 742 gross yards. Matt Danielson (6-0 222 So) is Gary's son and was the backup last year, getting in 26 passes (50%) for 164 yards with a 1-1 ratio. He's again in the mix for the backup QB job but I expect Tony Stauss (6-1 202 rFr) to win the #2 job as he was PS#12 and spent last year learning the offense. While the stats that Kustok put up last year were outstanding, with everyone back I look for even more improvement in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Randy Walker was known for his powerful rush attacks at Miami (Oh) and has recruited a lot of HT's at this position. Northwestern was the only Big 10 team to have 3 different players top 1,000 yards in a season from 1995-99. Walker has pushed RB Damien Anderson (PS#51) heavily since his arrival. Anderson had just 537 yards (3.3) and 8 starts under former head coach Gary Barnett but increased that to 1,128 yards (only 3.7 ypc) in 1999 behind a banged up O-line. He worked hard in the offseason last year, increasing his bench to 400 and trimming his speed down to 4.41. While he had basically the same amount of carries as 1999, the results were much better in the spread offense as he rushed for 2,063 yards and a super 6.6 ypc with 23 TD's. Anderson also added 19 rec's (6.9). He will contend for the Heisman Trophy. He was #2 in the NCAA in rushing yards and averaged a Big 10 record 193.6 ypg vs Big 10 opponents (which beat Lorenzo White's 15 year old record). Kevin Lawrence (5-11 200 Jr) was PS#171 and had 361 yards (5.0) as the backup last year. Torri Stuckey (5-11 197 So) was PS#89 and had 104 yards (4.7) as a true frosh. Walker gets a couple of HT redshirt frosh joining the mix this year in Noah Herron (5-11 219, PS#72) and Rob Shirley (6-0 230, PS#84). The top two FB's return and when they are used they are Vince Cartaya (6-3 233 Jr, PS#81) who had 8 starts and Gilles Lezi (6-0 229 So) who had 2. This unit has added talent and while it will be tough for Anderson to top the year he had in 2000, this group looks even stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 NU lost 3 of their top receivers and then were hit hard by injuries forcing Walker to start walk-ons by the end of the year. Last year they had to replace their top 2 TE's and a part-time starting WR but were in much better shape and it showed in the new offense. Kustok spread the ball around and 5 players topped 25 receptions. There has been some solid recruiting done here with plenty of VHT's in the mix (see two deep) and now they add ND transfer Jovan Witherspoon. Sam Simmons (HM B10) missed 2 games last year he still came out as the team's leading receiver. He could make a big difference if healthy all year. They have a surprising accumulation of top-notch talent at this position and the only losses are WR Teddy Johnson (33 rec's, 18.0), and Derrick Thompson (3 sts, 14 rec). This unit looks even stronger this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Northwestern's OL appeared to be in solid shape, having to replace only 1.5 starters, but then lost their starting C to a torn ACL, a starting LT decided to transfer and 2 other returning starters lost their jobs so it was basically a brand-new offensive front. Last year they only had to replace 2 players who combined for 14 starts but then starting G Wayne Lucier transferred to Colorado, leaving them with 3 returning starters. The line enjoyed great health last year as all five 1st stringers started all 12 games and the OL as a whole got a lot bigger and stronger. They went from averaging just 3.1 ypc rushing in 1999 to 5.1 last year while allowing 34 sacks. The great news this year is that everyone returns including 3 senior starters and overall the group is loaded with 4 VHT's. I list a very talented 2 deep below and clearly this is one of the best O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats have taken some steps back the past few years as they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing in 1998, gave up 4.3 in 1999 and 4.6 in 2000. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups who combined for 7 starts so basically they had 3 starters returning. However Salem Simon tore his ACL and was not 100% starting just 2 games. They also lost a pair of backups during the season. This year they must replace DE Wayne Missouri (12 sts, 51 tkl, 9 ssk, 7 tfl, 1st Tm B10 & #7DC of BAL), DE Conrad Emmerich (12 sts, 50 tkl, 6 tfl), DT Javier Collins (12 sts, 51 tkl, 11 tfl) and DE Gabe Nyenhuis (5 tkl). Only 2 players are back with starting experience but both Simon and Pete Chapman have been full-time starters in the middle. Walker signed one VHT and 2 HT true frosh who could play immediately. NU was last in the Big 10 in sacks in 1999 with 19 and had just 27 last year and this year's group is even less experienced than 2000.

LINEBACKERS - Four times in the last 6 years a NU LB has led the conference in tackles per game. Kevin Bentley accomplished that feat in 1999 and for the 3rd straight year they return Napoleon Harris, Silva and Bentley at the LB positions and all 3 have earned at least 2nd Team Big 10 honors. Billy Silva was #2 in the Big 10 in tackles last year. Bentley missed one game due to injury in 2000 and his replacement, Pat Durr (PS#103RB) simply was named the Big 10 Def Player of the Week vs Illinois with 11 tackles so he provides quality depth. I list the 2 deep below and with 3 senior starters, I expect Walker to work some of his talented true frosh like John Pickens (PS#44) and Braden Jones (PS#60) into the lineup to gain experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The 1999 secondary had just 2 returning starters but set a school record with 60 pbu (previous high was only 44) and were #22 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 48.3% with a 13-7 ratio. They appeared to be in great shape last year, only losing 1 player who had 3 starts due to graduation, but then lost another to academics. They still had 3 returning starters and yet plummeted in the rankings to #90, allowing 52.5% with 26 TD's and only snagging 13 int's. This year they lose CB Harold Blackmon (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 22 pbu, 5 int & #7 DC of SEA), FS Rashad Morton (7 sts, 71 tkl) and CB Shugun Cummings-John (11 tkl). Three players return with starting experience but I do not see any NFL caliber athletes in this group. This group is about as experienced and last year's finish was extremely low in the pass D rankings, so I would expect the Cats to finish a little higher in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When Gary Barnett was here the Cats recorded two Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings from 1994-96 but in his final season this unit was #56 overall and last year they improved up to #53. They do lose K Tim Long (PS#5) who hit 13 of 17 FG's with a long of 46 including 6 of 8 from 40+. Last year they signed Brian Huffman (PS#8) who kicked off in 6 games before getting injured. They still look solid there. Punter J.J. Standing averaged 41.5 in 1998 and lost a yard to 40.5 in 1999. Last year he increased it to 41.0 and a net of 36.5. He will be challenged by David Wasielewski who was Florida's starting P in 1998 with 59 punts (40.0) as a true frosh. He lost his starting job with the Gators in 1999 and transferred. They lose their top KR in Teddy Johnson but Sam

NORTHWESTERN 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS											
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Damien Anderson		311	2148	85	2063	23	6.6				
Zak Kustok		166	742	237	505	9	3.0				
Kevin Lawrence		72	374	13	361	3	5.0				
Torri Stuckey		22	105	1	104	1	4.7				
Sam Simmons		7	61	0	61	0	8.7				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Zak Kustok		363	206	56.7	2389	19	7				
Matt Danielson		26	13	50.0	164	1	1				
RECEIVING			REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Sam Simmons			38	498	13.1	5	45				
Jon Schweighardt			35	348	9.9	1	46				
Kunle Patrick			34	369	10.9	1	34				
Teddy Johnson			33	595	18.0	7	73				
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
J.J. Standing		74	3024	41.0	-	36.5	0	17			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Tim Long		4-4	3-5	6-8	0-0	13-17	46				
PLAYER											
	TKL	SKC	TKL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TKL	PBU	INT
Billy Silva	124	2	7	5	2	Javier Collins	51	3	8	0	0
N. Harris	115	3	1	6	2	D. Missouri	51	9	7	1	0
R. Wheeler	88	0	3	3	0	C. Emmerich	50	3	3	2	0
Kevin Bentley	86	3	8	3	1	H. Blackmon	49	0	0	22	5
R. Covington	81	0	0	4	1	Sean Weber	39	0	0	4	1
Rashad Morton	71	0	0	1	0	Salem Simon	37	0	5	1	0
Pat Durr	62	1	5	1	1	Pete Chapman	23	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
S. Simmons		13	172	13.2	0	T. Johnson		18	412	22.9	0

Simmons averaged 27.6 as a true frosh and had 9 returns for a 22.0 average last year. Louis Ayeni returns (23.7) and may take over the top duties there. Simmons was the top PR with a super 13.2 avg last season. NU did struggle on PR defense allowing 12.3 but only had 31 returns thanks to the solid directional punting of Standing. They only allowed 19.4 per KR and did block one punt while allowing zero. They do lose their long snapper in Jack Harnedy and Walker says it is a significant loss. This looks like a pretty solid group and even with the losses, they could contend for Top 25 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Believe it or not, Northwestern has won or shared THREE Big 10 Titles in the last six years! Last year I called Northwestern the 4th most improved team in the country and they proved to be just that. The new spread offense was a huge success as they set a school record for points and were #3 in the NCAA in total offense. They could hurt teams running or passing as shown by their 50 passes vs Wisconsin and 50 runs vs Mich St in back-to-back upsets. The great news for Randy Walker was that 38 of the top 44 players off the two deep are back and only 9 of the top 86 players depart. Walker was rewarded with a contract extension through the year 2007. Wildcat games were indeed high scoring last year as they had my #2 rated offense in the Big 10 but also its second lowest rated defense. The offense will be potent again as almost everyone returns including QB Zak Kustok who was perfect at running the spread and RB Damien Anderson who is the leading returning rusher in the country and a Heisman candidate. They also have one of the best defensive lines in the country in front of him. The defense, however, does not figure to be much better than last year despite the wealth of returnees. Look for them to play numerous true frosh this season which could have them a year away from being improved. The Cats are a great story as their academic standards make recruitment more difficult than the rest of the Big 10, yet they continue to overachieve. Last season they benefitted from +13 in turnovers. If you check out my Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 277, you will find that is not necessarily good news. The non-conf slate is very manageable and all 4 of their Big 10 home games fall into the winnable category as do a couple of their road trips. However, they did win 3 games last year by scoring on the final play of the game. Teams will also be more prepared for their offense, but this team is capable of returning to the postseason for the second straight year.

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LB Braden Jones 6-2 220 PS#60
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OFFENSE

QB ZAK KUSTOK SR. 6-1 200 PS#20 & orig at ND. 6 sts in 99. 741 yds (45.8%), 3-6 ratio. 12 sts ly, 2389 yds (57%) 19-7 ratio, 742 gross yds rush. Tony Stauss PS#12 last year.
RB DAMIEN ANDERSON SR. 5-11 204 PS#51. 9 sts, 537 yds (3.3) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 1128 yds (3.7). 12 sts ly, 2063 yds (6.6), 19 rec (6.9) 400 bench. Kevin Lawrence (5-11 200 Jr) 361 yds ly.
WR SAM SIMMONS SR. 5-10 201 PS#31RB in 98. 124 yds (4.0) as true. 5 sts at WR in 99. 12 rec (21.8). 9 sts ly (inj) 38 rec (13.1). Louis Ayeni (5-11 198 Jr) 180 tkl yds in 99. 2 rec (25.0) ly.
WR JON SCHWEIGHARDT JR. 5-11 189 PS#33WR. 2 sts as true, 11 rec (12.2). #2 rec in 2000 with 35 (9.9). Roger Jordan (6-3 202 So) PS#50. 2 starts as a true frosh, 26 rec (8.7).
WR Jovan Witherspoon So. 6-3 203 PS#43LB in 99. Signed at Notre Dame & trans.
Kunle Patrick (6-0 204 So) PS#21. DB on scout tm in 99. #3 in rec as rFr w/34 rec (10.9) ly.
TE DAVID FARMAN JR. 6-5 253 PS#80QB. 12 sts at TE ly, 6 rec (8.7). Eric Worley (6-4 247 So) PS#35TE, 3 rec ly. Trai Essex is PS#2TE! Rolf Reinolda was PS#86 ly.
C AUSTIN KING JR. 6-4 281 PS#214OL. 8 sts as true. Improved bench to 340 ly, 12 sts, HM B10. Carl Matejka (6-4 295 So) PS#402, 9 games as rFr & lettered.
RG JEFF ROEHL JR. 6-4 299 PS#30 & orig at Notre Dame. Transferred in '99. 12 sts here ly, benches 400, HM B10. Adam Fay (6-4 313 Sr) PS#33. 9 sts in 98, 2 letters.
LG LANCE CLELLAND SR. 6-6 317 PS#19. 5 starts as rFr. 1 start, 10 games in '99. 12 starts last year, 3 letters. Matt Ulrich (6-2 292 rFr) PS#66OL and added 14 lbs.
RT MIKE SOUZA SR. 6-6 294 PS#9OL. 4 starts as rFr. 11 starts in 1999. 12 starts in 2000. 3 letters. Ike Ndukwue (6-6 333 rFr) PS#76OL & trimmed 17 pounds for starting.
LT LEON BROCKMEIER JR. 6-7 302 PS#69. 2 starts at TE as rFr. 10 starts at OT in '99. 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm Big 10. Derek Martinez (6-5 292 So) PS#199OL, lettered last year.
K Brian Kuffman So. 6-1 202 PS#8K. Hit 56 yd FG in HS & 10 from 40+, 71 TB's. Did KO 6 games ly til inj. David Wasielewski (PS#7) 53 yd FG in HS & missed 62 ydr.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE Ben Kennedy So. 6-6 265 PS#122LB. RT on OL last year. Fast & explosive. Pete Konopka (6-4 252 Sr) 12 tkl, 1 tfl in '99. 15 tkl, 1 tfl ly. David Thompson is PS#112.
DT PETE CHAPMAN JR. 6-4 294 PS#41. 12 tkl, 1 tfl as rFr. 10 sts ly, 23 tkl, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Colby Clark (6-2 272 rFr) PS#88. George Woods (6-1 275 So) PS#82. 4 tkl, 6 gms ly.
DT Saleem Simon Sr. 6-4 270 PS#175. 3 sts as rFr. 18 tkl & 12. 9 sts in 99, 32 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 sts ly (inj) 37 tkl, 5 tfl. Thomas Derriks PS#20DL. Matt Anderson (6-3 281 So) PS#175OL.
DE Onaje Grimes Jr. 6-3 247 PS#163DL. 2 tkl as rFr. 2 tkl, 10 games last year. Ray Bogennel (6-3 260 So) PS#92TE. 1 tkl, 5 games last year. Luis Castillo is PS#69DL.
OLB NAPOLEON HARRIS SR. 6-3 243 PS#18TE. 32 tkl as rFr. 8 sts in '99, #2 w/10 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm Big 10. #2 w/115 tkl, 14 tfl. Syga Thomas (6-0 208 So) PS#160.
MLB BILLY SILVA SR. 6-3 248 PS#54. 6 starts in 99, 83 tkl, 3 tfl, 12 starts ly, 1st Tm Big 10. #3 in Big 10 w/124 tkl, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. Dan Pohlman (6-1 223 rFr) PS#53RB.
HLB KEVIN BENTLEY SR. 6-1 233 PS#125, #1 in Big 10 w/148 tkl, 10 tfl. 2nd Tm B10 in 99, Tm MVP. 11 sts, 86 tkl, 11 tfl, 4.72 spd. Pat Durr (6-1 228 Jr) PS#103RB, 62 tkl, 6 w ly ly.
CB Chasda Martin Jr. 5-11 194 PS#99. 3 tkl as rFr. 5 tkl ly. Brandon Evans (5-11 182 So) PS#118RB, 3 tkl as rFr. Jonathan Fields is PS#221DB. 8 pbu, 2 int as HS senior.
CB RAHEEM COVINGTON JR. 5-9 182 PS#345. 15 tkl, 10 games as rFr. 12 starts ly, 5 w/81 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Marvin Ward (5-11 196 rFr) PS#275DB and redshirted last year.
SS RASHIDI WHEELER SR. 6-0 212 PS#95DB. 3 tkl in 99. 12 sts ly #3 w/88 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Marvin Brown (5-11 200 Sr) PS#89RB. 12 tkl in 99. 13 tkl in 2000. Added 12 lbs.
FS Sean Weber Jr. 6-1 202 2 games as rFr. 5 starts last year, 39 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu, 11 games. Mark Roush (6-0 184 So) PS#199RB, 4 tkl, Jarvis Adams (5-10 196 rFr).
P J.J. STANDING SR. 6-1 212 78 punts in 98, 41.5 avg, 36.2 net. 84 punts in 99, 40.5, 35.5 net. 74 punts ly, 41.0 avg. David Wasielewski (5-10 229 Jr) PS#7. 40.0 avg at Fla in 98.

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

Evanston, Illinois
Weather (815) 834-0675

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The home team is 10-3 ATS in the Wisconsin series.
Wildcats are 6-1 ATS vs Michigan since 1992.
After compiling a 4-10 ATS mark from '94-'99, NWU was a perfect 4-0 ATS as a home favorite last season.
Northwestern is 7-3 vs non-conference foes last 3 years.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NW Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 7	at UNLV (Fri)	G												
Sep. 15	Navy	G												
Sep. 22	at Duke	G												
Sep. 29	Michigan St	G												
Oct. 6	at Ohio St	G												
Oct. 13	Minnesota (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	Penn St	G												
Oct. 27	at Purdue	G												
Nov. 3	at Indiana	G												
Nov. 10	Iowa	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 22	at Illinois (Thurs)	A												

Wildcats are 25-15 ATS in their last 40 away games.
Northwestern is 23-10 ATS vs bowl teams from the previous year.
Could apply: Cats are 4-11 ATS their L/15 times as DD favorites.
NWU is 5-10-1 ATS in their first lined home game.
Northwestern is 7-3 SU & ATS as an away favorite.
NWU is 4-1 SU & 3-2 ATS L/5 in this series & the SU winner is 4-1 ATS.
Cats are 6-3 ATS in their Big 10 opener & have covered 2 straight.
The home team is 10-6 ATS in this series since 1983.
Northwestern is 0-18 SU & 7-10-1 ATS vs Ohio St since 1976.
OSU has outscored NWU 777-190 (43-11 avg) & only 2 gms decided by less than 20.
Cats are 16-6 ATS when the line is +/-7, pending earlier results.
The underdog is 7-2 ATS the last 9 games in this series.
May apply here: NWU is 13-5 ATS as a home dog but only 3-4 ATS L/7.
The home team has won the last 4 ATS in this series.
The visitor is 8-1 ATS the last 9 series meetings.
The last 3 years these teams have combined for 200 pts, or 66.7 per game.
The fav has been nearly "Otto" matic, with a 14-1 ATS mark the L/15 meetings.
Cats are just 3-6 ATS L/3Y in November but were 2-1 in 2000.
Who let the dogs out? The underdog has covered 5 in a row in this series.
NWU is 4-2 ATS prior to a bye but has dropped their last 2.
Bonus #1: Purple & Black are 10-5 ATS in their last 15 road finales.
Northwestern is 5-1 ATS the week after a bye.
Wildcats are 14-4 ATS on the road on artificial turf in the reg season.
Bonus #2: The dog is 7-4 ATS in the series but 1-3 last 4 years.

STADIUM: RYAN FIELD (49,256)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-7-1	10-1	9-2	5-7	3-9	3-8	8-3	41-37-1
ATS	6-5	10-1	5-6	7-5	6-6	4-7	8-3	46-33
Home Fav	0-0	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-1	4-0	8-10
Home Dog	2-3	3-0	1-0	4-0	2-1	2-3	1-1	15-8
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	6-3
Away Dog	3-2	4-0	2-1	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	17-12
Favorite	1-0	3-1	2-5	2-3	2-2	0-1	4-1	14-13
Dog	5-5	7-0	3-1	5-2	4-4	4-6	4-2	32-20
Grass	2-2	3-0	2-2	6-5	4-4	4-6	5-3	26-22
Artificial	4-3	7-1	3-4	1-0	2-2	0-1	3-0	20-11
vs Conf	4-4	8-0	4-4	6-2	3-5	2-6	6-2	33-23
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	2-1	8-1	3-5	1-3	0-2	3-0	4-3	21-15
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-0	2-0	5-2	5-4	1-6	3-1	20-16

Coach: RANDY WALKER (Career 70-47-5)
Walker's records AT NORTHWESTERN

3rd Year at Northwestern	4-1	Home Favorite
11-12 Straight Up	3-4	Home Underdog
12-10 Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
4-7 Off A S/U Loss	5-4	Away Underdog
8-8 Vs Conference	4-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Rose	NL	California	20-14	-
95	Rose	+3	USC	32-41	L
96	Citrus	+8	Tennessee	28-48	L
00	Alamo	+14	Nebraska	17-66	L

NORTHWESTERN (8-4) CONFERENCE: BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 10* DEFENSE: 6
LETTERMEN: Returning: 45 (24,19,2) Lost: 10 (2,6,2)

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8
6	12.8	16	141	3.1	143	41.8	22.2	-6	1999	6	27.4	19	188	4.3	200	48.3	14.2
3	17.8	15	93	2.5	202	53.1	16.6	-3	1998	5	28.1	18	163	3.8	207	53.3	13.1
3	20.3	17	132	3.5	188	54.7	15.8	+9	1997	6	24.0	21	189	4.2	203	59.8	16.3
9*	28.0	22	158	3.9	224	60.2	13.7	+5	1996	4	23.2	19	139	3.6	208	57.4	15.0
5*	25.9	16	170	4.1	158	55.1	12.7	+19	1995	8	15.1	18	128	3.2	202	57.0	21.9

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Illinois	26	57-236	4.1	16-27	176	3	22	34-112	3.3	20-40	254	2	+2
Duke	20	52-259	5.0	18-30	213	1	13	32-44	1.4	11-32	130	6	+4
at TCU	11	29-113	3.9	13-23	145	3	23	69-387	5.6	8-12	101	0	-3
at Wisconsin	24	38-266	7.0	21-41	278	2	26	60-352	5.9	12-24	153	2	+2
at Michigan St	20	55-346	6.3	12-23	160	1	22	35-134	3.8	17-35	233	3	+2
Indiana	24	61-417	6.8	9-17	119	2	21	38-174	4.6	23-47	268	1	+2
Purdue	19	37-83	2.2	24-36	369	7	25	47-222	4.7	22-40	239	1	-1
at Minnesota	25	65-334	5.1	18-32	209	4	19	35-120	3.4	20-36	316	2	-1
Michigan	31	50-332	6.6	27-40	322	1	33	44-217	4.9	24-37	318	2	+2
at Iowa	26	50-129	2.6	25-45	248	7	18	40-103	2.6	17-27	250	2	0
Illinois	35	71-315	4.4	19-32	163	0	19	36-116	3.2	20-37	246	3	+3
Nebraska (Bowl)	14	38-232	6.1	17-43	151	3	28	69-476	6.9	6-14	160	0	+1
TOTALS	275	603-3062	5.1	219-389	2553	34	269	539-2457	4.6	200-381	2668	24	+13
AVERAGES	22.9	50-255	5.1	18-32	213	2.8	22.4	45-205	4.6	17-32	222	2.0	1.1

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wake Forest	-17	27-28	L
at Duke	-9	38-13	W
Ohio U	-32	28-7	L
at Indiana	-4	35-17	W
Michigan	+7	17-16	W
Minnesota	-10	26-24	L
at Wisconsin	+5	34-30	W
Illinois	-12	27-24	L
at Penn St	+9	9-34	L
at Iowa	+6	40-13	W
Purdue	-10	27-24	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	-4	24-0	W
at Wake Forest	-13	20-27	L
Duke	-17	24-20	L
Rice	-7	34-40	L
at Purdue	+3	9-21	L
Wisconsin	+3	25-26	W
at Michigan	+24	6-23	W
Michigan St	+13	19-17	W
at Ohio St	+21	6-49	L
Penn St	+16	27-30	W
at Illinois	-12	34-21	W
Iowa	+11	15-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-14	41-7	W
Duke	-12	10-44	L
at Rice	+5	23-14	W
at Wisconsin	+12	7-38	L
Illinois	-14	10-13	L
at Iowa	+10	24-26	W
Michigan	+14	6-12	W
Ohio St	+29	10-36	W
at Michigan St	+10	5-29	L
Purdue	+13	21-56	L
at Penn St	+24	10-41	L
at Hawaii	-16	47-21	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	+4	3-28	L
TCU	+8	17-7	W
at Duke	+8	15-12	W
at Purdue	+28	23-31	W
Minnesota	+6	14-33	L
at Indiana	+8	17-34	L
Iowa	-4	23-21	L
Wisconsin	+23	19-35	W
at Michigan	+23	3-37	L
Michigan St	+19	0-34	L
at Illinois	+13	7-29	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-8	35-17	W
Duke	-13	38-5	W
at TCU	+11	14-41	L
at Wisconsin	+16	47-44	W
at Michigan St	+11	37-17	W
Indiana	-4	52-33	W
Purdue	+3	28-41	L
at Minnesota	+5	41-35	W
Michigan	+7	54-51	W
at Iowa	-12	17-27	L
Illinois	-7	61-23	W

INDIANA HOOSIERS



WR/QB/RB/KR/P Antwaan Randle El is a one man highlight reel for IU.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Heisman candidate Antwaan Randle El already holds many records and will try to set a few more in his senior season. He turned down the NFL draft and is only the 2nd player in NCAA history to pass for 5,000 yards and rush for 2,000 in his career. Last year Randle El became the only QB in Big 10 history to top 1,000 yards rushing in a season and if he gains 2,500 total yards this year will be the first player in NCAA history to do that in all 4 years. He could become the all-time leading rusher at QB as he is less than 700 yards behind AF's Dee Dowis. Prior to the last 2 seasons, Coach Cameron had talked about moving Randle El to WR or RB and having talented Tommy Jones (6-3 241 Jr, PS#48) take over at QB. In both of the last 2 years, Randle El has held on to his QB job. This year Cameron seems intent on finally making the change as Randle El played WR all spring but should still see some time at QB this fall. Jones had 9 pass attempts in 1999 and 16 last year and should become the starter. Gibran Hamdan (6-5 225 Jr) has a rifle for an arm and is very adept at reading defenses but has not seen action in 2 years. Patrick Thompson (6-2 219 rFr) was PS#143DB and has 4.5 speed. He had 20 TD passes at Fork Union Academy '99. Randle El's completion percentage went from 53.8 to 48.0% last year and his TD/Int ratio went from 17 to 10-14. It will be interesting to see if A) Jones is the QB this year and B) if he can beat those totals.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hoosiers have had some great RB's over the years including current RB Coach Anthony Thompson, who is #2 all-time in the Big 10 in career rushing TD's. When Indy signed Levron Williams (PS#7) I immediately projected him as the starting TB and said he could become the next great Indy RB. Unfortunately he did not qualify in 1997 and in 1998 he moved to WR where he had 5 starts and 15 rec's. In 1999 he moved back to RB and had 817 yards rushing (6.9) and 33 rec's (10.9). Last year Levron played in just 7 full games due to injury. In those 7 games he was highly productive, rushing for 821 yards. He has a career ypc average of 7.1 which is among the NCAA's best and at 6-3 222 is one of the bigger backs in the NCAA. Brian Lewis (5-7 197 So) was PS#58 and gained 373 yards (5.6). The speedy Lewis runs a 10.6 in the 100 meters. Rashon Myles (6-1 218 So) was PS#95 and had 91 yards (5.4) and is the

power runner of the trio. JUCO transfer Dru Robinson (5-9 188) was in for the spring. They split the FB job last year between DeWayne Hogan and Jeremi Johnson. Hogan departs after rushing for 313 yards (5.7). Johnson is huge but can still move with the football and has a pair of HT true frosh backing him up this season. I look for Williams to have a breakout year in 2001 provided he can stay healthy. Keep in mind last year the top 7 ball toters all averaged 5.0 or more and the Hoosiers' 5.8 ypc rushing as a team was 2nd best in the NCAA next to Nebraska.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Hoosiers returned 3 of their top 4 wideouts. This year their 2 starting WR's depart. Gone is Versie Gaddis who had 4.2 speed and led the team with 29 rec's and a super 19.1 ypc. Also departing is WR Jerry Dorsey (27 rec's 19.0) as well as backups Derin Graham (17 rec) and OJ Conner (3 rec). They did not get the type of play expected at TE and Kris Dielman, who moved to the DL early last season, was forced to also play at TE and led the TE's with 7 rec's (6.6). He departs. I look for rFr Aaron Halterman to step to the forefront at TE as Bobby Brandt moves to OT. The big news here is the likely insertion of Antwaan Randle El into the WR slot (see QB write-up). Last year's group was nothing special and with his addition as well as the rest of the two deep below, this unit could be stronger although far less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kudos to OC/OL Coach Hal Hunter for last year's outstanding performance. Last season Indy was using 4 starters who never played college OL before and the other returning starter moved from guard to tackle so everyone was in new positions. They also lost 2 OL's prior to the season. Somehow that piecemeal unit only allowed 9 sacks in 11 games and paved the way for the #2 rushing offense in the NCAA in ypc (5.8). This year the entire line returns with the possible exception of RG Sione Ohuafi whose grades are a question mark. They also bring in starting TE Bobby Brandt to add depth and possibly win a starter's spot. In the 2 deep I list below 7 players have starting experience and there is a good amount of HT's in the unit. This should be one of the Big 10's best units.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers had a solid DL in 1998, led by Adewale Ogundipe, as they allowed just 3.8 ypc. He was injured midway through the 1999 season and the performance slipped as they allowed 4.7 ypc with only 23 sacks. Last year he had to be replaced as did one other starter but 7 players returned with starting experience. Unfortunately the group had just 18 sacks and they also gave up 4.7 ypc. Cameron wants more speed on the front line and is moving some DE's to DT and some LB's to DE. The big addition to the starting lineup should be VHT Steve Williams (PS#12). Williams ballooned up to 300 lbs before reporting as a true frosh and had to be moved to DT. He's trimmed off some weight and is back at DE. The only losses are DT Paul Mandina (11 sts, 40 tkls, Top DL Award), DE Tony Brown (1 st, 9 tkls) and DE Kris Dielman (split time at TE). Once again plenty of players are back with starting experience and they get some solid additions besides a slimmed down Williams. John Lumpkin was PS#35 and redshirted while Courtney Young is a big time JUCO who originally signed with Miami (Fla) and will arrive in the fall. I list the 2 deep below. While last year I expected improvement and it didn't happen, I think it will this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Hoosiers returned all 3 starters last year and all ran 4.5 in track, giving them one of the speediest LB corps around. They suffered a little attrition as MLB Joslin Goodman broke his thumb and missed a month. True frosh MLB Brandon Baker missed most of the year but started 3 of the last 5 while SLB Justin Smith simply was #6 in the Big 10 in tfl and was voted 2nd Team Big 10. This year they only lose Joslin Goodman (6 sts, 29 tkls). There may be the addition of some DB's to this unit to add speed, much like Smith (starting SS in 1998). I list the LB roster as of the spring below and with the 3 players with significant starting experience returning, I'll call it stronger and look for a big year from Baker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hoosiers ranked #61 in my pass D rankings in 1998 and returned all 4 starters in 1999 but injuries hurt them and they dropped to #86. Last year they had to replace one starter due to graduation but then lost 3 of their top 8 players including 2 starters just prior to the season. The unit allowed 64.7% with 25 TD's and just 4 int's and finished #113 out of 115 teams. SS Anderson made 18 tackles more than anyone else, which is never a good sign. The inexperienced group had trouble with the new schemes and allowed 297.4 passing yards per game in the first 7 but just 224.5 over the last 4. Against Illinois the CB's were a converted RB and a frosh. Cameron said of this year's group, "It's the most talent in the secondary since I've been here." I agree and do expect some of the players that I list in the 3 deep below to end up at LB to aid the overall speed of the defense. The only losses are SS Johnny Anderson (#1 tklr, 3 pbu)

INDIANA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Antwaan Randle El	218	1447	177	1270	13	5.8					
Levron Williams	116	851	30	821	10	7.1					
Brian Lewis	67	386	13	373	3	5.6					
DeWayne Hogan	55	314	1	313	5	5.7					
Jeremi Johnson	20	103	0	103	2	5.2					
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Antwaan Randle El	277	133	48.0	1783	10	14					
Tommy Jones	16	6	37.5	57	0	1					
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Versie Gaddis	29	554	19.1	3	70						
Jerry Dorsey	27	514	19.0	3	57						
Levron Williams	20	116	5.8	0	17						
Derin Graham	17	198	11.6	0	39						
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20			
Ryan Hamre	16	599	37.4	-	26.2	1	1				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Andy Payne	3-3	2-3	2-2	2-4	9-12	53					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
J. Anderson	92	0	2	3	0	Marcus Floyd	40	0	2	0	0
Justin Smith	74	6	8	4	0	Derek Barnett	32	3	2	2	0
S. Wallace	49	0	0	2	0	K. Rasmussen	30	3	6	7	0
Devlin Schaffer	47	1	8	2	0	Joslin Goodman	29	0	0	2	1
Duane Stone	44	0	1	3	1	Joe Gonzalez	27	0	1	4	0
Ron Bethel	44	1	0	2	0	D. Smith	25	3	2	1	0
Paul Mandina	40	0	3	4	0	Scott Genord	23	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derin Graham	12	88	7.3	0		Derin Graham		38	897	23.6	0

and CB OJ Spencer (1 start, 13 tkl). This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Hoosiers lose one of the nation's most accurate FG kickers in Andy Payne, who hit 29 of 33 inside the 40 in his career and last year was 4 of 6 from 40+ including a 53 yard FG. He will be tough to replace. While Payne was outstanding the rest of the unit struggled. As an example, vs Minnesota they allowed a blocked punt, a blocked FG and a 100 yard KR all in the same game. Ryan Hamre had 16 punts and a 37.4 avg and Andy Payne also had 16 punts (35.8 avg) with Randle El punting 5 times. The team had 3 punts blocked while only blocking one punt and they allowed 4 TD's on returns for a -6 in the TD/Blk category. They allowed 23.5 on KR's. The bright spot was KR Derin Graham who was #32 in the NCAA. Graham was also the top PR, but he departs. With Randle El moving to WR, you can expect to see a lot more of him in this unit and that could mean a TD or two by the elusive one. They bring in a solid true frosh K in Bryan Robertson who had five 50+ yard FG's in HS and had 54 TB's on 92 KO's. They have to improve the punting game as you can't get much worse but the return game looks to be in great hands. After finishing #113 in my special teams rankings last year there is only one way to go and they could make significant strides although in the last 3 years prior to 2000 they ranked just #91, #99 and #90.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986-1993, under the tutelage of Coach Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games. However, since a 6-5 season in 1994, they have accumulated six straight losing seasons. The Hoosiers had 800 opportunities for the players to meet during winter workouts and 796 made it by the 5:30 am start time, showing great dedication. The last two years Cameron has talked about the possibility of getting to a bowl game but the Hoosiers have lost many close games. Last season they led NC State by 12 points with 5:00 left but lost and had losses by 3, 7, 3 and 7, all in the final minutes, meaning they were basically 4 plays away from being 7-4. They have some factors in their favor this season. First of all, they have 16 returning starters which is the most in the Big 10 and lose just 15 lettermen. Last season the team was -16 in turnovers and while most view that negatively, I think it is a foreshadowing of good things to come (see page 277). The Indiana offense has improved each year under Cameron from 10.9 ppg in his first season to 30.6 last year which was #2 in school history. It will be interesting

to see how much time Antwaan Randle El actually spends at QB but they will incorporate more passing into the offense. The defense was feeble last year allowing 38.8 ppg and 4.7 ypc along with 65% completions. They have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and have some talented players and should be solidly improved. There were 4 coaches hired the Big 10 in 1997 and Cameron is the only one without a bowl appearance. The schedule is tough this year but this is a team that was much better than their 3-8 record and could pull some surprises.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB	Kyle Koester	6-1 250 PS#70
DB	Courtney Young	6-5 282 PS#39JC
DB	Will Lumpkin	5-11 192 PS#93
LB	Brandon Hatcher	6-2 275 PS#174
RB	Jason Sullivan	6-1 235 PS#117
K	Bryan Robertson	5-9 180 PS#6
RB	Courtney Clency	5-10 185 PS#132
WR	Courtney Roby	6-1 180 PS#120
LB	Ted Pace	6-1 185 PS#117
DB	Buster Larkins	5-11 180 PS#147
DB	Willie Northern	6-1 195 PS#143JC
RB	Yamar Washington	5-10 200 PS#178
DB	Antonio Watson	6-1 194 PS#175JC
DB	Damien Jones	5-10 185 PS#216
DB	Martin Lapostolle	6-2 240 PS#319

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OFFENSE

QB Tommy Jones Jr. 6-3 241 PS#48. 9 passes in 1999, 16 ly. 134 yds pass, 35 rush career. Gibran Hamdan (6-5 225 Jr) rifle arm. Patrick Thompson PS#143DB last year.

RB LEVRON WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 222 PS#7. 2 st RB, 3 at WR in 98, 379 yds, 8 sts in 99, 817 yds (6.9), 6 sts ly, 821 yds (7.1), 20 rec (5.8). Brian Lewis (5-7 197 So) PS#58, 373 yds (5.6).

FB Jeremi Johnson Jr. 5-11 277 PS#73. 4 sts in 99, 282 yds (4.1), 1 st ly, 103 yds (5.2), 11 rec (7.5). Kyle Koester is PS#70. Jason Sullivan is PS#117. Rob Bouchard (6-0 241 So).

WR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL SR. 5-10 190 PS#110B. 1745 yds (47%) 6-11 ratio in 98, 2277 yds (54%) 17-7 ratio in 99, 1783 yds (48%) 10-14 ratio ly. 1074, 991, 1447 yds rush. Travis Haney (6-4 206 rFr).

WR Henry Frazier Sr. 6-0 179 PS#268JC. 4.4 speed. Solid blocker, 1 start, 4 rec last year. LJ Parker (6-1 210 So) PS#100, 2 rec. David Lewis (6-0 174 rFr) was PS#59.

TE AARON HALTERMAN rFr. 6-5 258 PS#38. 1 game as true tfl injury. Added 18 lbs. Steven Anthony (6-3 260 Jr) PS#32, 12 tkls at DT last 2 years. Matt Buchholz PS#469JUCO.

C CRAIG OSIKA SR. 6-4 293 PS#28TE. 6 starts as true, 5 rec, 11 starts in '99, 11 rec. Moved to C ly, 11 sts, Top OL Award. Chris Jahnke (6-5 291 rFr) PS#117OL.

RG SIONE OHUAFI SO. 6-3 292 PS#15DL. 11 sts at RG as rFr but acad ?

LG JAMARUS GORMAN (6-4 317 Sr) PS#78, 6 sts in 99. Colin Christopher (6-1 284 So) PS#120LB.

LG ANTHONY OAKLEY SO. 6-3 290 11 starts at LG as rFr, 455 bench, team's strongest player. Matt Genasci (6-4 289 Sr) PS#171JUCO. Backup LT in 2000 & lettered.

RT ENOCH DEAMER JR. 6-4 313 PS#178. 11 starts as rFr at LG, 11 starts at RT in 2000, 901 plays. Bobby Brandt (6-7 280 Jr) PS#68TE, 11 starts @ TE in 2000, 5 rec (15.6).

LT AC MYLER JR. 6-4 334 PS#18DL. 2 tkls as true, 10 tkls, 2 tkls in 99. Moved to OT, 11 sts ly, 901 plays, NFL potential. Brett Taylor (6-8 304 Jr) 2nd string L2Y.

K Adam Braucher So. 5-7 195 Strong leg. Did KO's as rFr, 60 yard FG range. Bryan Robertson PS#6K. Hit a 61 yard FG in high school, 54 of 92 KO's were touchdowns.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE DEREK BARNETT JR. 6-3 246 PS#28. 1 st as rFr, 11 tkls, 11 sts ly, 32 tkls, 3 sts. John Lumpkin (6-2 263 rFr) PS#35. Herman Fowler (6-1 260 Jr) 2 sts, 23 tkls, 3 tfl in 2Y.

DT DOMINIQUE SMITH SR. 6-3 293 PS#27JC. 13 tkls, 3 tfl here in 1999, 10 sts ly, 25 tkls, 3 sts. Jamil Frink (6-2 270 Jr) PS#133. 1 start, 14 tkls ly. Jason Fryar (6-8 326 rFr).

DT KEMP RASMUSSEN SR. 6-3 250 PS#260. 11 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 7 sts, Top DL Award.

10 STANLEY, 30 tkls, 9 tfl. Sean Nelson (6-3 261 Jr) PS#71, 3 sts, 19 tkls as rFr. Courtney Young is PS#39JC.

DE Steve Williams So. 6-3 242 PS#12DL. Reported over-weight ly, 14 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Lost 33 lbs. Jodie Clemons (6-2 251 rFr) Scout Tm Del MVP. Dan Phillips (6-4 230 rFr) PS#134LB.

WLB DEVIN SCHAFER SR. 6-1 242 PS#170. 3 sts as rFr, 9 sts in 99 at MLB, 63 tkls, 6 tfl, 11 sts at WLB ly, 47 tkls, 9 tfl. Robert Brown (6-1 240 So) PS#56, 8 tkls. Darvin Num PS#139 ly.

MLB BRANDON BAKER SR. 6-0 240 PS#75LB. 3 starts as true & 3 tackles, +12 lbs. He's a prototype MLB. Herana-Daze Jones (5-11 202 rFr) was PS#158RB, and has 4.4 speed.

SLB JUSTIN SMITH SR. 6-0 213 9 sts at SS as rFr, 64 tkls, 11 sts in 99, #1 w/89 tkls, 11 sts ly, #6 B10 w/14 tfl, 74 tkls, 2nd Team Big 10. Shane Moat (5-11 226 Jr) PS#125DL.

CB DUANE STONE SO. 5-9 177 PS#92RB. 200m on track tml, 6 sts ly, 44 tkls, 3 pbu. Michael Hanley (5-11 172 So) PS#179, 17 tkls as true. RS ly. AC Carter (5-7 188 Jr), 4 38 40.

CB SHARROD WALLACE SR. 5-8 183 11 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 7 pbu, 10 starts ly, 49 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Rico Lloyd (5-11 157 rFr) PS#42, 4.4 speed. Will Lumpkin (5-11 192) is PS#93.

SS RON BETHEL JR. 6-3 215 PS#61WR. 11 sts at FS ly, 44 tkls, Willie Northern (6-1 195 Jr) PS#42WR & orig at Aub. Marcus Floyd (5-9 184 Sr) 6 sts, 323 yds at RB in 99, 40 tkls ly.

FS Antonio Watson Jr. 6-1 194 PS#175JC. 4.4 speed. Joe Gonzalez (6-0 202 Jr) PS#84, 16 tkls as true, 1 start ly, 27 tkls, 4 pbu. Clarence Young (6-0 189 So) PS#205DB.

P RYAN HAMRE SO. 6-2 215 16 punts as rFr, 37.4 avg, 45.7 avg as Senior in HS. Best avg here, out of 3 punters ly. Antwaan Randle El had 5 punts in 2000, 36.2 average.

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cameron continues to make great strides in Big 10 play, as their ppg has gone up every year and was 27.9 last year. The visitor is 7-2 ATS in the IU/Michigan series. The Hoosiers are 2-8 ATS after playing the physical Wolverines. The home team is 7-2 ATS in the IU/Minnesota series. IU is 1-10 ATS in home finales that are NOT vs Purdue.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IND Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	at NC State	G												
Sep. 15	Kentucky	G												
Sep. 22	Utah	G												
Sep. 29	Ohio St	G												
Oct. 6	at Wisconsin	A												
Oct. 13	Illinois (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Iowa	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	Northwestern	G												
Nov. 10	at Michigan St	A												
Nov. 17	at Penn St	G												
Nov. 24	Purdue	G												

Hoosiers are 12-4 ATS in season openers, but only 3-3 L/6Y. IU is 2-5 both SU & ATS vs current ACC schools since 1976. Indiana is 15-26-1 ATS at home over the L/7 seasons. The home team is 4-8 ATS the L/12 in this series. UK is 6-0 SU L/6 games. IU is 4-0 ATS under Cameron after playing Kentucky. The '79 Holiday Bowl was the last time IU played a current Mt West school. Hoosiers are 3-6 ATS in their first Big 10 home game. Indiana is 7-19 ATS their last 26 as a home dog, but 3-2 last 5. Although just 1-3 ATS LY, IU is 9-5 ATS in their L/14 October games. Hoosiers are 9-21-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. Indiana is 3-0 ATS L/3 Homecoming games but 0-4 ATS prior to that. Hoosiers are 3-7-1 ATS in sandwiched home games. The favorite is 11-5 ATS the last 16 meetings. This has been a high scoring series of late, w/an avg of 57.5 ppg L4Y & 73.5 ppg L2Y. Hoosiers are 0-5 ATS the week after a bye since 1994. The SU winner is an amazing 16-0 ATS in this series. Indiana is 4-8 ATS last 12 vs the Spartans. Pending LW's result, IU is 3-8 ATS their L/11 November games. IU is 2-16-3 ATS prior to playing Purdue. Hoosiers are 1-6-3 ATS their last 10 road finales NOT vs Purdue. Purdue has outscored IU 179-51 the last 4 years. The home team is just 3-9-1 but 3-0 L3Y ATS in the Old Oaken Bucket battle.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,354)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	2-9	3-8	2-9	4-7	4-7	3-8	24-53
ATS	7-4	1-10	5-5-1	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	34-42-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-3	0-0-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	1-2	9-12-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-4	1-3	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-2	6-14
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	4-2
Away Dog	3-1	1-3	3-1	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-4	15-14
Favorite	3-2	0-3	1-1-1	2-1	3-2	3-3	1-2	13-14-1
Dog	4-2	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-2	3-2	2-6	21-28
Grass	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	5-3	6-3	2-7	21-17
Artificial	4-4	0-8	3-4-1	3-5	2-1	0-2	1-1	13-25-1
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	25-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	1-1-1	2-1	3-0	0-3	1-2	9-11-1
Off SU Win	2-3	0-2	0-1-1	0-2	3-1	2-2	0-3	7-14-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	1-7	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	23-25

Coach: CAM CAMERON (Career 13-31)
Cameron's records AT INDIANA

5th Year at Indiana	7-7	Home Favorite
13-31 Straight Up	4-6	Home Underdog
21-23 Vs The Spread	2-1	Away Favorite
14-13 Off A S/U Loss	8-9	Away Underdog
15-17 Vs Conference	6-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee	22-27	W
88	Liberty	-3	S Carolina	34-10	W
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27	W
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0	W
93	Independence	+3	Virginia Tech	20-45	L

INDIANA (3-8) BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* Returning: 36 (16,16,4)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 16 (6,8,2)

LETTERMEN:



INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7
9*	26.5	21	191	4.4	215	53.6	15.3	+1	1999	8	35.1	23	211	4.7	219	60.0
7*	21.7	19	196	4.3	169	47.0	16.3	+3	1998	6	27.7	21	154	3.9	243	63.3
5	10.9	15	91	2.6	214	56.9	27.9	-9	1997	6	32.6	21	181	4.5	232	50.0
10*	22.0	15	142	3.3	149	51.1	13.2	+1	1996	7	26.5	19	158	3.6	197	51.8
6*	14.5	19	131	3.0	171	50.9	20.9	-19	1995	6	29.6	17	197	4.5	140	57.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
NC State	22	44-236	5.4	14-27	240	1	26	23-73	3.2	31-52	401	3	0
at Kentucky	20	43-232	5.4	11-26	143	2	24	26-79	3.0	33-48	339	2	-2
Cincinnati	23	46-295	6.4	10-21	221	0	22	35-114	3.3	22-45	239	2	-1
Iowa	29	53-433	8.2	9-22	111	0	29	34-152	4.5	30-47	380	4	0
at Northwestern	21	38-174	4.6	23-47	268	1	24	61-417	6.8	9-17	119	2	-2
at Michigan	15	33-85	2.6	14-30	101	1	26	52-282	5.4	17-22	280	0	-2
Minnesota	30	54-348	6.4	12-21	263	0	22	41-151	3.7	23-36	324	2	0
Penn St	20	46-225	4.9	10-23	91	1	19	35-161	4.6	18-23	198	1	-3
at Illinois	31	65-447	6.9	10-18	130	1	24	36-99	2.8	21-29	277	2	-2
Wisconsin	27	47-250	5.3	15-35	209	2	22	39-228	5.8	16-23	207	0	-2
at Purdue	19	36-205	5.7	13-28	123	0	32	50-294	5.9	20-29	216	0	-2
TOTALS	257	505-2930	5.8	141-298	1900	9	270	432-2050	4.7	240-371	2980	18	-16
AVERAGES	23.4	46-266	5.8	13-27	173	0.8	24.5	39-186	4.7	22-34	271	1.6	-1.5

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-2	40-6	W	at N Carolina	+30	6-23	W	W Michigan	-4'	45-30	W	Ball St	-24	21-9	L	NC State	-7	38-41	L
Miami (Oh)	-7	21-14	T	Ball St	-13'	33-6	W	at Kentucky	+21	27-31	W	N Carolina	-1'	30-42	L	at Kentucky	+4	34-41	L
at Kentucky	-3'	0-3	L	Kentucky	-2'	7-49	L	at Cincinnati	-3	48-14	W	Kentucky	-8	35-44	L	Cincinnati	-5	42-6	W
Northwestern	+4	17-35	L	at Wisconsin	+14	26-27	W	Wisconsin	+9'	20-24	W	at Penn St	+27	24-45	W	Iowa	-14	45-33	L
at Illinois	+5'	43-46	W	Michigan	+20	0-37	L	at Michigan St	+9'	31-38	W	Illinois	-2	34-31	W	at Northwestern	+4	33-52	L
Iowa	+6'	10-31	L	Michigan St	+19	6-38	L	Iowa	-3	14-7	W	Northwestern	-8	34-17	W	at Michigan	+15'	0-58	L
at Michigan	+24	20-27	W	at Ohio St	+34	0-31	W	at Michigan	+13'	10-21	W	at Wisconsin	+14'	0-59	L	Minnesota	+7	51-43	W
Penn St	+14	26-48	L	at Iowa	+26	0-62	L	Ohio St	+24	7-38	L	at Iowa	-2	38-31	W	Penn St	+1'	24-27	L
at Michigan St	+15	15-38	L	Illinois	-4'	23-6	W	at Illinois	-13'	16-31	L	Michigan	+16'	31-34	W	at Illinois	+8	35-42	W
Ohio St	+35	17-27	W	at Minnesota	+7'	12-24	L	Minnesota	-3	20-19	L	at Minnesota	+14	20-44	L	Wisconsin	+6'	22-43	L
at Purdue	+7	33-16	W	Purdue	+14	7-56	L	at Purdue	+16'	7-52	L	Purdue	+13	24-30	W	at Purdue	+16'	13-41	L

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS



WR Ron Johnson got his hand on 1st Team Big 10 honors in 2000 with 61 receptions & 11 TD's.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Gophers were inexperienced at this position last year. Asad Abdul-Khalik (6-0 201 So) started the first four games as a frosh before losing his job vs Purdue but he was effective at times. He threw for 676 yards (53.7%) with a 7-4 ratio and added 252 gross yards rushing. JC transfer Travis Cole (PS#17) took over and was #16 in the country in pass efficiency throwing for 1,982 yards (58%) with an 11-5 ratio while also adding 296 gross yards rushing. When UM developed problems in the redzone, Mason would bring in Abdul-Khalik for the option and the two alternated in 3 of the last 4 games. Both return and I expect Cole to hold on to the starter's job. Benji Kamrath (6-3 204 So) was PS#86 and did get in 3 passes and 13 plays. He was the star of the spring game throwing for 215 yards and 3 TD's. True frosh Jarod Posthumus (PS#50) will likely redshirt. This group has much more experience than it did last year and should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Gophers had to replace their leading rusher from the previous four years in Thomas Hamner but had a pair of capable replacements. Thomas Tapeh was PS#7 and has the physical tools to be a star as he benches 400 lbs, and has imposing size and good speed. Tapeh had a foot injury last spring which lasted into the season then he was lost for the year at midseason. He still rushed for 344 yards (4.2) and I do expect him to emerge as the starter although Tellis Redmon won't make it easy! Redmon (PS#60) stepped in as a soph and became the 6th Gopher RB to top 1,000 yards rushing in a season finishing with 1,368 (4.7). He was also the team's 2nd leading receiver with 32 grabs. He had 246 yards in the bowl and that was the second highest single game of total offensive yards generated in school history. It will be tough for Tapeh to dislodge him from the starter's job. Marcus Sanders (5-10 183 rFr) was PS#40 and adds to the depth. The #5 rusher last year was Renato Fitzpatrick who had 159 yards (4.2) but he moved to DB. A couple of rFr that should compete are Demetrius Johnson (5-9 173, PS#161), Larry Pinson (6-1 220, PS#125) and Terry Jackson (5-11 185, PS#375). This group is not only more experienced but if Tapeh stays healthy for the entire season, has added talent and should be one of the Big 10's best groups.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Gophers had to replace 3 of their 4 returning starters but are in much better shape this year. Everyone returns including Ron Johnson who led the team with 61 rec's (18.4) and 11 TD's and turned down a shot at the NFL. Three other WR's topped 20 rec's and this is a good sized group with the majority of them being 6 foot or taller. I list the

2 deep below. A big addition this year will be Antoine Burns (6-1 192 Jr) who was PS#5JC last year but was forced to redshirt due to a late start and injuries. TE Ben Utecht is a converted receiver (PS#48WR) that should continue to improve and has added 20 lbs. This group is much more experienced than last year, has added talent and will be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Gophers had 4 out of 5 starters returning and allowed just 20 sacks while paving the way for a super 4.9 ypc. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup who combined for 15 starts but had 7 players returning with starting experience and 4 VHT's in the 2 deep. The good sized offensive front did not match the 1999 standards as they allowed 21 sacks and only had a 4.4 ypc rushing but since the team set a school record for ypg they were still pretty solid. This year they must replace super C Ben Hamilton (4 yr str, 2 time 1st Tm AA, #4DC of DEN), LT Adam Haayer (12 sts, 3 yr str, 986 plays, #6DC of TEN) and RT Erik Larson (1 st). They have 3 starters returning and good size once again. The 2 deep I list below has 3 VHT's and numerous HT's in it. With the loss of their top OL and the fact that this year's group is just a little less experienced than last year, I'll call it down a notch from the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers have gotten stung vs the run since Mason's arrival by adding bulk to the front 4. They had allowed 4.9 ypc rushing in Wacker's last season but Mason trimmed that to 3.3, 2.6 and 3.4 in his first 3 years. Last year they had to replace two starters but had their star DE Karon Riley back after he led the Big 10 in sacks in 1999. Surprisingly the unit gave up 4.1 ypc and went from 44 sacks as a defense to just 32. This year they must replace Riley (#4DC of CHI) who had 13 sacks and 7 tfl and was 1st Team Big 10, DT John Schlecht (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 12 tfl, strongest Gopher), DT Matt Anderle (8 sts, 2 tfl, 7 pbu, 473 plays) who moves to the O-line (it would not surprise me to see him move back to the defense in the fall), DT Mike Walters (13 plays) and DE Maurice White (4 sts, 31 tkl, 4 tfl). Mason brings in a solid JUCO as well as moving over a TE and a FB and I list them in the 2 deep below. Also coming in are 2HT true frosh and hopefully this year Dave Sykora can finally make an impact as he is a VHT but has got in just 64 plays in the last 2 years. Last year's unit under performed but this year's is less experienced, loses its star and looks weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The 1999 LB corps was banged up and six different players earned starts. Last year all six players returned but they lost Astein Osei to injury after 3 games. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are SLB Sean Hoffman (10 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 46 tkl), DLB Ben Mezera (11 sts, 52 tkl, 5 tfl, HM B10), WLB Curtise Poole (8 sts, 53 tkl, 553 plays) and WLB Justin Hall (3 sts, 38 tkl, 467 plays). Two backups return and Jimmy Henry has logged significant action with 892 plays the last 2 years and 50 tackles. Phil Archer's 88 plays mostly came on special teams but they get back Osei who started 5 of the last 6 games in 1999, although he was not the starter in the first 3 games he played before injury last year. I list the 2 deep below and while there is some talent this is a much less experienced group and clearly looks weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gophers finished #23 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 allowing a miserly 46.7%, but they had to replace their star Tyrone Carter who won the Jim Thorpe Award for top DB in the country. I commented last year that I've seen some major dropoffs in secondaries after they lost their star in recent years like Michigan and Georgia and true to form Minnesota plummeted to #68 last year, allowing a respectable 52.3% but giving up 17 TD's while only snagging 8 int's. Throughout the year they also bemoaned the fact that they missed the skills of the sure tackling Carter as missed tackles were a problem. Willie Middlebrooks heads off to the NFL (#1 DC of DEN) with his 6-2 195 frame and 4.25 speed. He was still named 1st Team Big 10 despite missing the final 4 games with injury and recording just 1 int and 7 pbu. Also gone are CB Trevis Graham (8 sts, 895 plays, 1 int, 5 pbu, 56 tkl), SS Cloranzo Griffin (12 sts, 76 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu, 1035 plays) and FS Delvin Jones (11 sts, #1 tkl'r) who left early for the NFL but was not drafted. Those are some significant losses making this group a lot less experienced than last year but the defense as a whole under performed. Mason brings in a top-notch JUCO in Dee Saunders (PS#64) who I expect to start and can turn to VHT Dominique Sims (PS#5) who I also project as a starter. He also brings in WR Jack Brewer who has split time between FS and WR the last 2 years and has solid size and speed as well as experience. I like the makeup of this secondary as it has good size and speed and despite the significant losses not only from this unit but also in the front 7, the Gophers could still move up in the pass D rankings this year.

MINNESOTA		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Tellis Redmon		293	1447	79	1368	8	4.7				
Thomas Tapeh		81	361	17	344	2	4.2				
Asad Abdul-Khalik		42	252	52	200	4	4.8				
Travis Cole		73	296	108	188	5	2.6				
Renato Fitzpatrick		38	161	2	159	1	4.2				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Travis Cole		252	147	58.3	1982	11	5				
Asad Abdul-Khalik		95	51	53.7	676	7	4				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Ron Johnson		61	1125	18.4	11	82					
Tellis Redmon		32	327	10.2	2	61					
Jack Brewer		22	286	13.0	0	70					
Jermaine Mays		21	321	15.3	1	81					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20			
Preston Gruening		50	2222	44.4	17	39.2	2	13			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Dan Nystrom		18-22	2-6	4-6	1-3	25-37	52				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Delvin Jones	88	0	1	0	0	Karon Riley	51	13	7	3	1
C. Griffin	76	1	2	2	2	Sean Hoffman	46	1	2	0	0
Greg White	69	6	9	5	0	Mike Lehan	43	0	1	8	0
T. Graham	56	1	1	5	1	Justin Hall	38	0	1	1	1
Curtese Poole	53	0	2	1	0	W. Middlebrooks	33	0	1	7	1
John Schlecht	53	1	11	3	0	Maurice White	31	3	1	2	1
Ben Mezera	52	2	3	0	0	Andre Brown	29	0	4	1	1
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tellis Redmon		24	315	13.1	1	J. Mays		21	497	23.7	1

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason consistently has his teams in the upper half of my special teams rankings dating back to his tenure at Kansas. In 1999 the Gophers finished #5 in my special teams rankings and last year I called them a contender for a Top 10 finish again. They ended the year at #17 and both their kicker Dan Nystrom and P Preston Gruening were voted 2nd Team All Big 10 and both are HT's. If the Gophers special teams had a problem it was in KR defense as Gruening's KO's rarely travelled to the endzone and they allowed 21.4 ypr. Jermaine Mays led the team with a solid 23.7 KR avg including a 100 yard TD return while Tellis Redmon was one of the nation's best in PR's, averaging 13.1. They also get Antoine Henderson and his blazing speed back to aid the return game. Gruening led the nation in punting with a 44.4 avg and a solid net of 39.2. Nystrom hit 25 of 37 FG's with a long of 52 including 5 of 9 from 40+. All of the key components are back and this unit should be improved and will likely rank in or near the top 10.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Gophers came into last year with some solid expectations although they were ranked just 8th in the preseason media Big 10 poll. It was a season of peaks and valleys as they lost to Ohio U in a stunner, got bombed by Purdue and were just 2-2 after 4 games. They won their next 3 games including an upset win in Columbus and vaulted into the Top 25 at 5-2. They then lost their next 3 and barely got past Iowa in the season finale to become bowl eligible. Last year Coach Mason signed a 7 year, \$7 million dollar deal but was being second guessed on a weekly basis at the end of last season. In the offseason he openly coveted the Ohio St job but lost out to Jim Tressel and has said he will not seek other jobs in the future like he has done the past 2 years. In 1995 he took the Georgia job while at Kansas but then changed his mind. That proved to be a disturbance for his KSU team in 1996 as they went from 10-2 with a bowl win in 1995 to 4-7 the next year. The Gophers' 14 victories the past 2 seasons are the most since the 1967-68 teams that also won 14. This year's Gopher edition is trying to become the first in school history to go to 3 straight bowl games. They return just 12 starters. Offensively, they are in the 2nd year of the spread offense and should have one of the most potent offenses in the Big 10 as well as the country, ranking in my preseason top 10 in that category. The defense is where the question marks are as they must replace 14 letterman from an underachieving defense. Mason based this turnaround on the running game

and defense but this year's team will be straying away from those two foundations. Only two defensive starters are at the same positions as last year and they must replace DC David Gibbs who went to the Denver Broncos. The schedule is not easy as they host many of the Big 10's powerhouses this year and the majority of their winnable games are on the road. I've been high on Minnesota the last couple of years and they've rewarded me but this looks like a rebuilding year for Glen Mason's group unless the defense matures much quicker than expected.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Keith Lipka 6-4 265 PS#40	QB Jarod Posthumus 6-4 215 PS#50
DL Mark Losli 6-7 240 PS#99	DB Dee Saunders 5-10 160 PS#64JC
DB Marion Barber 5-11 195 PS#115	LB Darion Barber 5-11 195 PS#115
OL Rob Kraemer 6-4 285 PS#112	DB Danny Upchurch 5-9 170 PS#110
OL Mike Nicholson 6-5 285 PS#135	DL Damian Haye 6-2 245 PS#155
OL Trevor McCulloch 6-4 300 PS#155	LB Charlton Keith 6-5 220 PS#152
WR Jared Ellerson 6-2 181 PS#177	DL Kason Love 6-2 260 PS#307JC
LB Bradley Vance 6-1 211 PS#264	WR Jakari Wallace 5-8 170 PS#271

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB TRAVIS COLE SR. 6-3 205 PS#17JUCO. 288 yds, 58 TD's at JC. Started L/R here & #1 in Big 10 in pass eff, 1982 yds (58%), 11-5 ratio. **Asad Abdul-Khalik** 4 sts ly. **RB THOMAS TAPEH SO.** 6-1 231 PS#7, benches 400, 344 yds (4.2) ly tfl int. **Tellis Redmon** (6-0 192 Jr) PS#60, 11 starts in 2000, 1368 yards (4.7), 32 rec (10.2), 10 TD's. **WR ANTOINE BURNS JR.** 6-1 192 PS#5JC, reds ly. 58 rec (19.0) at JC. Antoine Henderson (5-8 162 Sr) PS#113RB. 1 start, 16 rec in '98, int ly. Keith Matthews (PS#120). **WR JERMAINE MAYS SR.** 6-0 191 PS#86, 5 starts, 13 rec (14.8) in '98 & '99. Six starts last year, 21 rec (15.3). Elvin Jones (6-3 214 Sr) PS#144, 8 starts, 17 rec (12.8) ly. **WR RON JOHNSON SR.** 6-3 216 10 sts as true, 38 rec (10.4), 12 sts in '99, #1, 43 rec (13.3), 12 sts ly, #1, 61 rec (18.4), 11 TD's, 1st Tm B10. Tony Patterson PS#74QB, 12 rec, 296 plays ly. **TE BEN UTECHT SO.** 6-6 244 PS#48WR, 6 sts as rFr, 8 rec (16.0). Marvin Baugus (6-6 243 Jr) PS#54, 4 sts, 3 rec (12.7), 296 plays. Rian Melander (6-6 240 rFr) PS#83OL. **C MARK MCLEROY rFr.** 6-5 291 PS#95. Akeem Akinwale (6-3 274 Sr) PS#314, 2 games in '99, 1 start, 96 plays in '99, 2 gms, 20 plays ly. Peter Prudden (6-5 242 So) PS#143. **RG RYAN ROTH SR.** 6-3 302 11 sts as rFr, 821 plays, 12 sts, 925 plays, #1 on team in '99, 11 sts, 942 plays ly. Robert Williams (6-3 288 Jr) PS#192RB in '98. TE ly. **LG DEREK BURNS SR.** 6-5 277 PS#31, 9 games as rFr. Started last 8 in '99, 628 plays, 12 starts last year, 985 plays. Dan Gillewski (6-6 296 So) PS#104TE, 7 plays ly. **RT Arthur Smith So.** 6-8 344 PS#190, 10 games, 205 plays as true. Matt Anderle (6-6 315 Sr), 9 starts at DT, 49 tkl, 9 pbu U2Y. Matt McIntosh (6-8 294 So) PS#46. **LT JAKE KUPPE JR.** 6-7 338 PS#33, 1 start as rFr, 235 plays, 12 sts ly, 864 plays, great feet. Ricky Wymer (6-8 316 rFr) PS#81, Jeremiah Carter (6-7 295 Jr) 47 plays. **K DAN NYSTROM JR.** 5-11 205 PS#17K. Hit super 17 of 21 as a true, with a long of 51. 2nd Team Big 10 in 2000, 25 of 37, long of 52 & 5 of 9 from 40+. Tied Big 10 record.

DE GREG WHITE JR. 6-2 265 PS#124, 10 tkl, 2 tfl, 289 plays in '99, 11 sts, #3 w/ 69 tkl, 6 pbu, 9 tfl, 5 pbu, 841 plays. Zach Vevea (6-4 263 So) PS#50TE, 203 plays ly, moved to DE. **DT Dave Sykora Jr.** 6-6 288 PS#22, 3 tkl, 54 plays as rFr, 10 plays last year. Brandon Harston (6-2 311 rFr) PS#153DL. Keith Lipka is PS#40. Mark Losli is PS#99. **DT KASON LOVE JR.** 6-2 260 PS#307JUCO, 8 sts, 11 tfl at JC ly. Dan Kwapiński (6-5 278 So) PS#258, 1 st, 182 plays, 5 tkl ly. Timothy Ward (6-2 291 rFr) PS#418. **DE Eric Stenzel So.** 6-4 253 PS#59LB, 67 plays as true at FB, 19 yds rec. Added 23 lbs. Tony Dupree (6-2 255 So) PS#181LB, 10 plays as rFr. Jason Green (6-2 244 So) PS#147. **WLB Jimmy Henry Sr.** 6-0 189 PS#136RB, 116 plays as rFr, 1 start, 22 tkl, 420 plays in '99, 2 sts, 28 tkl, 472 plays ly. Paul Nixon (6-1 205 So), Charlton Keith is PS#152. **SLB Phil Archer So.** 6-2 228 PS#63LB, 10 gms as rFr, 2 tkl, 88 plays. Also KR. Darrell Reid (6-3 246 rFr) PS#91LB, Scout Tm Defensive POY. Ben West (6-2 259 So) **DLB Astein Osei Sr.** 6-2 238 PS#30LB, 7 tkl, 108 plays as true. Last 5 sts, 41 tkl, 3 tfl, 528 plays in '99. Inj ly. Steven Watson (6-3 218 Jr) PS#139, Andy Merrill (6-3 218 Jr) **CB Dee Saunders Jr.** 5-10 160 PS#64JC, in for spring, 11 pbu, 3 int at JC ly. Danny Upchurch (5-9 170 Jr) is PS#110. Mackenzie Toussaint (5-11 185 So) 67 plays this year, 4 tkl. **CB MIKE LEHAN JR.** 6-0 187 PS#231RB, 439 speed, 299 plays, 13 tkl as rFr, 10 sts ly, 43 tkl, 8 pbu, 762 plays. Justin Fraley (6-1 196 rFr) PS#75. Ukee Dozier (6-1 181 Jr) **SS Dominique Sims rFr.** 6-1 200 PS#5DB & RS ly. Eli Ward (6-0 195 So) PS#34, 16 tkl, 193 plays as rFr. Renato Fitzpatrick (6-0 201 Jr) PS#183RB, 1 st, 356 plays, 186 tfl ly at RB ly. **FS JACK BREWER SR.** 6-1 191 PS#95WR, 19 rec at SMU as true, 2 sts, 580 plays, 35 tkl here in '99, 7 sts at WR & 1 at FS ly, 22 rec, 696 plays. Eric Lee (5-11 183 Jr) 178 plays ly. **P PRESTON GRUENING JR.** 5-10 204 PS#2K. Led the NCAA with a 44.4 avg ly and was 2nd Tm Big 10. Net of 39.2, 13 inside the 20, also handled KO duties. 17 punts of 50+ yds.

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
HHH Metrodome

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This year will mark the 111th meeting of Minnesota & Wisconsin, which is the oldest rivalry in NCAA history.
Last year was the 1st time since 1990 that UM had a positive turnover ratio!!
Minnesota is 16-6 ATS off a SU loss under Mason.
Gophers are 5-1 ATS last 6 vs Penn St & 2-0 SU last 2 years.
Minn is 8-4-1 ATS in their second straight home game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 31	at Toledo (Fri)	A												
Sep. 8	Louisiana-Lft	A												
Sep. 15	Baylor	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Purdue	A												
Oct. 6	at Illinois	A												
Oct. 13	at Northwestern	G												
Oct. 20	Michigan St (HC)	A												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	Ohio St	A												
Nov. 10	at Michigan	G												
Nov. 17	at Iowa	G												
Nov. 24	Wisconsin	A												

Rockets went 10-1 LY & won AT PSU, but did not make a bowl.
UM is 17-5 SU & 14-7 ATS in their last 22 non-conf games.
Gophers are 4-8 ATS their last 12 lined home openers but 2-0 L2Y.
Despite LY's 1-2 mark UM is 7-4 ATS their L/11 as DD home favs.
SU winner is 10-1 ATS in UM's L/11 games vs current Big 12 tms.
Minnesota is 4-2 ATS their last 6 prior to a bye week.

Bonus: UM is 6-3 ATS the week after a bye.
The favorite is 7-1-1 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Gophers are 7-4-1 ATS in their first Big 10 contest.
Despite a 1-3 mark LY, UM is 10-6 ATS on the Big 10 road under Mason.
The underdog has covered 6 of the last 8 series meetings.
Golden Gophers are 10-5 ATS in their last 15 grass games.
The favorite is 2-7 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Should apply here: UM is 4-2 ATS their last 6 as a home dog.
Minnesota is 2-7 ATS in their last 9 Homecoming games.

Bonus: Gophers will have some extra motivation for this, as I know
Mason will have his team ready after he was passed over for the OSU job!!
Golden Gophers are 4-9 ATS their last 13 against the Buckeyes.
Minn's only SU win over Mich s/77 came in Ann Arbor in '86.
Gophers have covered 2 in a row but are 9-13 ATS vs Mich since '77.
Minnesota is 3-5 SU & 1-7 ATS their last 8 vs Iowa.
Gophers are 2-7 ATS in road finales since 1992.
UM is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in their L/4 dome finales, avg cover 16.5 pts.
Gophers are 0-6 SU L/6 vs UW, 3-3 ATS & have been a dog each time.

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	4-7	3-9	5-6	8-3	6-5	32-46
ATS	5-6	4-6-1	4-7	7-5	9-2	6-4	5-6	40-36-1
Home Fav	1-2	2-1-1	0-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-3	12-11-1
Home Dog	2-1	1-1	1-3	1-2	3-0	0-2	1-0	9-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	4-3
Away Dog	2-3	1-4	2-2	4-1	4-1	1-0	1-2	15-13
Favorite	1-2	2-1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1	5-2	3-4	16-14-1
Dog	4-4	2-5	3-5	5-3	7-1	1-2	2-2	24-22
Grass	1-1	0-2	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-1	2-2	13-10
Artificial	4-5	4-4-1	2-5	4-4	6-1	4-3	3-4	27-26-1
vs Conf	3-5	2-5-1	2-6	5-3	7-1	4-4	3-5	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-0	2-1	14-7
Off SU Win	2-1	0-2-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-3	2-3	13-14-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-4	1-5	6-2	6-0	2-1	2-3	23-19

Coach: GLEN MASON (Career 81-89-1) Mason's records AT MINNESOTA

5th Year at Minnesota	9-6	Home Favorite
22-25 Straight Up	5-4	Home Underdog
27-17 Vs The Spread	3-3	Away Favorite
16-6 Off A S/U Loss	10-4	Away Underdog
19-13 Vs Conference	8-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
77	All-American	+7	Maryland	7-17	L
85	Independence	+4	Clemson	20-13	W
86	Liberty	+5'	Tennessee	14-21	L
99	Sun	-3'	Oregon	20-24	L
00	MicronPC	-3'	NC State	30-38	L

MINNESOTA (6-6) BIG 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* Returning: 33 (17,13,3)
DEFENSE: 3 Lost: 22 (6,14,2)

LETTERMEN:

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	DEF	FD	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF	YPP
5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9									
11*	30.7	19	226	4.9	183	52.7	13.4	-2	1999	7	16.3	18	141	3.4	179	46.7	19.6									
7	20.8	17	141	3.6	171	45.9	15.0	-1	1998	7	22.6	19	104	2.6	245	54.3	15.4									
7*	19.8	14	131	3.1	158	53.4	14.5	-1	1997	6	27.8	18	134	3.3	234	56.4	13.2									
4*	21.5	19	104	3.1	234	56.5	15.8	-5	1996	9	30.9	20	247	4.9	163	57.2	13.2									
5	24.7	21	137	3.8	260	57.8	16.1	-5	1995	6	33.5	21	209	5.1	234	59.2	13.2									

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UL Monroe	22	46-172	3.7	18-28	258	1	15	33-59	1.8	17-32	173	2	+2
Ohio U	14	26-147	5.7	10-28	223	1	22	73-363	5.0	3-9	90	3	-2
at Baylor	22	55-289	5.3	14-20	172	1	14	26-56	2.2	15-40	123	3	0
at Purdue	16	28-55	2.0	22-39	214	2	33	39-122	3.1	33-50	409	1	+1
Illinois	26	64-364	5.7	10-17	182	1	16	30-82	2.7	18-43	178	3	+2
Penn St	14	49-182	3.7	12-20	166	2	16	33-98	3.0	19-36	189	1	+1
at Ohio St	22	48-138	2.9	16-28	243	2	13	35-70	2.0	11-28	130	4	-1
at Indiana	22	41-151	3.7	23-36	324	2	30	54-348	6.4	12-21	263	0	0
Northwestern	19	35-120	3.4	20-36	316	2	25	65-334	5.1	18-32	209	4	+1
at Wisconsin	28	51-303	5.9	18-32	187	4	21	46-216	4.7	12-21	204	3	-3
Iowa	21	40-142	3.6	23-38	299	0	15	34-136	4.0	14-24	159	8	+1
NC State (Bowl)	31	58-300	5.2	16-30	202	2	22	24-109	4.5	24-39	310	0	0
TOTALS	257	541-2363	4.4	202-352	2786	20	242	492-1993	4.1	196-375	2437	32	+2
AVERAGES	21.4	45-197	4.4	17-29	232	1.7	20.2	41-166	4.1	16-31	203	2.7	0.2

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NE Louisiana	-12	30-3	W
Bail St	-14	26-23	L
Syracuse	+8'	35-33	W
at Purdue	+3'	27-30	W
at Northwestern	+10	24-26	W
Michigan St	+4	9-27	L
at Michigan	+13	10-44	L
at Ohio St	+35'	0-45	L
at Wisconsin	+13'	28-45	L
Illinois	-3'	23-21	L
Iowa	+11	24-43	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-12'	3-17	L
Iowa St	-9	53-29	W
at Memphis	+2	20-17	W
Houston	-8'	43-45	L
at Michigan St	+24	10-31	W
Purdue	+6	43-59	L
at Penn St	+34'	15-16	W
Wisconsin	+6	21-22	W
at Michigan	+27	3-24	W
Ohio St	+23	3-31	L
Indiana	-7'	24-12	W
at Iowa	+21	0-31	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-27'	17-14	L
at Houston	+3	14-7	W
Memphis	-3'	41-14	W
at Purdue	+9'	21-56	L
Penn St	+17	17-27	W
at Ohio St	+38	15-45	W
Michigan St	+7'	19-18	W
Michigan	+12'	10-15	W
at Wisconsin	+21'	7-26	W
at Indiana	+3	19-20	W
Iowa	-7	49-7	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-22	33-7	W
UL Monroe	-27	35-0	W
Illinois St	NL	55-7	-
at Northwestern	-6'	33-14	W
Wisconsin	+2'	17-20	L
at Illinois	-1	37-7	W
Ohio St	-3'	17-20	L
Purdue	+3	28-33	L
at Penn St	+14	24-23	W
Indiana	-14	44-20	W
at Iowa	-20	25-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-27	47-10	W
Ohio U	-20	17-23	L
at Baylor	-8	34-9	W
at Purdue	+13	24-38	L
Illinois	+1	44-10	W
Penn St	-7	25-16	W
at Ohio St	+13	29-17	W
at Indiana	-7	43-51	L
Northwestern	-5	35-41	L
at Wisconsin	+5	20-41	L
Iowa	-14	27-24	L

SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 SEC TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB Casey Clausen, Tenn	Rex Grossman, Florida	Jared Lorenzen, Ken	Rohan Davey, LSU
RB Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	Dicenzo Miller, Miss St	LaBrandon Toefield, LSU	Joe Gunn, Miss
RB Derek Watson, S Car	Earnest Graham, Fla	Dontae Walker, Miss St	Brandon Miree, Ala
WR Jabar Gaffney, Florida	Brian Scott, S Car	Donte Stallworth, Tenn	Omar Rayford, Miss
WR Reggie Brown, Georgia	Reche Caldwell, Fla	Freddie Milons, Ala	Terrence Edwards, Ga
TE Derek Smith, Kentucky	Robert Royal, LSU	Donald Lee, Miss St	Aaron Walker, Florida
C Curt McGill, Georgia	David Jorgensen, Fla	CJ Frye, S Carolina	Nolan DeVaughn, Ken
G Dante Ellington, Ala	Anthony Herrera, Tenn	Thomas Moody, Fla	Mike Puchillo, Aub
G Cedric Williams, S Car	Fred Weary, Tenn	Kevin Breedlove, Ga	Courtney Lee, Miss St
T Mike Pearson, Florida	Antonio Hall, Kentucky	Jon Stinchcomb, Ga	Rodney Reed, LSU
T Terrence Metcalf, Miss	Melvin Paige, S Car	Shannon Money, Ark	Reggie Coleman, Tenn
DL Kindal Moorehead, Ala	Charles Grant, Ga	Carlos Hall, Arkansas	Will Overstreet, Tenn
DL DeMarco McNeil, Aub	Dennis Johnson, Ken	Kenny King, Alabama	Dewayne Robertson, Ken
DL John Henderson, Tenn	Dorsett Davis, Miss St	Kenderick Allen, LSU	Albert Haynesworth, Tenn
DL Alex Brown, Florida	Howard Green, LSU	Jarret Johnson, Ala	Shaun Smith, S Car
LB Mario Haggan, Miss St	Treverance Faulk, LSU	Andra Davis, Florida	Pig Prather, Miss St
LB Kalimba Edwards, S Car	Saleem Rasheed, Ala	Kenny Harney, S Car	Dominique Stevenson, Tenn
LB Bradie James, LSU	Eddie Strong, Miss	Victor Ellis, Alabama	Boss Bailey, Georgia
CB Lito Sheppard, Florida	Rushen Jones, Vandy	Tim Wansley, Georgia	Marvin Jackson, Ark
CB Andre Lott, Tennessee	Sheldon Brown, S Car	Willie Miles, Tenn	Korey Banks, Miss St
SS Syniker Taylor, Miss	Terreal Bierria, Georgia	Ryan Clark, LSU	Josh Morgan, Miss St
FS Todd Johnson, Florida	Ken Hamlin, Arkansas	Rashad Baker, Tenn	Stanford Simmons, Aub
K Jeff Chandler, Florida	Alex Walls, Tennessee	Billy Bennett, Georgia	Neal Thomas, Alabama
P Damon Duval, Auburn	Jonathan Kilgo, Ga	Lane Bearden, Alabama	Richie Butler, Arkansas
KR Leonard Scott, Tenn	Ray Perkins, Vandy	Dontae Walker, Miss St	Robert Williams, Miss
PR Lito Sheppard, Florida	Freddie Milons, Ala	Domanick Davis, LSU	Eric Parker, Tennessee



Bulldogs' LB Mario Haggan chews up offenses.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 SEC FORECAST

SEC EAST 1. Florida - UF has not been the "Mighty Gators" as of late, losing 11 games over the last 4 years after dropping just 4 the previous 4 seasons. Spurrier has 17 returning starters which is his most ever and two outstanding QB's. They not only rank in the top 3 of my preseason ratings on BOTH offense and defense, they get their toughest opponents at The Swamp (Fla St, Tenn). Everything points to an undefeated season, their 8th SEC Title Game since 1992, and the National Title Game except for the fact they benefitted from +19 in turnovers last year (the first time ever that Spurrier's teams were plus double digits). Florida St and Nebraska are two teams that have overcome that obstacle in the last 5 years and still won the title so the Gators have a great shot at all the marbles this year.

2. Tennessee - Last year the Vols were the youngest team in the SEC and had to replace 9 NFL draftees. I called for them to struggle early and be much stronger down the stretch, and after a 2-3 start they won their last 6 regular season games. They had a true frosh QB emerge last year and he is now a veteran and they have 16 starters back overall. This team has National Title contender talent but must play Florida, Notre Dame, Arkansas (very tough at home) and Alabama on the road (ouch). They still should be able to top last year's 8 win total and if they were to pull a stunner in The Swamp, they would vault to the top of the East.

3. South Carolina - I called SC the most underrated team in the league last year and used them early and often in my Power Sweep Newsletter. They did not disappoint, going from 0-11 to 8-4 and a January 1 bowl win. This year's squad is much stronger and Lou Holtz knows a thing or two about building a champion. I list SC as one of my darkhorses for the National Title this year (see page 14). They do have 4 tough SEC road games and host Florida on Nov 10th. They lose just 14 lettermen this year and the offense is in the 2nd year of the spread and loaded with talent. They had the best defense in the SEC last year and 8 starters are back on that side of the ball.

4. Georgia - Jim Donnan simply won 4 straight bowl games and recruited great classes every year. His failure to get past Florida, Tennessee or rival GT has Mark Richt as the new head man. He inherits a very talented team with 13 starters back and just 17 lettermen departing. They host South Carolina early, part of 4 straight home games to open the year, and a win there would vault them into the upper half of the East. It looks like another bowl game for a talented team that has a potential top 15 defense if they can adjust to their 4th new defensive coordinator in as many years.

5. Kentucky - Last year the Cats were hurt by -12 in turnovers so a turnaround should be in the offing. New Head Coach Guy Morriss inherits a talented team but must deal with NCAA probation and loss of scholarships and the fact Mumme was fired during prime recruiting season. They do face Vandy on the road and are going through some changes on defense so a winning season may be out of reach. They could escape the basement and are very talented at key positions like QB and the offensive and defensive lines.

6. Vanderbilt - I like coach Widenhofer and the effort he has put into turning around this team that has not had a winning season since 1982. They have some of the toughest academic standards and play in a premier football conference. He had the talent and schedule to get to a bowl last year and Widenhofer forecasted one but the breaks did not go his way and Vandy actually regressed. They must replace 4 NFL draftees but do have 14 starters back. They have avoided the basement in the East for THREE straight years and do get Kentucky at home, but I will peg them for the cellar this year.

SEC WEST 1. LSU - The last time expectations were this high for the Tigers was 1998 when they were the clear-cut preseason favorite in the West but stumbled to 4-7 and Head Coach DiNardo was out the door one year later. Saban did a great job guiding them to an 8-4 record last year and has practically the entire team back with the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (14). They do draw both Florida and Tennessee from the East (only West team to do so and on back-to-back weeks as well) but are capable of upsetting one or both of the big boys and sweeping through the West. They get my call for the SEC Title Game and rate as a darkhorse National Title contender.

2. Alabama - Dennis Franchione inherits an extremely talented team that somehow went 3-8 last year. It looks like the only way to go is up and he brings in a new attitude. Last year they were -8 in turnovers and never really recovered from having their National Title hopes ended in the opener. The offense will be stronger and the defense is top 15 caliber. They do host LSU in November and should be in contention at that point so they have a solid shot at not only getting back to a winning season, but also the SEC Title Game if they are not distracted or derailed by probation.

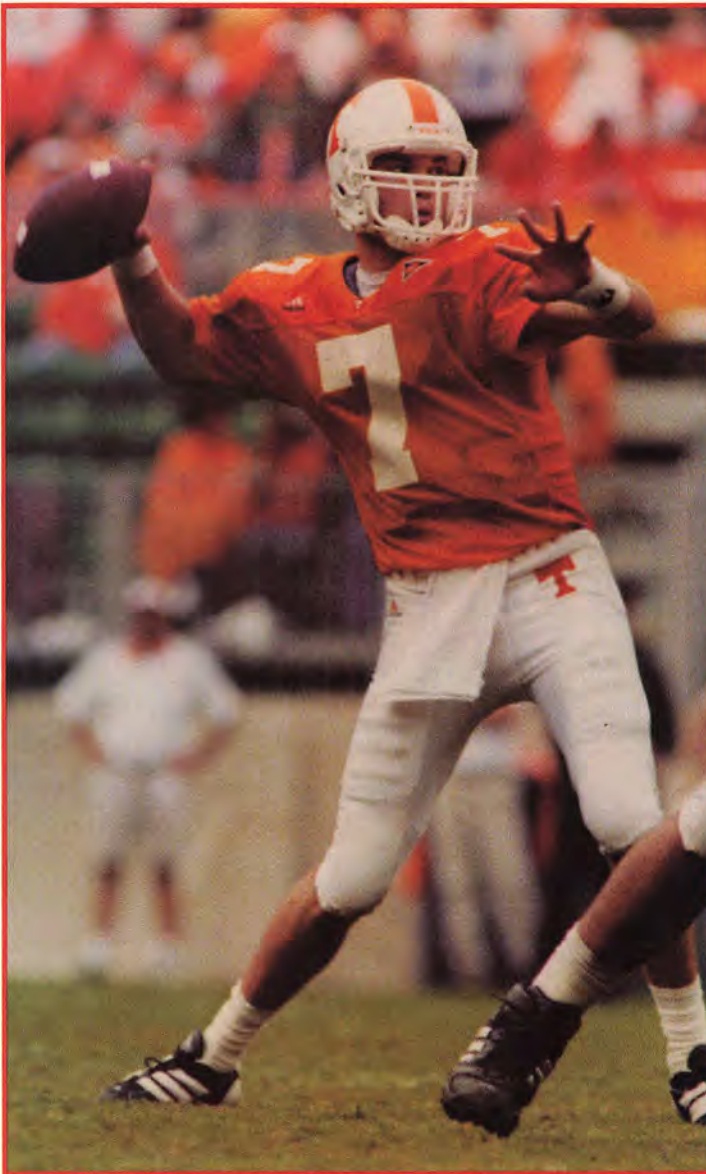
3. Arkansas - The Hogs had just 9 starters back last year, were decimated by injuries, losing their star RB, and at one point used a walk-on QB who was not even with the team in August. They somehow made it to a bowl making Nutt 3 for 3. This year they are more experienced, are much improved in the backfield, and have one of the most dominant home teams in the country. They do pull Tennessee, S Car and Georgia from the East which drops them from the top slots. The Hogs should make it 4 straight bowls and continue to improve under Nutt.

4. Miss St. - The Bulldogs caught some breaks last year (+10 in turnovers) but also had some go against them as they LED all 4 games they lost by 9 points or more! Their offense will be more potent and despite the fact that they return just 5 starters on defense, keep in mind that Joe Lee Dunn is the defensive coordinator and they had only 3 back last year. This team has the best record overall in SEC play of all the teams in the West over the last 4 years. Call for another bowl from Sherrill's group and the schedule is manageable enough to make them a contender here in the West.

5. Auburn - The Tigers stayed remarkably healthy last year and, coupled with 7 home games and a pair of SEC wins by 3 points or less, they won the West. This year they suffer big losses with 11 starters departing and just 4 seniors in the two deep making them the youngest team in the league. There are very few soft spots in this formidable league and they had THREE offensive players leave early for the NFL which was unexpected.

6. Mississippi - The Rebels are almost as young as Auburn as they have just 12 seniors and they too have just 11 starters back and must replace QB Miller and RB McAllister. They are the only team in the West to draw both Kentucky and Vanderbilt from the East and that coupled with a very soft non-conference schedule could have them back in the postseason once again this year. On paper, heading into the year, they have the weakest defense in the West and that is why they reside here at #6.

SEC Notes: The SEC is just 12-13 in bowl games over the past three years including a 4-5 record last year. There were some great stories in the conference last year like S Carolina, who went from 0-11 to 8-4 and a January 1 bowl despite coming off 3 consecutive losing seasons, and Auburn, who won the SEC West. LSU also went from 3-8 to 8-4 in Nick Saban's first year. By far the biggest disappointment was Alabama who figured to contend for a National Title and plummeted to 3-8 and Georgia, who was given much hope of breaking through the Florida/Tennessee stranglehold in the East, finished just 7-4 during the regular season. The SEC Title Game pits the champion from both divisions and this year I'm calling for LSU to battle Florida, a game that could have some National Title implications. Don't discount teams like Tennessee, S Carolina, Alabama and Arkansas who also could have something to say. The SEC West has not had a repeat champion since 1994 (Alabama). I look for improved play from the SEC and a stronger bowl record this season.



Tennessee QB Casey Clausen stepped up as a true to lead the Vols' offense.



Miss SS Syniker Taylor is a Rebel with a cause - 19 pbu's last year!!



Kentucky TE Derek Smith led the 'Cats in catches with 50 in 2000.

2000 SEC CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS PG
Rudi Johnson, Auburn	11	307	1520	5.0	13	138.2
Travis Henry, Tenn	11	253	1314	5.2	11	119.5
Derek Watson, SCar	11	187	1066	5.7	11	96.9
Dicenzo Miller, Miss St.	11	161	996	6.2	10	90.5
Dontae Walker, Miss St.	11	148	795	5.4	9	72.3
Deuce McAllister, Miss	11	159	767	4.8	14	69.7
LaBrandon Toefield, LSU	10	165	682	4.1	5	68.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Rex Grossman, Fla	186	114	61.3	6	1628	8.8	17	158.5
Casey Clausen, Tenn	194	121	62.4	6	1473	7.6	15	145.5
Jesse Palmer, Fla	223	116	52.0	4	1653	7.4	11	127.0
Ben Leard, Auburn	289	176	60.9	9	2000	6.9	12	126.5
Wayne Madkin, Miss St	246	138	56.1	8	1908	7.8	8	125.5
Romaro Miller, Miss	295	161	54.6	12	2012	6.8	18	123.9
Cory Phillips, UG	158	89	56.3	6	1093	6.9	8	123.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	YDS PG	CT PG	CT AVG
Josh Reed, LSU	11	65	1127	102.5	5.91	17.3
Jabar Gaffney, Florida	11	66	1100	100.0	6.00	16.7
Dan Stricker, Vandy	11	61	1003	91.2	5.55	16.4
Quentin McCord, UK	11	45	799	72.6	4.09	17.8
Boo Williams, Ark	11	52	739	67.2	4.73	14.2
Derek Smith, UK	11	50	716	65.1	4.55	14.3
Terrence Edwards, UG	11	53	704	64.0	4.82	13.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

		RUSHING		PASSING		TOT OFFENSE	
		YDS	NET	YDS	YDS	YDS	YDS PG
Jared Lorenzen, UK	11	76	140	559	3687	3827	347.9
Greg Zolman, VU	11	46	-62	354	2450	2388	217.1
Josh Booty, LSU	10	26	0	290	2121	2121	212.1
Phil Petty, S Carolina	11	53	36	296	2110	2146	195.1
Romaro Miller, Miss	11	24	87	295	2012	2099	190.8
Wayne Madkin, Miss St	11	69	179	246	1908	2087	189.7
Jesse Palmer, Florida	9	36	-51	223	1653	1602	178.0

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Damon Duval, Auburn	11	60	2605	43.4
Alan Rhine, Florida	11	43	1857	43.2
Richie Butler, Arkansas	11	65	2784	42.8
Jonathan Kilgo, Georgia	11	58	2450	42.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Ray Perkins, Vandy	14	344	24.6
Tim Carter, Auburn	19	461	24.3
Domanick Davis, LSU	24	572	23.8

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Lito Sheppard, Florida	20	277	13.9
Deuce McAllister, Miss	17	191	11.2
Domanick Davis, LSU	27	298	11.0

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Billy Bennett, Georgia	9	13	14	92.9	49
Alex Walls, Tennessee	11	18	20	90.0	47
Seth Hanson, Kentucky	11	15	17	88.2	40
Jeff Chandler, Florida	11	16	19	84.2	54

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Mario Haggan, Miss St	11	70	62	132	12.0
Trev Faulk, LSU	11	77	36	113	10.3
Bradie James, LSU	11	56	54	110	10.0
Matt Stewart, Vandy	11	61	47	108	9.8
Jamie Winborn, Vandy	11	62	43	105	9.5
Ken Hamlin, Arkansas	11	57	47	104	9.5

SACKS

	NO	YDS
John Henderson, UT	12	86
Anthony Sessions, UT	9.5	88
Derrick Burgess, Miss	9.5	69
Jarret Johnson, Ala	7	58
Matt Stewart, Vandy	6.5	44
Cecil Caldwell, S Car	6	49

TFL

	NO	YDS
John Henderson, UT	21	107
Anthony Sessions, UT	19	111
Derrick Burgess, Miss	18	153
Marlon McCree, UK	15	79
Eric Westmoreland, UT	15	74
Jarret Johnson, Ala	14	69

2000 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Florida	7	1	318	181	9	2	420	230
Tennessee	5	3	251	176	8	3	359	212
Georgia	5	3	213	164	7	4	294	198
S Carolina	5	3	173	152	7	4	259	174
Vanderbilt	1	7	120	223	3	8	193	273
Kentucky	0	8	152	300	2	9	254	383
WEST								
Auburn	6	2	178	144	9	2	282	207
LSU	5	3	196	195	7	4	292	221
Mississippi	4	4	187	210	7	4	314	280
Mississippi St	4	4	225	199	7	4	347	265
Arkansas	3	5	136	221	6	5	264	258
Alabama	3	5	166	150	3	8	228	246

1999 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Florida	7	2	233	152	9	3	369	235
Tennessee	6	2	251	116	9	2	348	163
Georgia	5	3	198	204	7	4	308	285
Kentucky	4	4	198	218	6	5	315	323
Vanderbilt	2	6	129	211	5	6	252	256
S Carolina	0	8	63	216	0	11	87	278
WEST								
Alabama	8	1	244	177	10	2	344	230
Miss St	6	2	156	121	9	2	238	149
Arkansas	4	4	198	196	7	4	326	208
Mississippi	4	4	235	176	7	4	296	203
Auburn	2	6	153	188	5	6	233	236
LSU	1	7	135	218	3	8	223	259
EAST								
Tennessee	8	0	271	152	13	0	431	189
Florida	7	1	246	112	10	2	380	165
Georgia	6	2	166	156	9	3	292	189
Kentucky	4	4	266	281	7	5	431	375
Vanderbilt	1	7	66	290	2	9	142	369
S Carolina	0	8	129	258	1	10	207	330
WEST								
Miss St	6	2	234	140	8	5	350	256
Arkansas	6	2	254	139	9	3	390	227
Alabama	4	4	153	176	7	5	251	287
Mississippi	3	5	137	188	7	5	280	274
Auburn	2	6	206	214	4	7	337	279
LSU	1	7	124	193	3	8	166	235

FLORIDA GATORS



WR Jabar Gaffney set an NCAA frosh record with 78 catches in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - This has got to be one of the toughest positions in the country but it can also be one of the most glamorous. Steve Spurrier has had one of his QB's win the Heisman Trophy but over the last few years he has pulled QB's not only on a game to game basis but sometimes on a series to series or play to play basis. Last year was no exception as 3 QB's alternated during the year. In 1999 his alternating QB scheme seemed to cause the Gator QB's to become reluctant to throw down the stretch with 3 of the last 4 regular season games having less than 175 yards passing and the team averaged just 267 ypg while completing only 53.6%. Those were the weakest numbers during Spurrier's tenure. Last year they did rebound throwing for 308 ypg. Jesse Palmer (#4 DC of NYG) threw for 1,713 yards (52%) with an 11-5 ratio. Rex Grossman was PS#5 and started 8 games as a rFr, throwing for 2,118 yards (58.9%) with an outstanding 22-9 ratio. He was MVP of the SEC Title Game. Brock Berlin was PS#1 last year and joined the team last spring as a true frosh. He ended up playing in 4 games throwing for 170 yards (63%) with a 2-1 ratio. Palmer was the best runner of the group and set a UF QB record with 4 rushing TD's against Kentucky but only had 66 gross yards rushing on the year. Also in the mix are Chris Stephens (6-2 215 So) who was PS#26 and true frosh Ingle Martin (PS#10). Palmer departs but Spurrier has two of the best QB's in the country at his disposal and it will be interesting to see if one can emerge as the starter and hold on to the job. As a final note neither Berlin nor Grossman won the #1 spot in the spring.

RUNNING BACKS - Injuries have plagued this unit the last 3 years and the rushing totals prove that, as they rushed for just 117 ypg in 1998, 138 in 1999 and last year only 113 which was 97th in the NCAA and the second lowest of the Spurrier era. Normally Spurrier rushes the ball 48.3% of the time but last year only 43.7% with the 3rd lowest rush attempts in school history. There is plenty of talent on hand. Earnest Graham was PS#2 and already has 654 and 812 yard seasons in his first two years. Robert Gillespie (PS#29) has rushed for 312, 545 and 678 yards in his 3 years. Willie Green (5-8 215 rFr) was PS#7 and probably would have contributed last year but suffered a knee injury early in the year and redshirted. He looked great in the spring and had 71 yards on 17 att in the spring game. Ran Carthon (6-0 213 So) was PS#73 and had 33 yards rushing (3.3) and is the team's fastest RB. They must replace their top 2 FB's. I list the FB's below and while both are HT's Spurrier has said they may run more one-back sets. They have added talent with the addition of Green, and I look for much better production from this group provided they can finally stay healthy.

RECEIVERS - The last two years the Gators have had to replace two of their top 3 receivers due to graduation and last year lost a #1 draft pick and two #3's plus had John Capel (#7 DC of CHI), the team's fastest player, head off to the

Olympics. This year the group is in much better shape as basically everyone returns including Jabar Gaffney who set NCAA records for freshmen for rec's, yards and TD's. I list the two deep below and there are a lot of VHT's. Also in the mix is Carlos Perez (5-11 204 So) who was PS#4 and had 1 rec as a true but had a big spring, and should be a much bigger factor this year. Matt Jackson (5-10 190 So) was PS#40DB and had 1 start and 5 rec's. Reggie Vickers (5-10 170 rFr, PS#10I), and OJ Small (6-1 211 rFr, PS#59QB) are also in the mix. The top 2 TE's are back and also in the ranks are Ben Troupe (6-4 250 So, PS#57) and Marshall Schaap (6-4 238 So, PS#48). Spurrier says that Troupe has a chance to be "a player" here. He also signed 4 true frosh WR's (see Top Newcomers). Naturally with everyone back this unit is among the best receiving corps in the country (see page 6).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Injuries have really hurt this unit over the last 3 years. Last season they played 9 man football with just 3 OL's due to injuries during spring ball. The team allowed just 17 and 18 sacks in '98 & '99 but last year gave up 27 with a 3.8 ypc. The 2000 offensive front returned just 2 full-time starters but had 5 players back with starting experience. This year they must replace the right side of the line in RT Kenyatta Walker (11 sts, 2nd Tm AA, #1 DC of TB) and RG Leon Hires (13 sts, 832 plays). Also gone this year is backup C Tommy Hillard (112 plays). Basically 7 of the top 10 are back including 3 full-time starters and Zac Zedalis who I list as 2nd string. He was a full-time starter in '98 who has missed the majority of the last 2 seasons with injuries. In the 2 deep I list below there are 2 VHT soph's who played as true frosh last year and should be outstanding. There are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the lineup that I list below and this group is in much better shape than last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Gators had to replace all 4 DL starters due to graduation. That team still allowed just 96 ypg rushing and 2.7 ypc with the unit comprised of many VHT's. Last year all 4 starters returned and I expected great things from the unit but UF's defense stunningly gave up 3.7 ypg rushing and 137 ypg, their worst totals since 1995. This year they lose the entire inside of their defensive front in DT Gerard Warren (11 sts, 79 tkl, 11.5 tfl, 1st Tm SEC, #1 DC of CLE), DT Derrick Chambers (10 sts, 6 tkl, 320 plays), DT Buck Gurley (4 sts, 27 tkl) and DT Thomas Pittman (250 plays, 26 tkl, 2 tfl). Also gone are DE Thaddeus Bullard (17 tkl, 1 st) and DE Jayme Campbell (111 plays, 7 tkl in '99). I list the 3 deep below and Spurrier does bring in a JUCO and has 7 VHT's in the group. DE Alex Brown turned down the NFL and is a solid block to build on. Last year's front was very un-Florida-like but this year's defensive line looks even weaker.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gators had to replace 2 starters due to graduation and then returning starter MLB Andra Davis was lost for the year with a knee injury so basically zero starters returned. This year they are in much better shape as no less than 8 players return with starting experience and the 3 deep is loaded with 6 VHT's and the majority were underclassmen last year. The only losses are WLB Daryl Owens (3 sts, 39 tkl) and MLB Teddy Sims (25 tkl, 4 tfl in '99). This year's talent is exceptional, especially at MLB where all 3 players would be full-time starters on almost any other team. Those MLB's include Travis Carroll who had 9 starts at 'Bama in 1998 and 5 starts here last year with 47 tackles in an injury plagued year. This unit is in much better shape than it was last year. As I mentioned with the defensive line it was quite an off year for the defense last season and this unit will clearly be much stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The past two years the Gators have had zero seniors in their 2 deep in the secondary so naturally for the second straight year all four starters and the top eight players all return. UF's lowest finish in my pass efficiency ratings prior to 1999 was #11 but with the young secondary they still finished a respectable #20 in 1999, allowing 54.9% with a 15-15 ratio. Last year with a much more veteran unit they allowed 53.6% and while giving up just 13 TD's, they snagged 26 int's as a team which was 2nd best in the NCAA and overall they finished #6 in my pass D ratings. They should contend for the #1 ranked secondary this year and have a very talented 2 deep which I list below. They also add 2 VHT rFr in Cory Bailey (PS#9) and Tre Orr (PS#14) plus CB Cromartie missed the first five last year due to injury and should be healthy. This is probably the deepest secondary in the entire NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Gators got a boost when Jeff Chandler was awarded an extra year of eligibility and he is already UF's all-time scoring leader. His return is a huge plus as he has been a Groza semifinalist in each of the last 2 years. He hit 21 of 25 with a long of 50 in 1999 with 29 touchdowns on kickoffs. Last year he hit 18 of 22 with a long of 54 and two

FLORIDA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Earnest Graham	136	842	32	812	9	6.0				
Robert Gillespie	125	709	31	678	5	5.4				
Bo Carroll	16	74	1	73	0	4.6				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Rex Grossman	253	149	58.9	2118	22	9				
Jesse Palmer	233	122	52.4	1713	11	5				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Jabar Gaffney	78	1259	16.1	14	70					
Reche Caldwell	55	870	15.8	6	66					
Robert Gillespie	26	218	8.4	1	34					
Earnest Graham	23	186	8.1	0	27					
Taylor Jacobs	19	216	11.4	1	33					
Brian Haugabrook	18	249	13.8	2	28					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Alan Rhine	52	2269	43.6	65	34.0	3				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Jeff Chandler	6-6	6-7	4-5	2-4	18-22	54				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
T. Johnson	111	0	0	3	5	B. Hardmon	47	1	0	4
M. Manuel	89	0	0	1	1	Travis Carroll	47	0	1	3
Gerard Warren	79	4.5	7	1	0	Guss Scott	45	2	0	2
Mike Nattiel	66	0	2	0	2	M. O-Johnson	43	1	4	0
Alex Brown	59	6.5	4	3	1	R. Cromartie	41	0	1	6
B. Alexander	49	0	1	5	2	Clint Mitchell	40	3.5	2	1
Lito Sheppard	47	0	0	5	7	Daryl Owens	39	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
L. Sheppard	22	307	14.0	2	L. Sheppard	14	309	22.1	0	

of his misses were from 50 yards. P David Wasielewski (PS#7) was #5 in the SEC in punting as a true frosh but lost his job to walk-on Alan Rhine the last 2 years and transferred to Northwestern. Last year Rhine avg'd 43.6 yards per punt but the Gators allowed 12.9 yards per PR and 2 TD's and his net was only 34.0. The team also had 4 punts blocked on the year with a couple due to bad snaps. You would think with the plethora of quality athletes that UF has, they would be consistently at the top of the special teams ratings but that has not been the case. They have ranked #48, #40, #45 and #54 over the past 4 years. Their top PR Lito Sheppard avg'd a super 14.0 with 2 TD's and is back. Sheppard was also the top KR with a 22.1 avg and UF only allowed 20.2 per KR. As long as a new punter emerges and UF shores up its punt blocking scheme, with all of the talent on hand they should finally move up in the ratings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Steve Spurrier is 63-4 SU at the feared Swamp and has guided his teams to eight straight January bowl games to set an SEC record. Despite those statistics, his teams have hardly been "The Mighty Gators" over the past four years as they have actually lost a total of 11 games in that span after losing just 4 games total the previous 4 years. Spurrier's 112 wins are the most wins in the first 11 years at a school and only 3 teams in the country have had 9 wins for 11 straight years like the Gators (FSU and Nebraska are the other two). Last year Florida won the SEC Title once again and it was their 7th time in the SEC Title Game since 1992. Only two teams have ranked in the top 15 for 10 straight years and UF is one of them. Fifteen true frosh played last year and the Gators did lose to an unranked team, breaking a 72 game streak. 1999 was one of Spurrier's worst years, as three times they were held to below 300 yards offense in a game (has happened only 6 times in his tenure) and they finished out of the Top 10 (USA Today/ESPN poll) for the first time since 1990. Last year they had 14 starters returning but finished last in the state of Florida, losing to Miami and Fla St by a combined 40 points. This year's Gator squad looks much stronger. They have potentially the top offense in the country no matter which QB ends up as the starter. Last year eight true frosh played on defense in the opener and the team was plagued by missed tackles. They finished 8th in the SEC in defense with 25 different players starting. They improved as the season went on as they allowed 371.8 ypg in the first 5 but just 327.6 over the last 7 regular season games. With 9 starters back on that side of the ball, the defense looks to be one of the best in the country and is loaded with talent. My only concern with the Gators this year is while they clearly have the talent to go unbeaten this season, they did benefit from +18 turnovers last year, the first time in the Spurrier era that they have benefitted from double digit turnovers (see Turnovers = Turn-around on page 277). While the Gators do have two tough road games (LSU and S Carolina), they get their toughest foes (Tenn & Fla St) at home which makes them the clear cut favorite not only for another SEC Title, but for a shot at the National Title Game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB REX GROSSMAN SO. 6-1 218 PS#5, 8 sts as rFr, 2118 yds (58.9%) 22-9 ratio, 30 yds rush. Brock Berlin (6-1 209 So) PS#1 ly, 4 games as true, 170 yds, 63%, 2-1 ratio. **RB EARNEST GRAHAM JR.** 5-9 220 PS#2, 7 sts as rFr, 654 yds (5.6), 4 sts ly, 812 yds (5.9). Robert Gillespie (5-9 190 Sr) PS#29, 545 yds (5.5) in 99, 678 yds (5.4), 26 rec ly. **FB Rob Roberts Sr.** 6-2 252 PS#61TE, 4 sts at FB, 194 plays in 98, 6 sts, 249 plays in 99, 112 plays at TE ly. Roderick Royal (6-1 236 So) PS#37LB, 5 plays ly. Eraste Autin is PS#99. **WR JABAR GAFFNEY SO.** 6-1 202 PS#44, 8 sts as rFr, NCAA R record w/78 rec (16.1), 14 TD's Carlos Perez (5-11 204 So) PS#4, Brian Haugabrook (6-2 200 Sr) PS#37, 4 sts, 29 rec, 2Y. **WR RECHE CALDWELL JR.** 6-0 198 PS#26QB, 2 sts, 27 rec (10.0) in 99, 12 sts ly, 55 rec (15.8). Fastest on team. Taylor Jacobs (6-0 190 Jr) PS#60, 5 sts, 19 rec (11.4) ly. Kelvin Knight PS#14. **TE AARON WALKER JR.** 6-6 254 PS#56LB, 73 plays at TE as rFr, 8 sts last year, 13 rec (11.8), 452 plays. Kirk Wells (6-4 222 Jr) PS#16, 2 sts in 99, 7 rec, 1 st ly 13 rec (14.6). **C DAVID JORGENSEN JR.** 6-4 290 PS#23, 1 sts as rFr, 53 plays, 13 sts ly, 718 plays. Zac Zedalis (6-3 280 Sr) PS#1, 11 sts in 99, in 99 & 2000, Aaron Deal (6-6 297 Jr) PS#27. **RG THOMAS MOODY SR.** 6-3 321 PS#63DL, 2 sts at DT, 191 plays in 99, 13 sts at LG in 2000, 792 plays. Erik Strange (6-4 311 Sr) PS#47, 2 sts, 321 plays, 3Y. Bennie Mills PS#55DL. **LG Shannon Snell So.** 6-5 308 PS#5, 10 games, 161 plays as a true frosh. David Kearley (6-4 295 Jr) PS#201, 33 plays last year. Earnest Smith (6-2 338 rFr) PS#49. **RT Max Starks So.** 6-7 362 PS#34, 7 gms, 125 plays as a true frosh. Chad Tidwell (6-5 321 rFr) PS#65, Bobby Williams (6-4 270 rFr) PS#58DL. Moved to OL this spg. **LT MIKE PEARSON JR.** 6-7 292 PS#2, 9 sts as rFr, 652 plays, 13 sts last year. **1st Tm SEC**, 809 plays, Ironman Award. Mike DeGory is PS#11. Lance Butler is PS#33. **K JEFF CHANDLER SR.** 6-2 219 12 of 17 FG's in 98, long of 46, 13 TB's, 21 of 25 FG's in 99, long of 50. 1st Tm SEC. 18 of 22 FG's in 2000, long of 54, 2nd Tm SEC. Groza semifinalist.

DE CLINT MITCHELL SO. 6-7 245 PS#31I 9 sts as rFr, 40 tkl's, 3.5 sks, 2 tfl, missed spring (inj). Darrell Lee (6-4 257 So) PS#2, 11 tkl's, 98 plays as true. Ronald Dowdy was PS#48TE. **DT Tron LaFavor Jr.** 6-2 278 PS#30 in 99, 6 tkl as true, 1 st, 13 tkl's, 4 tfl ly. Chris Reynolds (6-1 269 Jr) PS#31, 6 games in 2 yrs (inj). Kenny Parker (6-2 293 So) PS#99OL. **IN Ian Scott So.** 6-2 304 PS#30 in 2000, 14 tkl's, 2 tfl as true. Arpedge Rolle (6-1 270 Jr) PS#81, 14 tkl's, 212 plays, 2 yrs. Bryan Savello (6-2 288 Jr) PS#112JUCO. **DE ALEX BROWN SR.** 6-3 264 PS#15, 10 sts in 99, 14 sts, 1st Tm AA, 12 sts ly, 59 tkl's, 8.5 sks, 1st Tm SEC. Kennard Ellis (6-2 244 Sr) PS#12JUCO, 2 sts, 27 tkl's, 5.5 tfl last year. **OLB MIKE NATTIEL JR.** 5-11 225 PS#21, 1 st as true, 36 tkl's, 8 sts ly, 467 plays, 66 tkl's, 2 tfl, 2 int. Matt Farnior (6-1 224 So) PS#7, 3 sts, 28 tkl's, 239 plays ly. Reid Fleming PS#89, 9 tkl's. **MLB ANDRA DAVIS SR.** 6-1 254 PS#28, 12 sts, 116 tkl's, 13 int in 99. Inj'd ly. Travis Harris (6-2 240 So) PS#13, 4 sts, 24 tkl's as true. Travis Carroll (6-4 232 Sr) PS#11, 9 sts at Bama in 98. **SLB BYRON HARDMON JR.** 6-1 221 PS#22, 5 sts ly, 632 plays, 4 tkl's, 2 int, 4 yds. Marcus Oquendo-Johnson (6-3 213 Jr) PS#64, 11 sts, 63 tkl's, 9 tfl, 864 plays 2Y. Dwight Jackson PS#49. **CB ROBERT CROMARTIE SR.** 5-8 192 PS#7, 13 sts, 80 tkl's, 12 pbu in 99. Missed 5 sts w/ inj, made L/8 sts ly, 1 int, 6 pbu, 41 tkl's. Bennie Alexander (5-9 182 Sr) PS#73, 25 career sts, 27 pbu. **CB LITO SHEPPARD JR.** 5-10 194 PS#2, 2nd Tm AA ly, 12 sts, 7 int, 5 pbu. Keiwan Ratliff (5-10 181 So) PS#36WR, 1 st, 18 tkl's ly. Marquis Westbrook (5-8 177 Jr) 1 st, 11 tkl, 2 pbu. **SS MARQUAND MANUEL SR.** 6-0 202 PS#42, 13 sts in 99, #1 w/123 tkl's, 3 int, 4 pbu, 5 tfl, 10 sts ly, 89 tkl's, 1 int. Guss Scott (5-10 194 So) PS#68, 45 tkl's as true. Tre Orr PS#14. **FS TODD JOHNSON JR.** 6-1 194 PS#23, 26 tkl's, 4 pbu in 99, 13 sts ly, 11 tkl's, 5 int, 3 pbu, 1st Tm SEC. Daryl Dixon (5-10 194 Jr) PS#31, 9 sts in 99, 55 tkl's, 3 int, 6 tkl's. **P Matt Piotrowski rFr.** 5-10 202 PS#3, 16 of 23 FG's in high school, 56 of 65 KO's into EZ, 54-55 on xp's & avg 38.5 per punt. Sean Morton (6-2 172 So) Northwestern transfer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Ingle Martin 6-3 210 PS#10
OL Mike Degory 6-6 320 PS#11
WR Larry Kendrick 5-11 210 PS#34
OL Lance Butler 6-7 300 PS#33
OL Jonathan Martin 6-4 295 PS#46
DB Jarvis Herring 5-11 180 PS#46
WR Dallas Baker 6-3 185 PS#54
OL Wesley Bryant 6-3 285 PS#67
WR Antoine Sharp 6-2 200 PS#66
LB Sylvester McGrew 6-3 260 PS#74
LB Todd McCullough 6-4 215 PS#49
RB Eraste Autin 6-2 250 PS#99
K Matt Leach 6-0 180 PS#8
DL Bryan Savello 6-3 300 PS#112JC
WR Vernell Brown 5-8 160 PS#136

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Gators are 16-5 SU off a bye under Spurrier.
Florida plays all of their regular season games on grass again this yr.
Gators are 22-8-1 ATS in their last 31 SEC road games.
Including bowls, Gators are 0-4 ATS their last 4 as underdogs.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FLA Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Marshall	G												
Sep. 8	UL Monroe	G												
Sep. 15	Tennessee	G												
Sep. 22	at Kentucky	G												
Sep. 29	Mississippi St	G												
Oct. 6	at LSU	G												
Oct. 13	at Auburn	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	† Georgia (Jacksonville)	G												
Nov. 3	Vanderbilt (HC)	G												
Nov. 10	at S Carolina	G												
Nov. 17	Florida St	G												
Nov. 24														

Gators are 1-7 ATS in their L/8 lined home openers, all as 20+(+) favs.
Florida has won their last 11 openers SU by an avg of 31.5 ppg.
Swamp dwellers are 9-18 ATS their L/27 as favs of 29 or more.
UF is 4-12 ATS in their last 16 non-conference games.
Florida is 9-4-1 ATS in their last 14 SEC openers.
UF is 8-2 SU, 7-2-1 ATS in this early season clash.
The visitor is 7-4 ATS in the last 11 meetings.
Gators & Cats have avg'd a combined 71.6 ppg the last 7 years.
UF has dropped 2 of the last 3 SU vs MSU, 0-3 ATS in that span.
Florida is 3-6 ATS in their L/9 Swamp sandwiches & 2-0 ATS LY.
The visitor is 13-7-1 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle.
Gators have chopped their way to a 17-4 ATS mark in their L/21 Oct contests.
Florida is 11-2 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle.
Spurrier's Fun & Gun group is 8-1 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Gators are 8-3 ATS the week after a bye.
UF is 10-1 SU, 9-2 ATS in the World's Largest Cocktail Party.
Florida is 7-0 SU but only 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs Vandy.
Gators are only 5-11 ATS in their last 16 November games.
Pending earlier results, UF is 22-9 their last 31 away on grass.
The visitor has covered 5 of the last 7 series meetings.
Florida came into 2001 w/a 39-24-1 ATS mark after a SU victory.
The home team has controlled this rivalry with a 10-3 ATS mark.

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (83,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1-1	12-0	11-1	9-2	9-2	9-3	10-2	70-11-1
ATS	8-4	8-4	6-4-1	7-4	3-7	4-7-1	9-3	45-33-2
Home Fav	5-2	2-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-4-1	5-1	19-19-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	2-2	6-0	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	4-2	4-1	23-11-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-2
Favorite	7-4	8-4	5-4-1	6-4	3-6	4-6-1	9-2	42-30-2
Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	3-3
Grass	8-2	7-4	6-3	7-4	2-7	4-6-1	8-3	42-29-1
Artificial	0-2	1-0	0-1-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-4-1
vs Conf	5-4	7-2	6-2-1	5-3	3-5	4-4-1	8-1	38-21-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	7-12
Off SU Win	6-3	8-3	6-3	6-2	3-6	3-5-1	7-2	39-24-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	5-3-1

Coch: STEVE SPURRIER (Career 132-38-2) Spurrier's records AT FLORIDA

12th Year at Florida	30-29-2	Home Favorite
112-25-1 Straight Up	3-2	Home Underdog
68-55-3 Vs The Spread	30-19-1	Away Favorite
9-6-1 Off A S/U Loss	5-5	Away Underdog
56-35-2 Vs Conference	12-20-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Sugar	-3'	Florida St	52-20	W
97	Citrus	-13'	Penn St	21-6	W
98	Orange	-6'	Syracuse	31-10	W
99	Citrus	-2'	Michigan St	34-37	L
00	Sugar	+6'	Miami (Fla)	20-37	L

FLORIDA (10-3) CONFERENCE: SEC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 53 (24,28,1) Lost: 22 (10,9,3)



FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	36.0	22	113	3.8	308	55.9	11.7	+18	2000	9	21.0	19	137	3.7	217	53.6	16.9
7*	31.0	22	138	4.3	267	53.6	13.1	-5	1999	1	20.9	19	96	2.7	242	54.9	16.1
6*	31.7	21	117	3.8	343	58.0	14.5	-5	1998	6	13.8	15	94	2.6	196	51.5	21.1
4	35.8	22	154	4.4	265	53.3	11.7	+2	1997	7	17.1	16	69	2.1	209	47.6	16.3
9*	47.0	25	174	4.7	332	56.5	10.7	+7	1996	7	17.0	16	106	2.8	180	44.3	16.7
7*	42.9	26	158	4.8	356	62.0	12.0	+3	1995	5	20.2	18	160	4.1	179	49.1	16.8

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Ball St	28	34-136	4.0	23-50	359	2	13	34-85	2.6	15-27	181	1	+2
Mid Tenn St	27	30-158	5.3	26-41	299	0	13	35-90	2.5	17-32	139	4	+2
at Tennessee	17	21-39	1.9	20-43	290	3	20	49-203	4.1	17-29	140	2	+1
Kentucky	23	35-190	5.4	15-27	262	5	25	29-141	4.9	35-60	363	1	+4
at Mississippi St	26	22-(-78)	-3.5	34-57	494	6	25	57-351	6.2	14-27	166	3	0
LSU	22	34-175	5.1	21-32	298	1	17	29-92	3.2	19-38	249	1	+4
Auburn	16	29-116	4.0	16-26	243	0	19	32-119	3.7	20-34	203	5	+3
† Georgia	20	32-69	2.2	18-36	247	2	20	45-173	3.8	20-40	240	3	0
at Vanderbilt	22	38-141	3.7	21-36	334	4	13	33-52	1.6	15-41	147	2	+2
S Carolina	22	31-152	4.9	27-46	356	1	13	35-81	2.3	19-28	166	2	+1
at Florida St	15	20-37	1.9	27-46	278	1	23	29-90	3.1	23-44	353	0	-1
Auburn (SEC Title)	20	35-191	5.5	17-26	238	1	19	28-120	4.3	23-43	208	1	+1
Miami, Fla (Bowl)	25	20-140	7.0	24-51	312	1	28	43-184	4.3	22-40	270	1	-1
TOTALS	283	381-1466	3.8	289-517	4010	27	248	478-1781	3.7	259-483	2825	26	+18
AVERAGES	21.8	29-113	3.8	22-40	308	2.1	19.1	37-137	3.7	20-37	217	2.0	1.4

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Louisiana	-41	55-21	L	S Mississippi	-25	21-6	L	Citadel	NL	49-10	-	W Michigan	-35'	55-26	L	Ball St	-45	40-19	L
Ga Southern	NL	62-14	-	C Michigan	-43	82-6	W	NE Louisiana	-44	42-10	L	UCF	-36	58-27	L	Mid Tenn St	-39'	55-0	W
at Tennessee	+3	35-29	W	Tennessee	-4	33-20	W	at Tennessee	-3	17-20	L	Tennessee	-2	23-21	T	at Tennessee	-3'	27-23	W
Kentucky	-37	65-0	W	at Kentucky	-24	55-28	W	Kentucky	-21	51-35	L	at Kentucky	-20	38-10	W	Kentucky	-22'	59-31	W
at Arkansas	-32	42-7	W	Arkansas	-36	56-7	W	at Alabama	-17	16-10	L	Alabama	-16	39-40	L	at Mississippi St	-7	35-47	L
LSU	-19	56-13	W	at LSU	-16'	21-28	L	LSU	-12'	22-10	L	at LSU	-14	31-10	W	LSU	-14'	41-9	W
Auburn	-22	51-10	W	at Auburn	-7'	24-10	W	Auburn	-19	24-3	W	at Auburn	-16	32-14	W	Auburn	-8'	38-7	W
† Georgia	-35	47-7	W	† Georgia	-20'	17-37	L	† Georgia	-11'	38-7	W	† Georgia	-14	30-14	W	† Georgia	-9	34-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-43	28-21	L	Vanderbilt	-36'	20-7	L	at Vanderbilt	-29	45-13	W	Vanderbilt	-28	13-6	L	at Vanderbilt	-19	43-20	W
S Carolina	-35	52-25	L	at S Carolina	-17	48-21	W	S Carolina	-31'	33-14	L	at S Carolina	-27	20-3	L	S Carolina	-14	41-21	W
at Florida St	-3	21-24	L	Florida St	+5'	32-29	W	at Florida St	+2'	12-23	L	Florida St	+3	23-30	L	at Florida St	+11'	7-30	L

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Vols have had some great QB play recently with

RUNNING BACKS Last year the Vols had to replace their super TB Jamal Lewis who was not quite 100% in 1999 but showed how talented he was in his first year in the NFL as he was a key component in the Ravens' Super Bowl season. They also had to replace their starting FB, Travis Henry (#2C of BUFC) actually led the team in rushing in each of the final 5 games of 1999 and had a super 2000 season rushing for 1,494 yards (5.5) and he leaves as the school's all-time leading rusher. He benches 465 lbs and his power and determination will be missed. Travis Stephens (PS#30) got plenty of action in 1998 with 4 starts while splitting time with Lewis and Henry and he rushed for 537 yards. He ran the 200M in 22.3 on the track team and decided to redshirt in 1999 so he would have one full year as a starter. Last year as Henry's backup he rushed for 359 yards (4.4) and also had 7 rushing TD's and won the most improved fitter award on the team. He will have plenty of competition at the TB spot battling two VHT true frosh in Jabari Davis (PS#2) and Cedric Houston (PS#11). I list the top 3 FB's below. I like the talent of this unit but it will be very tough to match Henry's production in 2001 and Stephens is not as big of a back.

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has a reputation for being "Wide Receiver

SEEKING **2001 PRO LEADER**

OFFENSIVE LINE The Vols had a very young front wall last year as they not only had to replace four starters but they lost their lone returning starter to injury in the 2nd game and C Greg Barnum, who had won the starter's job in the spring, got homesick and quit the team. Three frosh OL's gained significant experience. The only losses this year are OG Bernard Gooden (3 sts) and RG Toby Champion (7 sts). Will Offenheulse started the first 51 games but then suffered shoulder and wrist injuries. With the return of C Fred Weary from injury, the Vols have six players who have been starters returning as well as some top-notch soph's who gained experience last year. A big blow came when RT Munoz suffered a knee injury in spring and will miss the year. Last year the young front allowed 22 sacks in the first 7 games but got better as the season went on, giving up just 7 in the last five and paved the way for a 4.3 ypc. This unit is vastly more experienced than it was last year and has 5 players ranked in the top 200 nationwide in blocks and

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Vols had to replace one starter who was a 2nd round DC and one backup. This year they lose both starting OLB's in Eric Westmoreland (12 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 90 kts, 17 til & #3 DC of JAX) and Anthony Sessions (12 sts, 9.5 kts, 89 kts). The key position on the Vols defense is MLB and when one departs they usually move their best defensive player to that spot. Dominique Stevenson moved to the middle two years ago after they lost yet another 1st round DC at the position. They did catch a break when Stevenson turned down a chance to go to the NFL. Overall 5 of the top 7 LB's return including Keyon Whiteside who tore his ACL after 7 games last year. I list a very talented 2 deep below and they have three fresh VHT's competing for time including a rFr that I project as a starter. This is a top-notch group but clearly lacks a little less experienced and I'll call it down a few notches.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly the year Tennessee won the National Championship (1998) they finished just #86 in my special teams rankings with the main culprit being net punting. David Leaverton (PS#11) struggled in his first two years here but had a solid junior season, averaging 42.6 and he also

took over the KO duties in '99. Last year I overtook suffered a

BUILD FORECAST

Phil Fulmer has had 9 winning seasons in his first 9 years, the third

pick in the 2002 draft, on a dominating defensive

TOP NEW/COMERS FOR 2001

DEFENSE

DE Bernard Jackson Sr. 6-4 255 PS#6LB. 3sts, 44tkls, 9ftl in 3 years. Constantly
Ritzmann (6-4 252 Jr.) is PS#35. 24tkls, 3 sks, 2 yrs. Kevin Stinson (6-4 255 So.) is PS#57, 2 ftl
DT JOHN HENDERSON SR. 6-7 290 PS#1. 8s, 9s, 9v, 46tkls, 9tkls, 12sly, 12sly, 12sly
Trophy winner, 75tkls, 12 sks, 9ftl. Rashad Moore (6-4 290 Jr.) PS#47, 22tkls, 4.5 ftl last year
DT ALBERT HAYNESWORTH JR. 6-6 310 PS#5, 16tkls, 2ftl as true. In early ly but 23tkls
3.5 sks. Edward Kendrick (6-4 265 Jr.) PS#65TE, 12 sks, 15tkls ly. Lynn McGruder PS#7 tkls
DE WILL OVERSTREET SR. 6-4 260 PS#33. 12s in 99, 63tkls, 8sks, 12sly ly, 1st Tr
SEC, 50tkls, 11.5 ftl, 17 press. Demetrian Vea PS#19JC. Aubray Franklin (6-2 290 Jr.) PS#61JC. 6tkls
SLB Eddie Moore Jr. 6-0 210 PS#118. 37tkls, 3 ftl in 2000. Andre James (6-1
6 218 Sr.) PS#33DB, 34tkls last 2 years. Kevin Simon is PS#2. Robert Peace (PS#24) 6tkls
MLB DOMINIQUE STEVENSON SR. 6-0 220 PS#45RB, 11tkls in 1999, 73tkls, 11 ftl, 11tkls
ly, 77tkls, 9 ftl. Keyon Whiteside (6-2 230 Jr.) PS#29. 16tkls in 1999, injured last year, 4tkls
ly. MLB Karlton Neal Jr. 6-4 237 PS#15 & redshirted last year. Kevin Burnett (6-
3 220 So.) PS#65, 12tkls, 2 sks as true. Jason Mitchell is PS#14. Tony Campbell had 7tkls ly
CB WILLIE MILES SR. 6-0 175 PS#19. 19tkls, 1 int in 98 & 99, 12sly, 39tkls, 10tkls
Jabari Greer (5-10 170 So.) PS#22WR, 27tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu as true. Mark Jones (5-9 171 So.) PS#15WR
CB ANDRE LOTT SR. 5-11 185 PS#34. 12s in 99, 47tkls, 1 int, 10pbu, 11sly, 6tkls
tkls, 1 int, 8pbu, 2nd Tim SEC. Teddy Gaines (6-0 175 Sr.) PS#7, 3tkls, 8pbu, Lee Wheeler was PS#10
SS STEVEN MARSH JR. 6-0 180 PS#128. 3 starts last year, 39tkls, 2 int, 3 pbus
Q.J. Owens (6-0 186 Jr.) PS#4, 2tkls last year until injury. Charles Small was PS#81JUCO
FS RASHAD BAKER SO. 5-11 180 PS#17WR. 8 sts as FS as true, SEC Fresh Trm
31tkls, Tad Golden (6-1 190 Sr.) PS#73, 2 sts, 5pbu, 27tkls, 2 ftl ly. Julian Battle PS#133JC
P Justin Reed Jr. 6-2 240 PS#11. Had super 4.4 average in high school
and next had 4.7 average hano time 4.5. Seth Reagan (6-2 197, Jr.) Dustin Colquhitt (6-2 196 Fr.)

a single season sack record with 50 last year. They rank in my Preseason Top 5 on defense (see page 7). If the Vols had last year's schedule, they would likely be a preseason pick at #1. Unfortunately, the Vols must travel to Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and ND this year and going undefeated vs that schedule would be quite an accomplishment. Despite the schedule, this is a much improved Tennessee team and one that is National Title contender material and I look for them to improve upon last year's 8 win season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB Kevin Simon 5-11 225 PS#2
RB Jabari Davis 6-0 230 PS#2
DB Robert Boulware 5-10 185 PS#4
WR Montrell Jones 6-2 185 PS#6
RB Cedric Houston 6-0 205 PS#11
QB CJ Foytson 6-2 190 PS#12
DB Derrick Fingles 6-2 205 PS#13
WR Jason Mitchell 6-6 210 PS#14
WR Michael Collins 6-6 215 PS#48
RB Keldrick Williams 5-9 200 PS#54
DL Demetrian Veal 6-3 275 PS#19JC
DB Jomo Fagan 6-2 175 PS#83
OL Paul Monroe 6-6 335 PS#81
DB Chris Heath 6-0 185 PS#80
OL Barchie Gandy 6-5 295 PS#87

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

UT does not play Ole Miss this year, but they are 8-5 ATS in this series since 1981 & the visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings. All 11 regular season games are on grass this year, but the Vols are 11-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1993, including title games. UT is 16-9 ATS their last 25 at home vs non-SEC foes.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Syracuse	G												
Sep. 8	at Arkansas	G												
Sep. 15	at Florida	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	LSU	G												
Oct. 6	Georgia	G												
Oct. 13														
Oct. 20	at Alabama	G												
Oct. 27	S Carolina	G												
Nov. 3	at Notre Dame	G												
Nov. 10	Memphis (HC)	G												
Nov. 17	at Kentucky	G												
Nov. 24	Vanderbilt	G												

Volunteers are 36-22 ATS as a home favorite since 1991. Tennessee is 9-2 ATS in their last 11 season openers.

UT is 4-10 ATS in the first of back to back away games. The home team is 3-0 SU last 3 years but UT is 1-3 ATS last 4 yrs.

UT is 2-7-1 ATS the last 10 years vs this arch rival. Vols are 5-2 ATS prior to a bye but were 0-2 in that role last year.

Bonus: UT is 15-4 SU L/19 but 4-8-1 ATS L/13 the wk after a bye.

The visitor & dog are 3-1 ATS in the last 4 in this series. Tenn leads the all-time SU series 18-4-3 but LSU pulled the upset LY.

Peyton Manning's alma mater is 13-5 ATS in their 2nd straight HG. Volunteers are 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs Georgia, 9-1 SU last 10.

The visitor has covered 8 of the last 9 series meetings. Despite 2 straight covers, Vols are 5-10 ATS their last 15 vs Bama.

This is the 1st time the Vols have had a true sandwiched HG S/94. UT is 8-0 SU the last 8 years vs USC and 5-3 ATS.

The Vols came into 2001 with a 26-14 ATS mark vs non-SEC teams. The SU winner has covered each of the last 3 meetings ('90, '91, '98).

Tenn is 17-1 SU in this series but only 7-5-1 ATS L/13 meetings. The last 3 meetings vs Mem have been decided by 4 or less, UT 0-3 ATS.

Jamal Lewis' alma mater is 18-0 SU & 12-6 ATS in their final road gm. Volunteers have beaten UK 16 consecutive times straight up.

Tennessee is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 home finales. Pending the 11/10 outcome, UT is 23-0 SU & 15-8 ATS in their L/23 Nov HG's.

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-1	9-2	11-1	12-0	9-2	8-3	66-13
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-7	5-7	8-4	7-3-1	5-6	40-38-1
Home Fav	2-3	4-3	3-3	3-3	2-3	5-2	4-1	23-18
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Fav	3-1	2-1	1-4	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-3	14-14
Away Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0-1	0-1	2-4-1
Favorite	5-4	6-4	4-7	5-6	5-4	7-3	5-4	37-32
Dog	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0-1	0-2	3-6-1
Grass	4-6	5-5	4-6	5-6	6-3	7-3-1	5-6	36-35-1
Artificial	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	4-3
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	3-6	6-3	5-2-1	4-4	30-27-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	10-11
Off SU Win	3-3	4-5	1-7	4-6	7-4	5-2-1	3-4	27-31-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	8-5

Coach: PHILLIP FULMER (Career 84-18) Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

10th Year at Tennessee	32-20	Home Favorite
84-18 Straight Up	2-3	Home Underdog
55-45-1 Vs The Spread	17-18	Away Favorite
9-8 Off A S/U Loss	4-4-1	Away Underdog
39-34-1 Vs Conference	16-11	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Citrus	-8'	Northwestern	48-28	W
97	Orange	+13'	Nebraska	17-42	L
98	Fiesta	+5'	Florida St	23-16	W
99	Fiesta	+4	Nebraska	21-31	L
00	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	21-35	L

TENNESSEE (8-4) SEC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* Returning: 50 (20,26,4)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 21 (13,4,4)

LETTERMEN:



TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
4	31.7	20	164	4.3	203	57.8	11.6	+3	2000	5	20.6	18	93	2.8
6*	30.8	20	179	4.4	219	54.0	13.0	+3	1999	7	16.2	17	109	3.1
8	33.2	19	204	4.7	195	57.1	12.0	+16	1998	5	14.5	17	95	2.7
7*	32.9	24	149	4.6	321	60.9	14.3	-8	1997	7	22.0	18	118	3.4
7*	36.4	23	125	3.5	317	64.3	12.1	+9	1996	6	15.4	14	101	2.7
7*	35.9	25	176	4.5	268	63.3	12.4	+14	1995	9	19.0	18	121	3.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
S Mississippi	13	40-145	3.6	13-25	125	1	16	31-71	2.3	22-30	232	9	+1
Florida	20	49-203	4.1	17-29	140	2	17	21-39	1.9	20-43	290	3	-1
UL Monroe	27	42-234	5.6	20-31	274	2	11	26-33	1.3	21-37	146	4	0
at LSU	25	27-86	3.2	37-62	319	3	19	29-142	4.9	23-35	318	3	0
at Georgia	10	32-112	3.5	18-32	136	4	18	51-146	2.9	8-18	134	4	0
Alabama	18	42-96	2.3	17-24	213	5	14	28-44	1.6	14-30	181	4	+3
at S Carolina	16	39-101	2.6	19-31	152	5	16	29-24	0.8	16-31	268	4	0
at Memphis	19	42-99	2.4	19-31	224	2	12	28-47	1.7	15-27	137	5	-1
Arkansas	29	51-290	5.7	19-34	212	1	15	35-118	3.4	11-20	128	4	+4
Kentucky	24	29-228	7.9	19-25	362	1	24	35-96	2.7	25-49	330	6	0
at Vanderbilt	22	46-196	4.3	14-30	158	1	29	25-57	2.3	21-46	258	4	-2
Kansas St (Bowl)	12	24-178	7.4	7-25	120	2	25	59-297	5.0	13-27	210	0	-1
TOTALS	235	463-1968	4.3	219-379	2435	29	216	397-1114	2.8	209-393	2632	50	+3
AVERAGES	19.6	39-164	4.3	18-32	203	2.4	18.0	33-93	2.8	17-33	219	4.2	0.3

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
UNLV	-53'	62-3 W	Texas Tech	-25	52-17 W	at Syracuse	E/+1	34-33 W	Wyoming	-24	42-17 W	S Mississippi	-9	19-16 L
UCLA	-19	35-20 L	at UCLA	-15	30-24 L	Florida	+3	20-17 W	at Florida	+2	21-23 T	Florida	+3'	23-27 L
Florida	-3	29-35 L	at Florida	+4	20-33 L	Houston	-27'	42-7 W	Memphis	-30'	17-16 L	UL Monroe	-36'	70-3 W
at Mississippi	-23	41-3 W	Mississippi	-26'	31-17 L	at Auburn	-6'	17-9 W	Auburn	-19	24-0 W	at LSU	-9'	31-38 L
at Georgia	-14	29-17 L	Georgia	-9'	38-13 W	at Georgia	+3	22-3 W	Georgia	-10'	37-20 W	at Georgia	+4'	10-21 L
Alabama	-14	20-13 L	at Alabama	-8'	38-21 W	Alabama	-17'	35-18 L	at Alabama	-3	21-7 W	Alabama	-3	20-10 W
at S Carolina	-18	31-14 L	S Carolina	-21'	22-7 L	at S Carolina	-17	49-14 W	S Carolina	-33'	30-7 L	at S Carolina	-1'	17-14 W
at Memphis	-26'	17-21 L	S Mississippi	-19	44-20 W	UAB	-42	37-13 L	Notre Dame	-9'	38-14 W	at Memphis	-11	19-17 L
Arkansas	-25	55-14 W	at Arkansas	-25	30-22 L	Arkansas	-9'	28-24 L	at Arkansas	-8	24-28 L	Arkansas	-13'	63-20 W
Kentucky	-28	56-10 W	at Kentucky	-16'	59-31 W	Kentucky	-11	59-21 W	at Kentucky	-12'	56-21 W	Kentucky	-19'	59-20 W
at Vanderbilt	-25'	14-7 L	Vanderbilt	-28	17-10 L	at Vanderbilt	-28'	41-0 W	Vanderbilt	-23	38-10 W	at Vanderbilt	-18	28-26 L

S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS



If he can stay out of Holtz's doghouse, RB Derek Watson should be one of the SEC's best.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 SC QB's played behind perhaps the weakest O-line in the NCAA. Phil Petty started the first 4 games and completed just 42% with a 1-7 ratio in play. SC then played six QB's throughout the year and they combined for just 139 ypg (41.9%). Last year Petty began the year strong but suffered a sprained ankle vs Miss St and did not start vs Bama. He was hobbled the rest of the year and ended up throwing for 2,285 yards (54%) with an 8-10 ratio while also rushing for 205 gross yards. Eric Kimrey made one of the biggest plays of the year when he came off the bench to throw the winning TD pass vs Miss St when Petty was injured. Kimrey got 1 start and hit 18 of 31 passes for 200 yards with a 1-2 ratio. He was PS#11QB but walked on here. He hit 9 of 11 in the spring game and emerged as the #2QB again. Dondrial Pinkins (6-3 215 rFr) was PS#25 and has a powerful arm (can throw the ball 70+ yards) with 4.7 speed and rushed for 950 yards and 19 TD's as a HS senior. He played in 3 games with his most extensive action vs Bama, throwing just 2 passes. He hurt his knee and received a medical RS for last season to learn the nuances of the spread. Rod Wilson (6-3 203 rFr, PS#29) rushed for 800 yards and passed for 750 in the Wing T offense in HS. He is the best overall athlete of the QB's but did not run a sophisticated offense in HS and used last year as a redshirt season. Josh Rogers (6-3 210 Sr) was PS#201 and had 5 passes in 1999 but missed most of that year with a broken thumb. You know Holtz would rather have a mobile QB like Pinkins or Wilson at the helm. Both will see action this year, but Petty cemented his starting spot in the spring and should have a much more productive season if he stays healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year I called this one of the most improved positions in the country and it proved to be just that. Part of the extra productivity had to do with the stronger play of the offensive line, however Derek Watson (PS#10), after rushing for 394 yards (3.5) in 1999, emerged with 1,066 yards and a super 5.7 ypc despite not playing in the bowl game. His backup, Andrew Pinnoch (PS#13), had one start at TB and 3 at FB and rushed for 406 yards (3.7). He is a power back with deceptive 4.65 speed. Ryan Brewer (PS#86) was the star of the bowl game with 109 yards rushing and 92 yards receiving. It was poetic justice for him as he was Ohio's Mr. Football in high school but was not recruited by the Buckeyes. Brewer played a good portion of the year at WR and had 36 rec's (11.6) and could see action in both capacities again in 2001. Both Watson and Pinnoch are back. Travis Lewis (6-0 250 Sr) was a walk-on transfer from E Tenn St that

started 2 games as the blocking FB. Corey Jenkins is PS#26 JUCO and can play QB or RB and had 932 yards passing and 816 rushing last year at JUCO. He is a big time addition. Gonzie Gray (6-0 180 rFr) was PS#80 RB and had an impressive spring. Nate Gary (5-11 210 Jr) was PS#33. He had 9 tackles at DB last year but moves in to add depth. Watson was suspended AGAIN this spring but should be around for the fall. This group is loaded with talent, has more experience and is one of the NCAA's best. **RECEIVERS** - Last year the Gamecocks lost 2 starters but had 2 of their top 3 WR's back and the unit saw many more passes with the dawning of the spread offense. This year they suffer a couple of losses in TE Thomas Hill (4 sts) and WR Jermale Kelly who led the team with 42 rec's (15.2). They add Chavez Donnings (PS#15JC) who had originally signed at Kan St. All of the other top rec's are back and ex-coach Scott and Holtz have done a great job recruiting in this area with a ton of VHT's available. I list the 2 deep below and as you can tell it is very talented. Also in the mix is Mikal Goodman (6-3 200 Jr) who was PS#183QB and started 3 games at QB in '99 as a true frosh, moved to DB last year; but now is back on offense. Corey Alexander and Ryan Brewer are both RB types that play the slot receiver which is a RB/WR hybrid spot. Even with the loss of the top guy, this is a talented group which should improve in the second year of the spread offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - As I mentioned in the QB write-up, this was the biggest trouble spot on the team in 1999 as by midseason only 1 of the 7 core offensive linemen that Holtz had counted on was available due to either injuries or suspensions. Sixteen different players saw action in the unit including 3 DL's who were moved over at midseason. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 12 starts and I said the unit would go from a weakness to a strength. The Gamecocks went from averaging 2.3 ypc rushing to 4.3 and trimmed the sack total from 43 in 1999 to just 21 last year. They had 18 scholarship linemen and 9 with SEC experience last season but the OL was once again hit hard by injuries at midseason and vs Tenn they lost 3 OT's and 1 OG and had just 24 yards rushing. In the bowl game they moved G Larrell Johnson to C to replace Scott Browne (260 lbs) and ran the ball well vs a tough defense. Once again 16 different OL's played last year due to injury. This year the only losses are Browne (10 sts), RG Dennis Thomas (1 st), G Tim Bell (backup, 5 games), Philip Jones (2 sts) and Heath Nivens (1 game). If you check out my 2 deep below you will see that NINE players return with starting experience including Kevin Rivers who was academically ineligible last year. This unit is also bigger with the front wall averaging 296 lbs. They are comprised of 2 All SEC players, 2 who were former DL's that were in their first or second year of starting and last year's LT was a true frosh who figures to also be stronger. They go from the weakest OL in the NCAA in 1999 to one of the strongest in the SEC this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year SC made the switch to the 3-4 defense and had to replace only one starter but had 2 NFL caliber DL's returning in NG Cleveland Pinkney (11 sts, 43 tkl, 2 sks) and DE Cecil Caldwell (11 sts, 39 tkl, 7 sks, 4 tfl). They moved Langston Moore back to the DL in 2000 after starting 7 games at OG as a true in '99. He should improve in his 2nd year on the DL. This year they must replace both Pinkney and Caldwell as well as backup DE Anthony Overstreet (7 tkl) but return 4 of the top 6 and they add a VHT rFr in Jason Capers, a VHT JUCO in Shaun Smith and 3 rFr HT who appear in the 2 deep below. This unit could surprise and become one of the better units in the SEC, but I'll call it weaker with the loss of its top 2 players.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gamecocks had to replace 2 starters, one of who was a 1st round draft pick and the other was their #1 tackler. SC plays a 3-3-5 defense but I will include the SPUR position (hybrid safety/LB) in the LB write-up. Their leading returning tackler last year, Kenny Harney fractured a fibula and missed 4 games and was limited so basically only one starter returned to the group. This season they are in much better shape. They must replace LB Andre Offing (11 sts, #1 tkl/r, 3 tfl) and LB Marco Hutchinson (24 tkl, 1 sk). Harney has returned to his '99 form and the other 3 LB's that I project as 1st string all had 9 or more starts last year so basically 4 full-time starters are back including Kalimba Edwards (3rd TM AA in 2000). They also add a VHT true frosh in George Gause. They also move in Jamie Scott (5-10 210 Jr) who was PS#68RB and also get the likely return of Rod Thomas (6-1 232 Jr) who had 1 start and 12 tackles. Holtz brings in 3 HT true frosh other than Gause who may also contribute. This group is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season and I look for a healthy Harney to lead the team in tackles after recording just 45 last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 SC ranked #45 in my pass defense rankings and last year had to replace 2 starters to graduation. They then lost FS Nesmith vs Ark (for the season) but John Gutekunst (ex Minnesota head coach) is the DB coach here and did a fine job molding a unit that allowed just 5 TD's and snagged 20 int's to finish #11 in my pass defense rankings. The

S CAROLINA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Derek Watson	187	1138	72	1066	11	5.7					
Andrew Pinnoch	110	417	11	406	7	3.7					
Ryan Brewer	33	191	16	175	2	5.3					
Trevin Smith	16	139	4	135	1	8.4					
Phil Petty	60	205	146	59	0	1.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Phil Petty	315	170	54.0	2285	8	10					
Erik Kimrey	31	18	58.1	200	1	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Jermale Kelly	42	640	15.2	4	37						
Ryan Brewer	36	418	11.6	2	78						
Brian Scott	35	560	16.0	2	55						
Derek Watson	21	193	9.2	0	36						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Tyler Dean	53	2087	39.4	35	2.1	14					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Reid Bethea	5-8	2-3	2-3	0-0	9-14	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TRF	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TRF	PBU	INT
Andre Offing	101	0	3	3	0	J. Martin	53	0	3	2	1
R. Faison	99	5	8	1	1	K. Harney	45	7	2	2	0
K. Edwards	73	7	4	3	1	C. Pinkney	43	2	1	1	1
S. Brown	66	0	1	15	4	Cecil Caldwell	39	7	4	1	0
S. Wadley	65	1	10	5	1	D. Quinn	38	2	1	4	2
Willie Offord	59	1	3	5	1	A. Goodman	35	1	0	11	1
D. Elland	56	0	0	7	4	M. Hutchinson	24	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. Brewer	28	202	7.2	0	D. Watson	25	537	21.5	0		

great news for Gamecock fans is that everyone returns including 6 players with starting experience and they get a couple of interesting additions in rFr Jamaica Jackson (PS#58RB) and JUCO transfer Jermaine Lemon (PS#71) who had a big spring. SC has one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - While this unit traditionally ranked near the bottom during Brad Scott's tenure, it did rank #28 in his final season. The unit was a major problem for Lou Holtz in his first season and finished just #86 overall. Last year they improved greatly in coverage and in the return game but were plagued with inconsistencies by their P and K and Holtz was never happy with either. He staged a punt-off after 3 games to try to get a new punter and had 5 FG kickers battle for the kicking duties after 5 games, tossing the job up for grabs on a weekly basis. Versus Tennessee special teams hurt them as they fumbled a PR, missed a FG and had a fake FG which was wide open for a TD but the pass fell incomplete. Tyler Dean had 53 punts last year (39.4) and Ryan Brewer had 3 (40.3). PK Reid Bethea hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 49, but he departs. Daniel Weaver hit 1 of 2 with a long of 22 and was the #1 PK in spring this year. Brewer averaged just 7.2 per PR. All of the key returnmen are back this year as is their KO man who was in his first season last year and they allowed 23.5 per KO. SC did block 3 punts last year and should continue to be strong there. Last year SC ranked #79 in my special teams rankings and I think they have a shot at reasonable improvement this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I had rated SC as the most underrated team in the SEC last year in addition to being my 6th Most Improved Team in the country. I used them often in the Power Sweep newsletter and they delivered a great season with Lou Holtz taking his sixth different team to a bowl one year after SC did not win a single game! SC achieved their outstanding season despite the fact that they had only 10 scholarship seniors. They recorded their first win over a Top 10 team since 1988 and snapped an 18 game SEC losing streak. They made the biggest transformation ever for an SEC team going from 0 to 8 wins and had just 5 seniors in the starting lineup for their bowl game while finishing #19 in the polls. Holtz has a veteran staff surrounding him with 3 assistants being former collegiate head coaches. Holtz did the unthinkable last year switching to the spread passing offense. In last year's magazine I said SC could triple their offensive output of 7.9 ppg and they almost did that averaging 23.6. This was accomplished despite the fact that they were the SEC's worst in the redzone with just 25 scores on 42 trips (59.5%) with the next weakest being 73.2%. They lose only 14 lettermen, the fewest in the SEC. If Phil Petty stays healthy, I look for him to have a big season as he is surrounded by talent in all areas with 9 starters back and they will continue to be more potent. SC had my #1 rated defense in the SEC last year and are right at the top again this season with a Top 10 unit that has 8 starters back and loses just 6 lettermen. The schedule is not easy with road trips to Georgia, Miss St, Ark and Tenn, but SC is not a one year wonder and has an excellent shot at improving upon last year's 8 win total. I will call them an actual contender in the SEC East as they host Florida and Holtz has the talent to surprise. See page 15.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL George Gause 6-5 223 PS#10	QB Bennett Swygert 6-3 195 PS#31	WR Chavez Donnings 5-11 185 PS#15JC	RB The Robinson 6-0 190 PS#65
DL Shaun Smith 6-3 308 PS#22JC	QB Corey Jenkins 6-2 215 PS#26JC	WR Matt Thomas 6-1 180 PS#73	DL James Scott 6-3 210 PS#109
DB Jermaine Lemon 6-2 215 PS#71JC	LB DeAdrian Coley 6-3 225 PS#95	LB Charles Silas 6-5 215 PS#96	DL Josh Mallory 6-5 365 PS#136
LB Travis Weston 6-3 211 PS#105	K Josh Brown 6-2 185 PS#13	DL Chris Tucker 6-2 270 PS#188	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB PHIL PETTY SR. 6-3 205 PS#45, 642 yds (49%) as rFr, 6 sts in 99, 803 yds (45%), 1-7 ratio (int), 11 sts in 2000, 2285 yds (54%) 8-10 ratio, 205 rush. Dondrial Pinkins PS#25 Jr, 1066 yds (5.7), 2 rec (9.2). Andrew Pinnoch (6-0 245 Jr) PS#13, 6 sts, 2 yrs, 667 yds (3.6), 7 rec. **WR RYAN BREWER JR.** 5-10 210 PS#86RB, 163 yds rush as true, #2 rec in 2000 w/ 36 rec (11.6), 109 yds rush in bowl (MVP). Corey Alexander (5-9 182 Sr) rec (16.1) sprinter on track. **WR BRIAN SCOTT SR.** 6-2 210 PS#4, 1 st in 99, 9 rec (20.9), 9 sts ly, 35 rec (16.0). Willis Ham (6-3 200 Sr) PS#15, 1 start, 7 rec (14.1) ly. Michael Ages (5-10 160 Jr) PS#13, 1066 yds (5.7), 2 rec (9.2). **WR JAMES ADKISSON SR.** 6-4 215 PS#12JC, 4 sts here ly, 17 rec (13.4). Sprinter on track tm. Carlos Spikes (6-0 200 Sr) PS#21DB, 5 sts, 12 rec ly. Chavez Donnings is PS#15JC. **TE Franky McCullum Jr.** 6-2 245 PS#67LB, 3 tkl, 7 games at LB ly. Hart Turner (6-5 230 So) PS#47TE, 1 rec in 2000. Rod Trafford (6-4 255 Sr) PS#12QB, 2 rec last year. **C CJ FRYE JR.** 6-3 285 PS#30DL, 7 tkl, 1 int, 1 stat OT as true, 9 sts at RB ly (inj'd 2). Success thrower on track tm. Justin McGuire (6-2 285 So), 4 gms as bkup OL & blk FB ly. **RG Larrell Johnson Sr.** 6-1 300 PS#158LB, 4 sts at DT, 15 tkl as true, 3 sts at C in 1999, 5 starts ly. Jonathan Ragans (6-2 290 Jr) PS#136, 1 start, 2 years, 2 letters. **LG CEDRIC WILLIAMS JR.** 6-3 295 PS#30SD, 10 sts at LT as rFr, 9 sts at LG ly, 1st TM SEC. Kevin Rivers (6-3 300 Sr) 8 starts in 98, 3 in 99, Ineligible ly. Jon Boilard PS#113 Jr, 1st TM. **RT MELVIN PAIGE SR.** 6-5 300 PS#39, 9 sts at RT as rFr, 7 sts in 99, 12 sts ly, 2nd TM SEC. Shane Hall (6-6 300 Jr) PS#123, 2 sts at LG as true, 2 sts ly, #1 RG in fall, spring. **LT TRAVELLE WHARTON SO.** 6-4 300 PS#244, 10 starts as true at LT, 1st Jeff Barnes (6-4 272 So) PS#193DL, 1 start at LT ly, lettered. Nick Johnson (6-4 315 rFr) was PS#112. **K Josh Brown Jr.** 6-2 185 PS#13, 12 FG's as Jr, long of 53 in HS. Hit 6-12 as HS Sr last year. Daniel Weaver (5-9 170 So) is #1 in spring. Hit 1 of 2 FG's LY w/ L/22.

DE DENNIS QUINN JR. 6-4 255 PS#142LB, 20 tkl, 4 tfl as rFr, 11 starts ly, 38 tkl, 2 sks. Jason Capers (6-3 250 rFr) PS#17TE, Jonathan Alston (6-5 260 rFr) was PS#109. **NG Langston Moore Jr.** 6-1 285 PS#143DL, 7 sts on OL as true, 1 st on DL ly, 21 tkl, 2 sks, 5 tfl. John Stamper (6-4 255 Sr) PS#104, 2 sts, 48 tkl in '98. Preston Thome PS#54 Jr. **DE Shaun Smith Jr.** 6-3 308 PS#22JC, 20 sks, 128 tkl as JC last year! Willie Sams (6-5 275 Sr) PS#330JUCO, 1 st, 18 tkl, 2 tfl ly. Ron John-Finn (6-4 240 rFr) PS#206. **OLB KALIMBA EDWARDS SR.** 6-6 260 PS#169DL, 21 tkl as true, 11 starts in 99, 64 tkl, 5 sks, 4 tfl, 11 sts ly, 3rd TM AA, 73 tkl, 7 sks, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. George Gause is PS#101DL. **ILB KENNY HARNEY SR.** 6-2 250 PS#18DL, 3 sts as true, 54 tkl, 10 sts in 99, #2 w/91 tkl, 6 tfl, 5 starts ly (inj) 45 tkl, 8 tfl. Jeremiah Garrison (6-1 205 So) PS#217, 17 tkl as true. **ILB SHANNON WADLEY SR.** 6-1 230 PS#88, 23 tkl, 2 tfl in 98, 9 sts ly, 65 tkl, 11 tfl, 5 pbu. Lenny Williams (6-4 220 Jr) PS#129WR, DeAdrian Coley PS#95, Charles Silas PS#96. **SPURVILLE OFFORD SR.** 6-1 210 PS#76DB, 7 sts at OLB in '98, 30 tkl, 12 tkl in 99, 11 sts ly 59 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. Jonathan Martin (5-10 210 Jr) PS#56RB, 1 st, 53 tkl, 3 tfl ly. **CB ANDRE GOODMAN SR.** 5-10 185 PS#119WR, 8 tkl in 98 & 99, 4.35 speed, 12 sts ly, 35 tkl, 1 int, 11 pbu. Kevin House (5-11 170 Sr) PS#127WR, 9 sts in 99, 2 sts ly, 3 int, 10 pbu. **CB SHELTON BROWN SR.** 5-9 190 11 sts in 99, 71 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu, 12 sts ly, 3rd TM AA, 66 tkl, 4 int, 15 pbu, top cover CB here. Rachiem Monroe (5-9 175 So) PS#91, 31 tkl as true. **SS RASHAD FAISON JR.** 5-9 185 PS#55, 6 starts as rFr, 52 tkl, 8 tfl, 12 starts ly, #2 w/99 tkl, 5 sks, 8 tfl, 11 pbu. Jermaine Lemon (6-2 215 Jr) PS#71JUCO, in for spring. **FS ANTONIO NESMITH SR.** 6-0 215 PS#142, 4 sts at RB as true, 9 in 99 & 546 total yds 5 tkl ly (miss 6 int), 20 tkl. Deandre Elland (6-0 175 So) Last 5 sts as true, 4 int, 7 pbu, track tm. **P TYLER DEAN JR.** 5-9 189 PS#38K in 1998, 3 gms as rFr, 9 punts, 38.3 avg, 53 punts ly, 39.4 average, 14 inside 20. Ryan Brewer had 3 punts, 40.3 average last year.

S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

S Carolina has played Clemson every year since 1909!!
Gamecocks are 8-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
USC is 5-1 ATS as a favorite under Sweet Lou.
S Carolina is 13-3 ATS in their last 16 games, with the only
ATS losses coming by 6, 1.5 & .5 pts.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Boise St	G												
Sep. 8	at Georgia	G												
Sep. 15	Bowling Green	G												
Sep. 20	at Miss St (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 29	Alabama	G												
Oct. 6	Kentucky	G												
Oct. 13	at Arkansas	G												
Oct. 20	Vanderbilt (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Tennessee	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	Florida	G												
Nov. 17	Clemson	G												
Nov. 24														

SC is 6-2 SU and 4-3 ATS in home openers.
Despite a 4-1 mark LY, SC is 8-17 ATS in their L/25 Sept games.
USC is 2-4 ATS in their L/6 road openers.
The home team is 6-1 ATS the last 7 series meetings.
Gamecocks are 7-3 ATS their last 10 as DD favorites.
Pending the opener, Lou Holtz is 37-24-1 ATS as a home fav.
The underdog is 7-2 ATS in this series, 6-1 last 7.
S Carolina is 2-6 SU vs the Bulldogs, with 3 shutout losses in that span.
The home team is 3-0 ATS in this series, SC 1-0 as HD.
Gamecocks are 0-3 SU vs the Crimson Tide S/92, avg loss by 20.7 ppg.
The visiting team has controlled this series with an 8-1 ATS mark.
The Gamecocks are 5-11 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
The home team has covered 6 of the last 8 series meetings.
Pending LW, SC is 17-9 ATS in their last 26 October games.
Pending 9/15 result, Gamecocks are 8-1 ATS the L/9 meetings vs Vandy.
USC is 17-6 ATS in their L/22 sandwiched home games.
Lou Holtz is just 5-10 ATS his last 15 games prior to a bye.
Could apply: USC is 4-0 ATS as a dog of 27 or more since 1996.

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-6-1	6-5	5-6	1-10	0-11	7-4	29-47-1
ATS	7-4	5-6	8-2	5-6	3-8	4-7	8-3	40-36
Home Fav	2-2	3-1	1-1	2-1	0-3	0-1	3-0	11-9
Home Dog	1-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	0-3	3-2	2-1	9-13
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	6-2
Away Dog	3-1	1-3	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-4	1-2	14-12
Favorite	3-2	3-1	3-1	3-2	0-4	0-1	5-0	17-11
Dog	4-2	2-5	5-1	2-4	3-4	4-6	3-3	23-25
Grass	6-4	5-6	7-2	5-6	3-7	4-7	8-3	38-35
Artificial	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	10-10
Off SU Win	3-2	2-2	4-1	3-2	0-1	0-0	5-2	17-10
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-6	4-6	2-1	20-22

Coach: LOU HOLTZ (Career 224-110-7)

Holtz' s records AT SOUTH CAROLINA

3rd Year at S Carolina	3-1	Home Favorite
8-15 Straight Up	5-3	Home Underdog
12-10 Vs The Spread	2-0	Away Favorite
6-7 Off A S/U Loss	2-6	Away Underdog
8-8 Vs Conference	4-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Gator	+1	Oklahoma St	14-21	L
87	Gator	-3'	LSU	13-30	L
88	Liberty	+3	Indiana	10-34	L
94	Carquest	+2	W Virginia	24-21	W
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St	24-7	W

S CAROLINA (8-4) SEC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9* Returning: 42 (22,19,1)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 14 (8,6,0)

LETTERMEN:



SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
8*	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	TURN	
8*	23.6	19	162	4.3	208	53.4	15.7	+5	2000	7	15.1	17	113	3.2	191	54.9	20.2
6	7.9	13	90	2.3	139	41.9	28.9	-4	1999	7	25.3	16	146	3.9	162	56.1	12.2
7*	18.8	21	124	3.3	231	51.9	18.9	-13	1998	5	30.0	20	179	4.5	218	59.4	13.2
7*	23.5	18	124	3.1	204	52.4	14.0	+8	1997	7	25.4	17	132	4.0	212	52.3	13.6
5	22.3	19	179	4.0	176	53.0	15.9	+5	1996	6	21.6	17	150	4.2	164	44.8	14.5
7*	36.5	23	122	3.7	307	67.1	11.8	-2	1995	6	35.7	21	195	4.8	224	60.3	11.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico St	21	39-204	5.2	14-26	149	1	15	46-121	2.6	8-19	76	4	0
Georgia	16	43-133	3.1	18-28	154	2	9	28-95	3.4	10-24	108	0	+4
E Michigan	26	44-336	7.6	19-33	240	1	12	27-43	1.6	20-33	149	1	-1
Mississippi St	17	32-30	0.9	20-41	330	3	16	37-94	2.5	17-36	224	4	+1
at Alabama	20	32-85	2.7	20-44	264	4	18	33-146	4.4	19-32	204	0	-2
at Kentucky	21	30-159	5.3	17-31	228	1	23	28-93	3.3	34-52	304	3	0
Arkansas	16	31-174	5.6	12-21	170	1	19	41-100	2.4	19-37	151	4	+3
at Vanderbilt	26	52-339	6.5	12-26	151	0	17	27-148	5.5	14-27	214	2	+1
Tennessee	16	29-24	0.8	16-31	268	4	16	39-101	2.6	19-31	152	7	0
at Florida	13	35-81	2.3	19-28	166	1	22	31-152	4.9	27-46	356	1	-1
at Clemson	22	39-162	4.2	13-26	200	0	19	49-174	3.6	14-30	185	1	-2
Ohio St (Bowl)	18	51-218	4.3	9-19	175	1	16	33-85	2.6	16-28	173	5	+2
TOTALS	232	457-1945	4.3	189-354	2495	19	202	419-1352	3.2	217-395	2296	32	+5
AVERAGES	19.3	38-162	4.3	16-30	208	1.6	16.8	35-113	3.2	18-33	191	2.7	0.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	NL	33-14	-
Georgia	+3'	23-14	W
E Carolina	+1	7-23	L
Mississippi St	-1'	10-14	L
at Auburn	+19	24-28	W
at Kentucky	-7	25-14	W
Arkansas	-5	23-17	W
at Vanderbilt	-3'	27-0	W
Tennessee	+18	14-31	W
at Florida	+35	25-52	W
at Clemson	+4'	34-31	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-19	33-31	L
at Georgia	+6	15-31	L
at E Carolina	E/+1	26-0	W
at Mississippi St	-3	17-37	L
Auburn	+7'	6-23	L
Kentucky	-1'	38-24	W
at Arkansas	-1'	39-13	W
Vanderbilt	-12	35-3	W
at Tennessee	+21'	7-22	W
Florida	+17	21-48	L
Clemson	+1	21-47	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-19'	38-20	L
Georgia	+5'	3-17	L
Marshall	-5	21-24	L
Mississippi St	-2'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+9'	28-30	W
at Kentucky	+14	28-33	W
Arkansas	+7	28-41	L
at Vanderbilt	-6'	14-17	L
Tennessee	+17	14-49	L
at Florida	+31'	14-33	W
at Clemson	+5'	19-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina St	+7'	0-10	L
at Georgia	+14'	9-24	L
E Carolina	-1	3-21	L
at Mississippi St	+13'	0-17	L
Mississippi	+6'	10-36	L
Kentucky	+7'	10-30	L
at Arkansas	+22'	14-48	L
Vanderbilt	+4'	10-11	W
at Tennessee	+33'	7-30	W
Florida	+27	3-20	W
Clemson	+14	21-31	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-9	31-0	W
Georgia	+10	21-10	W
E Michigan	-23	41-6	W
Mississippi St	+1	23-19	W
at Alabama	+9'	17-27	L
at Kentucky	-2'	20-17	W
Arkansas	-7	27-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-6'	30-14	W
Tennessee	+1'	14-17	L
at Florida	+14	21-41	L
at Clemson	+7'	14-16	W

GEORGIA BULLDOGS



SE Terrence Edwards led the Bulldogs in receiving with 61 receptions (12.8) last year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Quincy Carter had a spectacular year in 1999, throwing for 2,956 yards (57%) and a super 18-6 ratio despite having a brand-new receiving corps. He had 170 consecutive passes without an interception and rushed for 503 yards. He did not fare as well last year as in the second game he threw 5 int's and then was injured. Playing in just 7 games he threw for 1,250 yards (49.7%) with a 6-10 ratio while rushing for 169 yards. He decided to leave early for the NFL and somewhat surprisingly went pretty high, as the Cowboys nabbed him with their 2nd round selection. Cory Phillips (6-1 214 Jr) was a walk-on QB who had the strongest arm of all the QB's on the team. He ended up starting 5 of the last 6 games and threw for 1,306 yards (57.5%) with a 9-7 ratio but rushed for just 10 yards (not mobile). He threw for 400 yards vs Kentucky in his first start tied a UGA record held by Eric Zeier with 36 completions against GT. WR Terrence Edwards was the 3rd string QB and ran the option in the latter half of the year. David Greene (6-3 222 rFr) was PS#31 and will contend as will Matt Redding (6-2 223 rFr, PS#66). Greene and Phillips combined to hit just 17 of 45 in the spring game and neither took charge of the #1 spot. New coaches always like their own recruits and it would be no surprise to me to see VHT signee DJ Shockley (PS#3), who threw for 1,861 and rushed for 864 yards as a HS senior, end up in the mix as a true frosh.

RUNNING BACKS - The Denver Broncos have taken a couple of UGA backs in the middle rounds of the NFL draft and prospered with both Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary. UGA has had some VHT signees in this group but none have emerged as the stars they were thought to be. The Bulldogs ran a RB by committee last year with 4 RB's splitting the carries. Jasper Sanks (PS#2) was #3 with 352 yards (3.8) but has yet to live up to his VHT billing despite rushing for 902 yards (5.0) in 1999 and coming into last year in much better shape than he had previously been. Brett Millican led with 404 yards (5.4) but departs. Bruce Thornton (PS#12) had 230 yards (4.9) rushing from the 2nd RB position but moves to CB. Musa Smith (PS#14) took charge as the season went on. He missed two games due to injury but still rushed for 367 yards (4.4). Albert Hollis (5-11 194 rFr, PS#2) suffered a major knee injury in the spring and will miss the season. They had just 1 RB healthy for the spring game as Smith broke his foot and Sanks sprained his knee. All but Hollis will be 100% in the fall and this unit is improved.

RECEIVERS - Last year I had UGA's receiving corps rated as the #5 group in the country but they let me down. Prior to the start of last year both Thad

Parker and Jermaine Phillips, who had combined for 10 starts in 1999, were moved to DB. Returning starting WR Mike Greer was suspended and then elected to transfer. The lone departure this year is TE Javaris Johnson who after 33 rec's in 1999 had just 9 last year despite starting 11 games. Super VHT freshman Durrell Robinson (PS#4) and junior Reggie Brown (PS#1) had more dropped passes than receptions last year. Their #1 receiver for a 2nd straight year was Terrence Edwards (Robert's brother) who had 61 rec's (12.8). Damien Gary (PS#27) made the All SEC Frosh team and was #2 with 40 grabs (15.1). Donnan liked to throw to the TE's a lot and in 1999 the TE's combined for 65 rec's (29%) but that dropped a little last year to 47. Backup TE Randy McMichael had just 20 catches prior to the GT game but had 12 vs The Wreck and added 4 more in the bowl. Big time transfer Ben Watson (PS#18) was the starting TE at Duke in 1999 and had 8 rec's as a true frosh and is also eligible to compete this year. I list a talented two deep below and not even listed are Michael Johnson (6-3 205 So) who was PS#24 and Tavarus Morgan (5-10 190 rFr) who was PS#46 QB as well as this year's frosh signees. At TE Andre Zellner was PS#18 and attended Hargrave and Robert Brannon (6-4 234 So) was PS#31. They will be without Durrell Robinson for the first 4 games due to suspension. This group still has a lot of talent and it is a year older and I look for much better production in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs had to replace two 1st Team SEC OL's last year but had 8 of the top 10 back. They went from allowing 27 sacks in 1999 to just 15 although they only played the way for 3.8 ypc. Part of the rushing woes could be pinned on the RB's, but the OL also struggled and didn't live up to expectations. This year they must replace LG Brady Pate (12 sts) and 1st Tm SEC LT Jonas Jennings (12 sts, 3 yr str, #3DC of BUF) as well as backup LG Reggie Stargill. Donnan did a great job recruiting in this area as 4 of the projected starters below are VHT's including a pair of super juniors in Kevin Breedlove (PS#2) and Jon Stinchcomb (PS#5) who have both started since they were frosh. They also bring in a JUCO who joined the team in the spring and this group looks more talented than last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Dogs had one of the strongest DL's in the country last year, led by their awesome DT combination of Marcus Stroud (12 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 24 pressures, #1 DC of JAX) and Richard Seymour (1st Tm SEC, 11.5 tfl, 13 pressures, #1 DC of NE). Also gone this year is DE Demetric Evans (2 sts, 34 tkl's). Last year's DL had to replace just 1 player who had 7 starts so this year's looks much less experienced and goes from a pair of 300 lb men in the middle to the 2 projected starters averaging just 273 lbs. There are plenty of HT's and VHT's listed in the group below and JUCO transfer Nic Clemons (PS#63), who did not qualify last year, was in for the spring. They also have a solid crop of true frosh DL's (see Top Newcomers), some of whom will play immediately. This is a decent group but last year's DL was exceptionally talented and the unit looks weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs had to replace their #1 tackler last year who was an NFL DC and then lost starting SLB Boss Bailey for the season on the opening KO of the 1st game. This year they must replace MLB Kendrell Bell (11 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, #2 tkl'r, #2DC of PIT) but 5 of the top 6 are back plus they get Bailey back from injury. Tony Gilbert filled Bailey's void by leading the team in tackles and Will Witherspoon was tied for #3. Adrian Hollingshed was the #3 tackler in 1998 and after an injury in 1999 was only a backup last year but should be closer to 100% this season. Not listed below is WLB Rod Davis (6-4 198 rFr) who moved from safety. They also add a VHT true frosh. I am projecting Gilbert to move back inside which would free up a spot for Bailey and give them 2 VHT starters. I list the 2 deep below and clearly as long as everyone stays healthy, this unit is in better shape than it was last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Georgia finished #19 and #16 in my pass defense rankings in 1997 and 1998 thanks to super cover CB Champ Bailey. In 1999 they had to replace 2 starters including Bailey and towards the end of the season Donnan revamped the entire lineup as he inserted 2 frosh into the starting lineup. They still finished #37 in my rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including one NFL DC but thanks to a fierce front 7 the Bulldogs finished #26 in my rankings, allowing 57.5% but with an excellent 10-21 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Jamie Henderson (11 sts, 71 tkl's, #4DC of NYJ) and CB Cory Robinson (4 sts, 31 tkl's, 3 int's, 6 pbu). They move in talented RB Bruce Thornton to a CB slot, PS#35QB Sean Jones to safety, and add JUCO Brandon Williams who was in for the spring. There are a lot of HT's and VHT's in the group and not listed below are FS Ronnie Powell (5-11 191 rFr) who was PS#68 and CB Ryan Davis (5-11 191 Jr). CB Tim Wansley is suspended indefinitely and will at least miss the opener. This is a more experienced group than last season and looks stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year I wrote on these pages that Jim Donnan

GEORGIA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
Brett Millican	75	419	15	404	2	5.4			
Musa Smith	84	405	38	367	5	4.4			
Jasper Sanks	92	358	6	352	4	3.8			
Bruce Thornton	47	260	30	230	3	4.9			
Quincy Carter	50	169	102	67	2	1.3			
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Cory Phillips	193	111	57.5	1306	9	7			
Quincy Carter	183	91	49.7	1250	6	10			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Terrence Edwards	61	783	12.8	4	67				
Damien Gary	40	603	15.1	6	85				
Randy McMichael	36	514	14.3	1	37				
LaBrone Mitchell	14	151	10.8	1	29				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK			
Jonathan Kilgo	63	2663	42.3	13	39.8	0			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
Billy Bennett	5-5	7-7	2-2	0-1	14-15	49			
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT				
Tony Gilbert	102	0	5	1	0				
Kendrell Bell	98	2	3	1	0				
W. Witherspoon	91	2	5	4	1				
J. Phillips	91	0	1	8	2				
Terrel Bierria	83	0	3	8	3				
R. Seymour	79	25	9	0	0				
Tim Wansley	71	0	2	12	6				
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Gary	27	226	8.4	0	B. Thornton	23	422	18.3	0

needed to put more emphasis on the special teams as in 5 of the last 6 years UGA finished in the bottom part of my special teams rankings including a finish at #92 in 1999. Donnan did just that and the Bulldogs finished at #13 overall. They are very solid at K. Brett Kiroauc (6-2 198 Jr) was PS#19 and had 43 KO's with 13 TB's as a true frosh in 1999. Last year he began as the starting K but missed 2 xp's and Donnan called on Billy Bennett, a left footed K, to take over (Kiroauc still did KO's). Bennett simply made the SEC All-Frosh team, hitting 14 of 15 FG's and setting a school record with his 93.3% accuracy. His only miss was from 50 yards! He had a long of 49. Surprisingly he missed 3 xp's including 1 in the bowl. P. Jonathan Kilgo started as a true frosh until injury in 1999 with 20 punts for a 41.6 average. Last year he simply led the SEC in net punting with a super net of 39.8. All 3 are back. Sophomore Damien Gary had an 8.4 avg on his 27 PR's and Bruce Thornton averaged 18.3 on his 23 KR's. I look for improvement out of both (#7 in SEC in PR's, #9 in KR's) with Gary now a soph and plenty of talented players available for KR's. UGA allowed just 18.8 per KR in the regular season, meaning Kiroauc did a solid job, and the team blocked 2 punts while allowing none. Long snapper Andy Hogan also returns. With everyone back from last year's unit, this group has a strong possibility of ranking in my Top 10 (see page 7).

PHIL'S FORECAST

It's not too often that you'll see a coach guide a team to 4 straight bowl victories and end up in the unemployment line, but that was the case for Jim Donnan. He got off to a slow start here in 1996 as the team went 5-6 but he bagged 4 straight bowl wins over the last 4 years and the team went 35-13 in that span. Playing in the same division as Florida and Tennessee makes it tough to get to the SEC Title Game and although Donnan broke through and beat Tennessee last year, he was just 2-8 SU vs those two rivals. Three straight losses to rival GT also hurt. Of the 44 players on UGA's 2 deep for the Oahu Bowl, 33 return this year including 18 of 22 on offense and all of their specialists are also back. They did lose six NFL draft picks (most in the SEC) including 4 in the first two rounds. Offensively they have 7 starters back but must break in a new QB and learn the new offensive terminology of new coach Mark Richt who was the OC at Florida St last year. Defensively they are learning their fourth new defense in 4 years. Last year's defense made great strides under coordinator Gary Gibbs. Seven starters are back and the unit is loaded with VHT's as Donnan did a great job recruiting on that side of the ball. New DB Brian VanGorder comes over from W Illinois and C Michigan and inherits 4 of last season's top 5 tacklers. New head coaches do their best when they get off to a good start and the Bulldogs' first 4 games are at home, giving them the opportunity to buy into Richt's program. Donnan's downfall was not beating Tennessee, Florida or GT and this year they face all 3 away from home and all 3 look much stronger than last year so Richt may not break through this season. The rest of the schedule is very manageable and they host S Carolina which gives them a shot at the upper half of the SEC East standings this year. I'll call for a return to a bowl game and a winning season from a talented squad.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB D.J. Shockley	6-1 175 PS#3
DL Marquis Elmore	6-3 220 PS#15
DL Darrell Holmes	6-3 225 PS#32
WR Fred Gibson	6-4 180 PS#29
OL Russ Tanner	6-4 260 PS#31
DL David Pollack	6-2 260 PS#63
TE Darius Swain	6-4 295 PS#20
WR Bama Adams	5-8 170 PS#69
TE Robert Geathers	6-4 225 PS#28
RB Mike Gilliam	5-9 176 PS#78
RB Tyson Browning	5-9 165 PS#85
DB Greg Blue	6-2 185 PS#81
DB Reggie McFadden	5-8 160 PS#86
OL James Redmond	6-7 260 PS#115
OL Kareem Marshall	6-6 350 PS#97JC

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Cory Phillips Jr. 6-1 214 Strong arm. 59 yds as rFr. 5 sts ly, 1306 yds (58%), 9-7 ratio, 10 rush yds. **David Greene** (6-3 222 rFr) PS#31. **DJ Shockley** is PS#3QB.

RB Musa Smith So. 6-1 212 PS#14. 367 yds (4.4) as true, started L3.

Kenny Bailey (5-11 191 So) 49 yds (6.1), 8 tkl's as rFr. Mike Gilliam (5-9 176 Jr) is PS#78.

FB JASPER SANKS JR. 6-1 237 PS#22. 65 yds as true. 7 sts in '99, #1 w/902 yds (5.0), 7 rec. 6 sts ly, 352 yds (3.8). Verron Haynes (5-11 223 Sr) 305 yds as true at WKY in '97.

WR REGGIE BROWN SO. 6-2 184 PS#1. 4.38 spd. 14 rec (9.9) as true. **Damien Gary** (5-11 176 So) PS#27. 40 rec (15.1). **LaBrone Mitchell** (6-2 201 Sr) 11 sts, 14 rec ly, PS#25QB.

WR TERRENCE EDWARDS JR. 6-1 165 PS#17QB. 11 sts as true. 61 rec (14.2). 12 starts in 2000 #1 w/61 rec (12.8). Durrell Robinson (6-1 216 Jr) PS#4. 13 rec (10.8) in 2000.

TE RANDY MCMICHAEL JR. 6-4 228 6 sts in 99, 37 rec (13.1). 36 rec (14.3) in 2000. Ben Watson (6-3 253 Jr) PS#18. 2 sts as true at Duke, 8 rec (11.6) there. Jason Rader PS#6.

C CURT MCGILL SR. 6-4 274 PS#96 in '97. 5 games in '99. 565 lb squat ly (school record), 225 bench 29 times, 12 sts in 2000. Ian Knight (6-4 275 Jr) PS#22TE. 1L.

RG KEVIN BREEDLOVE JR. 6-4 311 PS#2. 10 starts as true. 674 of 831 plays. 12 starts ly. **HM SEC.** Josh Billue (6-4 308 So) PS#60, injured as a rFr. Russ Tanner is PS#31.

LG Chris Hewitt So. 6-6 281 PS#33DL in 1999. 2nd string as rFr. Randall Kendrick (6-4 291 Jr) was PS#155OL. RS in '98. 3rd string last 2 years but lettered in 2000.

RT JON STINCHCOMB JR. 6-6 278 PS#5OL in '98. 11 sts as rFr. 617 plays. 12 sts ly despite missing spring. 2nd Tm SEC. George Foster (6-6 321 Jr) PS#99. 1 start in 99.

LT Alex Jackson Jr. 6-4 337 PS#16OL in '99. 2nd string as true, 2 letters (top backup ly). **Kareem Marshall** is PS#97JC, in for spring. Clint Larkin PS#112DL in '97.

K BILLY BENNETT SO. 5-8 159 PS#75K. Took over in Wk 4 and hit 14 of 15 FG's for school record (93%) only miss was 50 yds. long of 49. Brett Kiroauc (PS#19) 1-2 on FG's ly.

DE JOSH MALLARD SR. 6-3 261 PS#60. 14 tkl's, 6 sks as rFr. 14 tkl's, 5 sks in 1999. 6 sts, 13 pressures, 6 tfl ly. Terin Smith (6-3 248 Jr) PS#26DL. 4 sts, 27 tkl's, 6.5 tfl in 2000.

DT Johnathan Sullivan So. 6-4 280 PS#50 in 99. Hargrave. 35 tkl's, 3 tfl, 9 pressures as true ly. Ken Veal (6-2 297 So) PS#43. 1 pressure ly. Nic Clemons (6-3 208 Jr) PS#63JC ly.

DT David Jacobs Jr. 6-4 265 PS#61DL. 6 sts as rFr, 22 tkl's, 1.5 tfl, 1 st in 2000. 4 pressures, 25 tkl's. Sheddric Wynn (6-3 267 So) PS#56. 3 tkl's ly. Ben Lowe (6-4 280 Jr) PS#79.

DE CHARLES GRANT JR. 6-4 267 PS#10. 33 tkl's, 7 sks, 7 tfl, 79 yds rush as true (inj). 10 sts ly, 41 tkl's, 8 tfl, 7 pbu, 12 pressures. **Bruce Adrine** (6-4 274 Sr) 7 sts in 2000 (inj) 9.5 tfl.

WLB WILL WITHERSPOON SR. 6-2 217 PS#7. 52 tkl's as true. 5 sts in '99 (inj) 34 tkl's, 1.5 tfl, 11 sts ly, 91 tkl's, 7 tfl. Chris Clemons (6-3 208 So) was PS#281WR. 1 start as true, 14 tkl's.

SLB TONY GILBERT JR. 6-1 246 PS#128. 18 tkl's as rFr. 11 sts ly & #1 w/102 tkl's.

5 tfl. Adrian Hollingshed (6-2 232 Sr) 12 sts in 98, #3 w/101 tkl's, 7 tfl. Inj in 99, 43 tkl's, 2 pbu ly.

SLB Boss Bailey Jr. 6-4 218 PS#14. 26 tkl's, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts in '99, 2 pbu ly.

69 tkl's, 5.5 tfl. RS in 2000 (inj). Marquis Elmore is PS#15. Derrick Holloway (6-3 205 Jr) PS#68.

CB Bruce Thornton So. 5-11 193 PS#12RB. 1 st, 230 yds rush (4.9) as rFr.

Decory Bryant (6-0 170 So) PS#122. 11 tkl's, 2 pbu ly. Brandon Williams PS#179JC in for spr.

CB TIM WANSLEY SR. 5-9 172 PS#25. 11 tkl's as true. 4 sts, 38 tkl's, 8 pbu in '99. 11 sts, 71 tkl's, 6 int, 12 pbu, 1st Tm SEC ly. Dantra Clements (5-10 188 So) PS#66. 8 tkl's, 1 int ly.

SS TERRELL BIERRIA JR. 6-3 205 PS#6. 3 sts, 39 tkl's as rFr. 12 sts ly, 8 tkl's, 3 tkl's, 3 int ly.

8 pbu. Kentrell Curry (6-2 191 So) PS#42. 26 tkl's as rFr. Sean Jones was PS#35QB ly.

FS JERMAINE PHILLIPS SR. 6-2 211 PO in '97. 3 sts, 18 rec in '99. 9 sts at Sly, 91 tkl's, 2 int, 8 pbu. Cap Burnett (6-2 223 Jr) PS#29. 4 sts as rFr, 25 tkl's, 2 int, 3 sts ly, 34 tkl's, 1 int.

P JONATHAN KILGO JR. 6-2 198 PS#20. 20 punts as true frosh in 99, 41.6 average. #1 in net punting in SEC in 2000 (39.8), had 63 punts & 42.3 average on the year.

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Georgia is 2-18 SU last 20 combined vs the Gators & Vols.
Bulldogs are 5-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992.
UGA is 21-8 ATS vs non-SEC teams since 1991.
Dawgs are 3-1 ATS their last 4 as a home dog.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GA Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Arkansas St	G												
Sep. 8	S Carolina	G												
Sep. 15	Houston	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Arkansas	G												
Oct. 6	at Tennessee	G												
Oct. 13	at Vanderbilt	G												
Oct. 20	Kentucky (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	† Florida (Jacksonville)	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	Auburn	G												
Nov. 17	at Mississippi	G												
Nov. 24	at Georgia Tech	G												

Georgia is 14-5 SU & 12-6 ATS in September since 1995.
ASU was 1-10 SU LY but squandered sizable 4Q leads in 4 of those losses.
Despite a 3-1 mark LY UGA has covered only 11 of 26 as home chalk.
The home team has covered 12 of the last 16 meetings.
Should apply: UGA is 7-13 ATS their last 20 as a DD favorite.
Georgia is 15-7 ATS Between the Hedges vs non-SEC foes.
Bonus: Bulldogs are 12-5 ATS the week after a bye but 1-3 ATS L2Y.
UGA hasn't suffered from lookahead as they are 5-1 ATS prior to the Vols.
The home team is 0-3 both SU & ATS in this series since 1990.
LY's 21-10 SU win was the 1st for the Dawgs in 9 gms vs UT (3-6 ATS).
Georgia is 27-17-1 SU & 26-19 ATS as October guests since '80.
The visitor has covered 9 in a row in this series.
Should apply: Bulldogs are 16-8 ATS their last 24 off a SU loss.
The home team is 9-4 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Georgia is 5-0 SU but 1-4 ATS in their last 5 Homecoming games.
Bulldogs are 1-10 SU & 2-9 ATS vs Florida.
UGA is 1-5 ATS the week before a bye over the last 3 seasons.
UGA lost in OT at Jordan-Hare LY but the visitor is 7-1-1 SU in this series.
The underdog is 7-2 ATS in this battle of Cats & Dawgs.
Georgia is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS their last 4 vs the Rebels.
Bulldogs are 9-5 ATS the L7Y in the final 2 games of the season.
Georgia is 6-2 ATS in their final road game.
Dawgs are 17-8 SU last 25 & 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs Ga Tech.
Bonus: Last year's 12 pt margin of victory was more than the margin of the last 3 UGA/GT clashes combined.

STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (86,520) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	6-5	5-6	9-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	48-28-1
ATS	4-6	8-3	5-6	6-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	38-37
Home Fav	2-2	3-0	1-3	3-3	1-5	3-3	3-1	16-17
Home Dog	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-4
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	9-8
Away Dog	2-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	10-8
Favorite	2-4	4-1	2-5	5-4	4-5	4-3	4-3	25-25
Dog	2-2	4-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-3	13-12
Grass	4-6	7-3	5-6	5-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	36-37
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	26-30
vs Non-Conf	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	12-7
Off SU Win	1-4	4-2	2-2	4-4	3-5	3-4	2-5	19-26
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-1	3-3	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	15-8

Coach: MARK RICHT (Career 0-0) Richt's records AT GEORGIA

1st Year at Georgia	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Peach	+6'	Virginia	27-34	L
97	Outback	-8'	Wisconsin	33-6	W
98	Peach	+2	Virginia	35-33	W
99	Outback	+5'	Purdue	28-25	W
00	Oahu	-9'	Virginia	37-14	W

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-10'	7-11	L
at S Carolina	-3'	14-23	L
Texas Tech	+2'	15-12	W
at Mississippi St	-3'	38-19	W
Tennessee	+14	17-29	W
Vanderbilt	-15'	13-2	L
at Kentucky	-16	17-24	L
† Florida	+34'	7-47	L
at Auburn	+10	56-49	W
Mississippi	-13'	27-31	L
Georgia Tech	-4	19-10	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-34'	38-7	L
S Carolina	-6	31-15	W
NE Louisiana	-29'	42-3	W
Mississippi St	-11	47-0	W
at Tennessee	+9'	13-38	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	34-13	W
Kentucky	-11'	23-13	L
† Florida	+20'	37-17	W
Auburn	-5'	34-45	L
at Mississippi	-3'	21-14	W
at Georgia Tech	-4	27-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-35	56-3	W
at S Carolina	-5'	17-3	W
Wyoming	-19'	16-9	L
at LSU	+8'	28-27	W
Tennessee	-3	3-22	L
Vanderbilt	-27	31-6	L
at Kentucky	-1	28-26	W
† Florida	+11'	7-38	L
at Auburn	-6	28-17	W
Mississippi	-12	24-17	L
Georgia Tech	-3	19-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-28	38-7	W
S Carolina	-14'	24-9	W
UCF	-27'	24-23	L
LSU	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+10'	20-37	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	27-17	W
Kentucky	-4	49-34	W
† Florida	+14	14-30	L
Auburn	-10	21-38	L
at Mississippi	+5'	20-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	48-51	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ga Southern	NL	29-7	-
at S Carolina	-10	10-21	L
New Mexico St	-30	37-0	W
at Arkansas	-3'	38-7	W
Tennessee	-4'	21-10	W
Vanderbilt	-22	29-19	L
at Kentucky	-9'	34-30	L
† Florida	+9	23-34	L
at Auburn	+2'	26-29	L
Mississippi	-7	32-14	W
Georgia Tech	+1'	15-27	L

GEORGIA (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
SEC
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RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7 Returning: 56 (27,25,4)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 17 (9,8,0)

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF				
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP				
8*	27.6	19	134	3.8	217	53.8	12.7	+1	2000	7	17.7	17	114	3.2	204	57.5	18.0
5*	28.0	22	159	4.0	256	56.9	14.8	+9	1999	5	25.8	20	108	3.4	286	55.4	15.2
4	24.3	20	153	4.2	247	59.8	16.4	+1	1998	5	18.5	20	142	3.7	217	56.8	19.4
8*	31.7	22	173	4.4	263	66.6	13.8	+9	1997	6	16.3	19	103	3.2	225	57.7	20.2
7*	20.1	19	135	3.6	231	51.1	17.4	-6	1996	7	23.4	21	150	3.5	203	57.0	15.1
6	21.7	19	146	3.8	233	57.7	17.4	-3	1995	7	23.4	19	133	3.6	208	61.4	14.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Ga Southern	25	39-171	4.4	16-27	203	1	19	54-190	3.5	10-19	45	3	-1
at S Carolina	9	28-94	3.4	10-24	108	0	16	43-133	3.1	18-28	154	2	-4
New Mexico St	24	42-237	5.6	13-25	191	1	14	41-102	2.5	9-21	82	2	-1
at Arkansas	21	46-175	3.8	13-25	168	0	12	26-52	2.0	19-38	162	2	+3
Tennessee	18	51-146	2.9	8-18	134	4	10	32-112	3.5	18-32	136	4	0
Vanderbilt	16	30-92	3.1	12-31	215	0	20	30-115	3.8	29-43	327	0	+4
at Kentucky	20	24-38	1.6	20-38	400	0	21	26-92	3.5	39-58	528	1	+1
† Florida	20	45-173	3.8	20-40	240	4	20	32-69	2.2	18-36	247	2	0
at Auburn	12	26-55	2.1	23-35	164	1	16	37-150	4.1	24-38	149	1	-1
Mississippi	18	45-244	5.4	9-18	107	2	14	33-67	2.0	16-37	175	0	-1
Georgia Tech	24	18-26	1.4	37-63	435	1	18	34-140	4.1	20-35	222	0	-1
Virginia (Bowl)	21	34-157	4.6	25-39	241	1	20	38-144	3.8	22-36	226	1	+2
TOTALS	228	428-1608	3.8	206-383	2606	15	200	426-1386	3.2	242-421	2453	18	+1
AVERAGES	19.0	36-134	3.8	17-32	217	1.3	16.7	36-114	3.2	20-35	204	1.5	0.1

KENTUCKY WILDCATS



TE Derek Smith is the Cats' best athlete and was 1st Team All SEC in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Hal Mumme was forced to replace the #1 pick in the NFL draft, Tim Couch, with lightly recruited Dusty Bonner. He did not possess NFL caliber tools at the QB position with average size and arm strength. Bonner had a sensational year throwing for 3,574 yards (65.6%) with a 26-14 ratio. Jared Lorenzen (6-4 275 So, PS#19) is a huge QB but surprisingly has decent speed and mobility. He also has a powerful arm. He reported out of shape his first year and was redshirted. Last year Mumme made an about-face in July, naming Lorenzen the starter and Bonner promptly quit the team and transferred to Div II Valdosta St where he was a star. Lorenzen ballooned to around 300 lbs by the season finale but set a host of NCAA records for a frosh QB. Surprisingly Lorenzen has just 16% body fat, a stronger arm than Couch and 4.89 speed. He also had 10 FD's on QB sneaks during the course of the year taking advantage of his size. He has trimmed down and looked to be around 275 in the spring. According to Mumme's comments at season's end there were 9 dropped TD passes so his 19-21 ratio could have been better. Shane Boyd (6-2 239 rFr) was PS#43 and threw for 7,996 yards and 92 TD's in his HS career and is also a MLB prospect who signed with the Twins. He throws a 90 mph+ fastball and Morris is giving him additional reps in practice and says he will compete for the top spot. In the spring game he hit 10 of 13 for 83 yards while Lorenzen hit 6 of 19 for 57 yards. The battle will continue in the fall. Matt Casey (6-4 219 rFr) was PS#220. Lorenzen is an unusual looking QB, but he has the tools to be one of the best. If he hangs on to his starting job I look for him to put up much better numbers this year even with the change of coordinators and coaches, as they are keeping the offense the same.

RUNNING BACKS - Derek Homer and Anthony White were an excellent combination for 3 years here but never matched their first year production of 1997 when they combined for 1,225 yards rushing and also 90 rec's. White departed last year and it looked like Artose Pinner would be the feature back. Pinner only got in 2 starts and rushed for 188 yards and is more of a power back with just 4.6 speed. He was the star this spring however and was tough to bring down. True frosh Chad Scott (PS#82) took over the bulk of the duties with 7 starts and 611 yards (4.7) along with 261 yards receiving. Scott has 4.34 speed and would have been more productive but was bothered by ankle injuries for most of the year. Homer moved from FB to HB at the start of the year and got in 5 starts with 139 yards rushing and 341 yards rec and he is the only major departure from this unit. Martez Johnson (5-10 186 Jr) was PS#52 and had 2 starts and 90 total yards. At HB Ernest Simms (5-8 167 Jr) was PS#90WR and had 10 rec's. Simms would have had bigger starts but was slated to be redshirted until he was forced to take off his redshirt at midseason. I look for this unit to have its most productive season since the Couch era, especially with Morris talking about the need to establish a running game.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 the WR corps was decimated by injuries but they did have TE James Whalen who set almost all of the NCAA receiving records for a TE as he had 94 grabs. Last year they lost their top 2 rec's in Whalen and HB Anthony White and also lost Garry Davis (26 rec) who was suspended prior to the year. Mumme did a great job recruiting in this area and they have numerous VHT's and HT's who I list in the two deep below. The only loss this

year is Quentin McCord (#7 DC of ATL) who led the team with a super 17.8 ypc but did not quite have the season expected with only 45 grabs. Also Bobby Blizzard (PS#3TE) who had 23 rec's in 2000, left the team this spring. Everyone else is back and you can look for a huge year out of TE Derek Smith who continues to get bigger and stronger each season and is probably the best athlete on the team. Two other additions to this group are JUCO Aaron Boone and WR Brad Pyatt (PS#37) who missed last year due to injury problems. This may be the most talented group of WR's since the new offense was installed and should outperform the 2000 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - New head coach Guy Morriss was the OL coach last year and did an outstanding job. In 1999 the Cats surrendered 54 sacks after having to replace 5 senior starters. Last year they had all 5 starters returning but lost C Nolan DeVaughn to injury for the season in the first week and then starting LT Matt Brown was lost for the season after 6 weeks. VHT true frosh Antonio Hall started all 11 games and the unit allowed just 21 sacks while paving the way for a 4.0 ypc, a huge improvement from 2.3 in 1999. The good news is they had just 1 senior starter last year in RGLT Omar Smith (11 sts, 2 yr str, 2nd Tm SEC). They also lose backup OG Aaron Daniel but almost everyone else returns including DeVaughn who was a 12 game starter in 1999. Unfortunately, G Kip Sixberry who I had as 2nd Team SEC this year was declared academically ineligible for the season. Five players who I list below have started six or more games and they bring one VHT and 2 HT rFr plus a DL who moves in to add depth. This unit has gone from a weakness in 1999 to a strength.

DEFENSIVE LINE - As you would expect with a pure passing offense which takes little time off the clock, the UK defense was very weak in the Mumme era. In his 4 years the best defensive performance vs the run was the 4.3 ypc they allowed last year. While that is not a good number, it was surprising considering the fact that the Cats lost 5 players who combined for 28 starts the previous year and then lost their star AA candidate Dennis Johnson to injury in the first game of the season. Two true frosh started at DT which is almost unheard of in the SEC but both benched over 400 lbs, despite being just 18 years old. Their new DC brings in the Swarm Defense from Texas Tech which is always solid vs the run and plays an 8 man front. This year they must replace DE Matt Layow (11 sts, 44 tkl, 11.5 tfl) and DE Grayson Smith (1 st, 8 tkl). Those 2 true frosh are now soph's and they get their star Dennis Johnson back, who, if fully recovered, could have a breakout year. This unit should be vastly improved over last year and goes from a weakness to an above average front.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats had to replace their #1 tackler last year but had 5 of the top 6 players back. The terminology of the Swarm Defense is a 4-2-5 using 3 safeties. I take the safety who most resembles a LB and put him in this unit, making it a 4-3 and that player is Chris Gayton who started at OLB last season. This year they must replace OLB Marlon McCree (11 sts, 1 tkl/r, 6 sks, 9.5 tfl, #7 DC of JAX) but once again have 5 of the top 6 returning. That makes them at least as good as last year's group but this year they get the addition of a VHT true frosh in Chad Anderson (PS#19) and that means this unit looks stronger in 2001 even though McCree led the team in tfl's and tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Kentucky finished #35 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year basically had all 4 starters returning plus got their star, SS David Johnson, back from injury after he had missed the 1999 season. Not much went right for the Cats last year and even with a veteran secondary they plummeted to #104 in the rankings allowing 56.8% with a 25-5 ratio. They gambled with a lot of man-to-man coverage in the old defense and will not leave the CB's on as much of an island this year. As I mentioned in the LB section, they list 2 hybrid outside safety positions. I will list David Johnson with the secondary as he was last year's starting SS. I look for a bigger year out of Johnson in his second year back from injury. This year they must replace FS Willie Gary (11 sts, #2 tkl/r), DB Kenneth Grant (6 sts, miss 4 inj, 2 pbu) and CB Eric Kelly (11 sts, 33 tkl, 6 pbu, #3 DC of MIN). While I expect them to climb in the rankings thanks to a stronger defensive front 7, this unit looks a little weaker this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 UK surprisingly improved from #61 in my special teams rankings all the way up to #8 and a big reason was P Andy Smith, who was 1st Tm SEC and averaged 42.9 per punt with a 39.9 net which was a UK record. Unfortunately he departed last year. Kendrick Shanklin, their top PPR, was back but after averaging 13.5 in 1999 he stunningly dropped just 1.1 per return and they had troubles with bobbled P's all year finishing the weakest in the NCAA in that category. Shanklin did average 21.5 on KR's but opted to transfer to Grambling so they'll have to find new returnmen but of course they will be drastically improved in the PR area. Seth Hanson handled most of the punts during the year averaging 37.1 but Glenn Pakulak took over the job in the final two games and those two will duke it out this year. Hanson was

KENTUCKY 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Chad Scott	130	656	45	611	4	4.7					
Artose Pinner	39	193	5	188	0	4.8					
Jared Lorenzen	76	321	181	140	5	1.8					
Derek Homer	34	156	17	139	0	4.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Jared Lorenzen	559	321	57.4	3687	19	21					
Mark Perry	3	1	33.3	2	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Derek Smith	50	716	14.3	5	89						
Quentin McCord	45	799	17.8	6	75						
Derek Abney	40	413	10.3	3	50						
Derek Homer	38	341	9.0	0	29						
Chad Scott	34	261	7.7	0	31						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Seth Hanson	33	1223	37.1	-	Tm (34.3)	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Seth Hanson	8-8	6-7	1-2	0-0	15-17	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL SKL TFL PBU INT					
M. McCree	85	5.5	9.5	3	0	Eric Kelly	33	0	0	6	1
Willie Gary	66	0	1	3	1	C. Demaree	27	1	4	0	0
Ryan Murphy	65	0	5	1	0	P. Wiggins	26	0	1	0	0
D. Johnson	44	0	3	4	0	C. Gayton	23	1	2	0	0
Matt Layow	44	4.5	7	2	0	R. Riley	23	1	0	0	0
D. Robertson	40	3	10.5	0	1	A. Wajda	23	0	0	0	1
D. Tatum	37	0	1	1	1	O. Grigsby	20	4	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
K. Shanklin	14	16	1.1	0	K. Shanklin	34	730	21.5	0		

outstanding on FG's where he hit 15 of 17 and was one of eight Lou Groza semifinalists. Three different players handled KO's and all are back. They had 11 blocked kicks in the Mumme era. Hal also instructed his P's to kick the ball OOB to limit returns and the fake punt was a staple of the offense. Mumme put little emphasis on the unit filling it with backups and thinking of it as a wasted opportunity for the offense. That will change this year. Overall UK dropped to #91 in my special teams rankings in 2000 and can really only improve in this area.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Hal Mumme had been doing a fine job at UK including taking them to back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time since 1983-1984. Last year they had to replace just 15 seniors but they had 15 starters return. After a 2-1 start they ended up losing their last 8 although they did lose 3 by a combined 11 points. Mumme played 62% of the true frosh and began to look towards this season in the final 3 games, playing a lot of youngsters. New Head Coach Guy Morriss is an ex-OL coach so you can imagine that he will want to work more power running into the offense. New OC Brent Pease inherits a team that led the SEC in total offense with 445 ypg and will keep the system basically the same, although they will incorporate more of a FB into the offense at times. They have clearly had the weakest defense in the SEC the last few years and losing their star DL Dennis Johnson prior to last season did not help matters. John Goodner is the new DC and brings the Swarm Defense over from Texas Tech where he was DC from 1993-'99. The defense could also improve because they now hit in practice. Mumme's philosophy was to go without pads to keep people healthy but it may have resulted in Kentucky being one of the poorest tackling teams in the country. Kentucky will lose 19 scholarships over 3 years due to an NCAA investigation and when Mumme was fired, it also hurt recruiting. While the situation does not seem perfect for a new head coach, Morriss has some talent to work with including a veteran QB and a surprisingly strong O-line. Kentucky was -12 in turnovers last year which means they are ripe for a turnaround (see page 277) and the defense can only get better with just 7 lettermen lost (their DL looks surprisingly strong). The SEC schedule is not kind as teams usually like to have their winnable games at home but UK hosts Florida, LSU and Tennessee which are probably out of their realm. If Mumme was still in charge, leading the coaching continuity and they didn't have probation hanging over their head, I may have called for UK to have a winning season this year. However, Morriss has a tougher road to hoe and this looks like a rebuilding year for the Cats.

OFFENSE

QB JARED LORENZEN SO. 6-4 275 PS#19. Lefty. Huge. 11 sts as rFr. 3687 yds (57%) 19-21 ratio but 9 dropped TD passes. 321 yds rush. Shane Boyd (6-2 239 rFr) PS#43. 5-10 178 PS#82. 4.34 spd. 7 sts as true, 611 yds (4.7), 34 rec (7.7). Martez Johnson (5-10 186 Jr) PS#52. 2 sts, 61 yds (4.1). Artose Pinner 188 yds, 2 sts (4.4) lb. **HB Ernest Simms Jr.** 5-8 167 PS#90WR. 1 start, 16 rec in 2 years. Jermaine White (6-6 215 Sr) PS#242. Edgar Gantt (6-3 204 Jr) PS#142. 6 gms on varsity in '99. Sp lms. **WR Derek Abney So.** 5-10 170 PS#49. 3 sts as rFr w/40 rec (10.3). **Aaron Boone** (6-3 207 Jr) PS#25JUCO (81 rec). Kelly (5-11 191 Sr) 2 sts, 8 rec (8.0) lb. **WR BRAD PYATT JR.** 6-0 199 PS#37. 8 sts as true, 22 rec (9.5). Inj lb. **Dougie Allen** (5-10 174 Sr). 4.43 spd. 7 sts, 22 rec (14.3) lb. Neal Brown (6-0 181 Jr) PS#94. 3 sts lb, 8 rec. **TE DEREK SMITH JR.** 6-6 265 PS#5. 9 rec as true. 10 sts lb, 50 rec (14.3) +27 lbs. 4.69 speed. Chase Harp (6-4 246 Jr) PS#109QB. 11 rec lb (inj). Eric Arling PS#45TE lb. **C NOLAN DeVAUGHN SR.** 6-5 321 Started bowl as rFr. 12 sts in '99. 1 start last year but inj'd, should be 100%. **Josh Jagers** (6-4 300 rFr) PS#31 redshirted lb. +10 lbs this year. **RG JOSH PARRISH SR.** 6-6 332 PS#72. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts in '99. 7 sts lb, added 22 lbs. Nick Seitz (6-5 294 So) 11 tkl at DT last year and moved to OL in the spring. **LG KEITH CHATELAIN JR.** 6-5 306 PS#171. JV team in 1999. 10 starts at C after DeVaughn's inj in 2000. Sylvester Miller (6-5 293 So) JV team in 1999. Did not letter in 2000. **RT ANTONIO HALL SO.** 6-5 300 PS#40L. 11 sts as true at RT. Jason Rollins (6-5 272 rFr) PS#120. Drew Ashcraft (6-5 286 So) PS#66 and lettered in 10 games as backup. **LT Matt Brown Sr.** 6-5 312 4 sts as rFr. 12 starts at LT in 1999, every snap, 6 starts last year (shoulder injury), added 12 lbs. Matt Huff (6-5 296 rFr) was PS#104. **K SETH HANSON SR.** 6-2 197 4 of 7 FG's as true. 30-31 xp's. 11 of 15 FG's in '98, long of 42.50-53 xp's. Reds in 1999, 15 of 17 FG's last year, long 40. Groza semifinalist.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE OTIS GRIGSBY JR. 6-4 250 PS#273LB. 7 sts lb, 20 tkl, 4 sks. Brkn leg in spg. **Chris Demaree** (6-4 250 Sr) PS#77. 3 sts, 46 tkl, 8 tfl, 3 years. Richard Hardin PS#72 in '98. **DT JEREMY CAUDILL SO.** 6-3 296 PS#26. 11 sts as true, 20 tkl, 2 sks, 4.5 tfl, 44 bench. Derrick Johnson (6-2 312 Sr) PS#100L. 1 tkl, 3 yrs. Ellery Moore (6-3 260 Jr) PS#214. **DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON SO.** 6-3 315 PS#61. 11 starts as true, 40 tkl, 3 sks, 10.5 tfl, 430 bench. John Robinson (6-4 280 Jr) had 7 tkl in 1999. 5 starts, 15 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 2000. **DE Dennis Johnson Jr.** 6-7 261 PS#1DL. 7 sts as true, 5 tfl, 12 starts in 1999. **2nd Tm SEC.** 44 tkl, 5 sks, 8 tfl, RS lb, injury in Wk 1. Daniel Burnett (6-5 269 Jr) is PS#94. **ILB JAMAL WHITE SR.** 6-2 223 PS#208. 1 st, 35 tkl, 6 tfl, 3 yrs. Big spring ty, 4.5 speed. Ronnie Riley (6-2 231 Sr) PS#215. 24 tkl, 4 tfl as true. 6 tkl in '99. 5 sts lb, 23 tkl, 1 sk. **ILB RYAN MURPHY SR.** 6-2 240 PS#102. 2 sts as true, 11 sts in '99, 65 tkl, 13 tfl, 11 sts lb, 65 tkl, 5 tfl. **Chad Anderson** is PS#191 Anthony Stevenson (5-11 228 Jr) PS#319RB. **Chris Gayton Sr.** 6-2 205 2 sts at SS in '98, 13 tkl, 6 tkl in '99. 4 starts at OLB, 23 tkl, 3 tfl lb. Patrick Wiggins (6-0 200 Sr) PS#201QB. 3 starts, 49 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 pbu L2Y. **CB Leonard Burgess So.** 5-11 184 PS#64. 8 tkl, 11 gms as true. **Jeremy Bowie** (5-10 187 Sr). 12 tkl as true. 4 sts in '98, 1 int, 4 pbu. 1 st in '99, 16 tkl, 4 pbu. RS last year. **CB Derrick Tatum Jr.** 6-0 187 PS#44 in '99, 6 tkl as true, 1 int, 3 starts last year, 37 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Earven Flowers (5-10 178 rFr) PS#380. Brett Hamblen is PS#71. **OG DAVID JOHNSON JR.** 6-2 203 PS#130. 10 sts as true, 64 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **frash AA.** RS in 1999. 7 sts lb, 44 tkl, 4 pbu. Octavious Bond (6-1 209 So) PS#34WR. 7 tkl as rFr. **FS Anthony Wajda Sr.** 6-4 185 15 tkl as true. 11 sts in '99, 2nd Tm SEC, 76 tkl, 5 int, 3 pbu, 2 sts lb, 23 tkl, 1 int. **Quentius Cumberly** (6-1 204 Jr) PS#102. 8 tkl as true, 6 tkl lb. **P GLENN PAKULAK JR.** 6-3 228 12 punts as soph, 37.8 average in the last 3 games. **Seth Hanson** had 33 punts, 37.1 average & 8 inside the 20 in first 8 games last year.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

UK is 5-3 ATS in their last 8 Homecoming games.
Wildcats are 5-15 ATS on artificial turf since 1980.
Kentucky is 36-59-2 ATS (38%) on the road since 1980 and were 0-5 last season, failing to cover by 15.4 ppg.
UK is 3-10 ATS as an away favorite.
This is the 1st time in 3 seasons that UK won't have a "NL" game.
UK is 5-3 ATS in their L/8 season openers, but have dropped 2 in a row.
Wildcats are 11-3-1 SU in their first home game.
Kentucky is 0-4 ATS after playing Louisville & 8-20 ATS L/28 as a HF.
UK is 10-5 ATS the L/6Y vs non-conference teams.
Cats are 7-1 ATS prior to Florida, so look ahead has not been a problem.
Wildcats are 9-18-1 ATS their last 28 as a road underdog.
UK has dropped 6 of 7 ATS to UF & is 4-10 ATS the last 14.
Kentucky is 4-9 ATS as a home dog the last 4 seasons.
UK is 2-5 SU (3-4 ATS) in this series.
Pending LW's result, UK is 19-36-1 ATS in their L/56 SEC contests.
Wildcats are 1-4 ATS the last 5 series meetings.
The favorite has covered four of the last 5 meetings.
Four of the L/5 series meetings have been decided by 25 or more pts.
UK is 6-2-1 and 9-3-1 ATS in this Cat fight.
The home team is 9-4 ATS in this battle of Cats & Dawgs.
UK is 6-13 ATS prior to a bye since 1980, 2-7 ATS since 1994.
Couch's alma mater is 7-19 ATS in their L/26 November games.
Despite a loss to MSU LY, the Cats are 10-2 ATS the week after a bye.
UK is 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS their last 5 vs Vanderbilt.
Wildcats are 3-12 ATS the last 15 years in their road finale.
Kentucky is 0-16 SU and 1-8 ATS last 9 vs the Vols.
The closest margin of UT victory the L5Y is 28 pts, avg margin 37.2 ppg.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KY Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Louisville	G												
Sep. 8	Ball St	G												
Sep. 15	at Indiana	G												
Sep. 22	Florida	G												
Sep. 29	Mississippi	G												
Oct. 6	at S Carolina	G												
Oct. 13	LSU (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Georgia	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	at Mississippi St	G												
Nov. 10	at Vanderbilt	G												
Nov. 17	Tennessee	G												
Nov. 24														

STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,530)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	4-7	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	2-9	29-48
ATS	3-7	6-5	4-6-1	6-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	30-42-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	6-5
Home Dog	1-4	4-2	3-1	2-3	0-1	1-3	1-2	12-16
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-3
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	0-4-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-4	9-18-1
Favorite	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	2-3	2-1	1-2	9-8
Dog	2-7	6-4	3-5-1	4-5	2-3	3-4	1-6	21-34-1
Grass	3-7	5-4	4-5-1	4-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	27-40-1
Artificial	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	4-4	1-7	19-36-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	11-6
Off SU Win	0-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	3-3	3-3	1-1	12-16
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-3	2-3-1	4-1	0-3	2-1	1-6	14-23-1

Coach: GUY MORRISS (Career 0-0)
Morri's records AT KENTUCKY

1st Year at Kentucky	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Hall of Fame	+10	W Virginia	16-20	W
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin	20-19	W
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson	13-14	W
98	Outback	+7	Penn St	14-26	L
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20	L

KENTUCKY (2-9) CONFERENCE: SEC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* **Returning: 55 (27,23,5)**
DEFENSE: 6 **Lost: 20 (12,7,1)**



KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	
7	23.1	23	110	4.0	335	57.1	19.3	-12	2000	7	34.8	21	163	4.3	243	56.8	11.7
3	27.3	21	74	2.3	300	65.1	13.7	+3	1999	6	28.6	20	159	4.5	217	52.5	13.2
9*	35.9	26	121	3.9	406	71.2	14.7	-13	1998	5	31.3	19	156	4.4	233	49.0	12.4
7	31.6	26	100	3.5	365	66.5	14.7	-6	1997	4	32.9	20	171	4.5	221	57.2	11.9
6*	12.6	12	100	2.6	118	48.3	17.4	+9	1996	6	29.3	18	152	4.0	202	55.7	12.1
6*	20.3	17	196	4.2	126	54.4	15.9	+9	1995	7	24.5	19	151	4.0	203	58.3	14.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisville	15	21-95	4.5	22-34	322	4	25	48-186	3.9	23-30	256	1	-1
S Florida	28	30-145	4.8	30-58	382	0	13	36-134	3.7	12-24	81	6	+1
Indiana	24	26-79	3.0	33-48	339	2	20	43-232	5.4	11-26	143	2	+2
at Florida	25	29-141	4.9	35-60	363	2	23	35-190	5.4	15-27	262	4	-4
at Mississippi	14	24-39	1.6	17-42	192	1	23	46-179	3.9	15-25	238	5	-2
S Carolina	23	28-93	3.3	34-52	304	1	21	30-159	5.3	17-31	228	1	0
at LSU	23	22-117	5.3	31-55	280	1	23	46-114	2.5	15-33	225	1	-4
Georgia	21	26-92	3.5	39-58	528	1	20	24-38	1.6	20-38	400	0	-1
Mississippi St	27	31-122	3.9	23-53	264	2	23	44-253	5.8	11-20	212	0	-2
Vanderbilt	33	33-192	5.8	33-55	385	1	15	32-82	2.6	17-29	263	0	-1
at Tennessee	24	35-96	2.7	25-49	330	6	24	29-228	7.9	19-25	362	1	0
TOTALS	257	305-1211	4.0	322-564	3689	21	230	413-1795	4.3	175-308	2670	21	-12
AVERAGES	23.4	28-110	4.0	29-51	335	1.9	20.9	38-163	4.3	16-28	243	1.9	-1.1

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	-1'	14-38	L	Louisville	+3	38-24	W	at Louisville	-11	68-34	W	Louisville	+3	28-56	L	at Louisville	-5'	34-40	L
at Cincinnati	+3'	3-24	L	at Mississippi St	+5'	27-35	L	E Kentucky	NL	52-7	-	Connecticut	NL	45-14	-	S Florida	NL	27-9	-
Indiana	+3'	3-0	W	at Indiana	+2'	49-7	W	Indiana	-21	31-27	L	at Indiana	+8	44-35	W	Indiana	-4	41-34	W
at Florida	+37'	0-65	L	Florida	+24	28-55	L	at Florida	+21	35-51	W	Florida	+20	10-38	L	at Florida	+22'	31-59	L
at Alabama	+22'	7-35	L	Alabama	+6'	40-34	W	at Arkansas	+4	20-27	L	Arkansas	+8'	31-20	W	at Mississippi	+7	17-35	L
S Carolina	+7	14-25	L	at S Carolina	+1'	24-38	L	S Carolina	-14	33-28	L	at S Carolina	-8	30-10	W	S Carolina	+2'	17-20	L
at LSU	+27	14-41	T	NE Louisiana	-25	49-14	W	at LSU	+9	39-36	W	LSU	-4'	31-5	W	at LSU	+4'	0-34	L
Georgia	+16	24-17	W	at Georgia	+11'	13-23	W	Georgia	+1	26-28	L	at Georgia	+4	34-49	L	Georgia	+9'	30-34	W
Mississippi St	+5'	24-21	W	LSU	+6'	28-63	L	Mississippi St	-7'	37-35	L	at Mississippi St	+6'	22-23	W	Mississippi St	+6'	17-35	L
Vanderbilt	-2	25-0	W	at Vanderbilt	-4'	21-10	W	Vanderbilt	-22	55-17	W	at Vanderbilt	-3	19-17	L	Vanderbilt	-6'	20-24	L
at Tennessee	+28	10-56	L	Tennessee	+16'	31-59	L	at Tennessee	+10'	21-59	L	Tennessee	+12'	21-56	L	at Tennessee	+19'	20-59	L

VANDERBILT COMMODORES



QB Greg Zolman has nearly 5,500 passing yards in his Commodore career.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 three QB's shared the starting job with Greg Zolman getting 4 starts and throwing for 969 yards. Zolman was the key to Vandy's 1999 offensive resurgence as the Commodores, which had not topped 13 ppg the previous 4 years, scored 22.9 ppg. Zolman threw for 2,059 yards (51.3%) with a 10-16 ratio and also rushed for 184 yards. Last year he returned but did not make the strides I expected. He had 11 starts and threw for 2,441 yards (52.8%) with a 13-14 ratio. However take away his implosion vs Florida in which he had five int's and he would have had a positive ratio for the year. In the season's final two games, he threw 5 TD's with just 1 int and averaged 261 ypg. If Zolman maintains that late season form, he should have outstanding numbers. Tim Olmstead (6-2 195 Sr) was PS#4 and got in one game with Florida before transferring. He struggled when called upon last season and in 3 games completed just 4 of 12 for 21 yards. Benjamin Walker (6-4 212 So) was PS#99 and had 1 pass attempt as a rfr. He has a strong arm and good mobility. He had an excellent spring and hit 15 of 30 for 194 yards and rushed for 37 in the spring game and will challenge Olmstead for the #2 role. Vandy also signed QB David Koral (PS#35) who threw for 4,003 yards with a 44-13 ratio in HS last year, including a national record 764 yards in 1 game. If Zolman starts the entire year, he will likely become Vandy's career passing leader. I like the talent available here and expect improved numbers in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Vandy returned their top 2 RB's in Rodney Williams (#1 rusher in '98 & '99) and Jared McGrath who rushed for 644 and 575 yards respectively in 1999. They were set to split the position again last year but Williams struggled at times and true frosh Ray Perkins, who has 4.38 speed, took his place in the rotation. McGrath, more of a power back, finished the year with 527 yards (4.0) and now must be replaced. Perkins had 425 yards and a super 4.9 ypc. Williams, who was expected to handle the ball 20 to 25 times per game, got just 49 carries last year and only averaged 2.9 ypc. He does have 4.41 speed and was impressive this spring. Norval McKenzie (5-11 200 rfr) was PS#169 and Ronald Hatcher (5-10 170 So) was PS#450. Williams saw action at FB last year and the other FB's (when they use them) are Lew Thomas (6-0 212 Sr) and Chris Mitacek (5-11 208 Jr, PS#222). Matthew Tant is this year's top frosh signee (PS#41) and could win the starting job immediately. Even with the loss of their leading rusher, this unit was dead last in the SEC in rushing and should get better production.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers. They did have their starting TE and 1 starting WR returning. Unfortunately Anthony Jones, who Widenhofer called his deep threat and gamebreaker, suffered a fractured hip bone in a scrimmage and missed the first four games. He

was far from 100% when he returned and after dropping numerous passes was even benched for 2 games. Jones ended up starting 6 games and had just 13 rec's. I expect a lot more out of him this season. This unit saw a lot more action in 2000 than it had in previous years as just 3 years ago the top man had 28 rec's. Dan Stricker stepped up and became the go-to man. In fact, he was #3 in the SEC in yards per game and will benefit from teams not being able to double on him with Jones present. HB Chris Young was PS#33QB. Prior to the 2000 season Widenhofer called him "his Freddie Milons" meaning that he would not only catch passes but also run the ball and at times even pass it as he used to be a HS QB and has 4.4 speed. While he had some impact as a true frosh with 14 rec's, it wasn't as much as expected and now with a spring under his belt I look for big things from him as well. They lose TE Elliott Carson, who had 9 starts and 29 rec's (12.8), and I list the TE's below. I really like the top 3 rec's in Stricker, Jones and Young and while this unit suffered from plenty of dropped passes last year, it should be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Vandy had to replace two starters but they were their top two players, one of whom was a 1st Team SEC player, and both were 3 year starters. This year they lose RG Michael Saltzman (11 sts, 4 yr str), LT Brian Gruber (11 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 3 yr str) and backup RT Darren Rothenberg. Last year's front went from allowing 33 sacks in 1999 to just 15 last year and the ypc was basically the same, going from 3.2 to 3.1. With 3 starters back this group should come close to matching last year's standards, but I'll call it weaker as it is a little less experienced with only one 2 year starter returning.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Commodores switched to a 4-3 front and it took a little time to adjust to the new setup. Last year all 3 starters and backups returned but prior to the season they lost one backup, Chuck Losey, due to a broken ankle. Starter Russ Nicoll broke his ankle in October after 5 games and he was leading the line in tackles at that time. Vandy had just 19 sacks as a team last season which was down from 34 in 1999. In addition, after allowing just 3.5 ypc in 1999, they shockingly gave up 4.6 and were dead last in the SEC in rush defense. This year they must replace NT Ryan Aulds (11 sts, 41 tkl, 1 tfl), Nicoll (5 sts, 24 tkl, 2 tfl) and two backup DT's in Tyler Unzicker and Steve Trese who combined for just 10 tackles. Last year's defense under performed as a whole and while this year's group is less experienced, it has the talent to at least equal last year's output.

LINEBACKERS - This is usually an area of strength under Woody Widenhofer. Jamie Winborn led the team in tackles in both '98 and '99 and was second last year but left early for the NFL draft (#2DC of SF). Last year Vandy had 3 of 4 starters returning including Winborn and this year not only he (1st Tm SEC, 7 tfl) but also OLB Matt Stewart (11 sts, #1 tflr, 6.5 sks, #4 DC of ATL) and backup Reggie Washington (1 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back including 3 players with starting experience. This is the first time in Woody's tenure that they have lost more than 1 starting LB. Keep your eye on Otis Washington as he is a VHT signee who should play as a true frosh. As mentioned above, VU's defense did not live up to its potential last year but this group is less experienced and with the loss of the top two tacklers, looks weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Vandy has always played well on defense under Widenhofer and in my pass D rankings finished #26 and #28 in 1996 and 1997. They slipped to #86 in 1998 and only moved up to #73 in 1999. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back, having to replace just one starter. While teams had their way with Vandy on the ground, the Commodores finished #28 in my pass D rankings as they allowed 51.6% with a 14-11 ratio vs a very tough slate of opposing pass offenses. This year six of the top 8 return as they lose CB Jimmy Williams (10 sts, 48 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu, #6 DC of BUF) and backup CB Brian Taylor (3 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and I like CB Rushen Jones as he has a good combination of size and speed and while they may not improve in the pass D rankings, overall this group looks even more solid than the 2000 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Vandy made strides in my special teams rankings last year, as they finished #44 after two consecutive rankings in the 60's. K John Markham (#5 DC of NYG) had an outstanding leg on KO's which was part of the reason Vandy did so well on KR defense but he must be replaced. Markham also hit 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 52 to rank as one of the better kickers in the country. They did have some special teams breakdowns as two fake FG's went for TD's (Auburn & S Car). They also gave up 2 blocked kicks vs Georgia and turnovers and mistakes cost them 16 points vs Auburn. Joe Webb returns for his 4th year as the starting punter and while he averaged just 38.6, I'm impressed by the net punting of 36.4 which

VANDERBILT	2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS								
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
Jared McGrath	133	567	40	527	5	4.0			
Ray Perkins	87	459	34	425	1	4.9			
Rodney Williams	49	160	19	141	1	2.9			
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Greg Zolman	354	187	52.8	2441	13	14			
Tim Olmstead	12	4	33.3	21	0	0			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Dan Stricker	61	994	16.3	5	58				
Elliott Carson	29	372	12.8	2	43				
Chris Young	14	119	8.5	0	48				
Anthony Jones	13	260	20.0	0	60				
Jared McGrath	13	141	10.8	1	31				
Ray Perkins	13	102	7.8	1	30				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT		
Joe Webb	64	2473	38.6	-	36.4	1	19		
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
John Markham	6-6	3-3	4-6	1-3	14-18	52			
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL
Matt Stewart	108	6.5	6	4	3	J. Williams	48	0	7
J. Winborn	105	3	4	5	0	R. Jones	44	0	7
A. Bradford	75	3	4	0	0	J. Shaub	42	0	1
Harold Lercius	75	0	1	6	1	Ryan Aulds	41	0	0
Nate Morrow	71	2.5	2	0	1	W. Conyers	24	0	2
J. Giboney	52	1	0	2	0	Russ Nicoll	24	0	1
D. Crosby	50	2	0	0	0	Steve Trese	17	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
R. Hatcher	23	216	9.4	0	Ray Perkins	14	344	24.6	0

matched his frosh season. He has recovered from a fractured patella which caused him to redshirt in 1999 and he should have a fine senior year. Ronald Hatcher was solid on PR's, averaging 9.4. Ray Perkins proved to be a solid all-purpose back, using his speed to average 24.6 on KR's. They have the makings of a decent group and could even have their highest finish in the last 4 years in my special teams rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Vandy loses 4 NFL draft picks, their most ever, and all four were taken in the first 6 rounds. In 1985 they had 4 players selected, but that draft lasted 12 rounds. Vandy does lose just 18 lettermen overall, the 3rd fewest in the SEC. This is Woody Widenhofer's fifth year at the helm and he has complied just a 13-31 SU record but his teams have been competitive. He almost had his breakthrough year in 1999 as the team went 5-6 and led both Alabama and Georgia in the 4Q and also almost upset both Kentucky and Florida, having the ball when down by a TD or less late. Their offense, which had averaged less than 13 ppg the previous 4 years, averaged 22.9 behind the passing of QB Greg Zolman in 1999 and the defense showed great improvement through the 2H of that season as after allowing 371 ypg in the first 5 games they cut that to 269.5 over the last 5. Expectations were high as they had a total of 53 returning lettermen and a bowl was thought possible with Woody saying that the 2000 defense was more talented than the 1997 version which led the SEC. However, Vandy's top 2 defensive players, Winborn and Williams, were suspended for the first 2 games and they were stunningly upset by Miami (Oh) and that set the tone for the season in which they finished a disappointing 3-8. The defense was a major disappointment as they actually finished 11th in the SEC. Woody has worked on both the offensive and the defensive schemes the last 2 years but will concentrate on just the defense this year. Offensively Vandy regressed, averaging just 17.5 ppg. This year 7 starters are back on offense and they should be more potent offensively with Zolman now in his 4th year as a starter. They should have a stronger running game but have had 13 straight games without a 100 yard rusher and were last in the SEC in rush offense last season. Last preseason Woody talked about getting to their first bowl game since 1982 but expectations will not be as high this year. They do host Kentucky which means they could escape the cellar in the SEC East for a second straight year. Vanderbilt has not had a winning season since 1982 and I look for that streak to continue this season.

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OFFENSE

QB GREG ZOLMAN SR. 6-4 208 PS#156. 4 sts as rfr, 969 yds (48%), 4-7 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 2059 (51%), 10-16, 2441 yds (53%) 13-14, 11 sts ly. Tim Olmstead (6-2 195 Sr) PS#4. Flans. 5-10 191 4.38 spd. 425 yds (4.9), 13 rec (7.8) as true.
RB Ray Perkins So. 5-11 208 Sr 14 sts in 99, 1393 yds (4.3) 26 rec (7.7). Matthew Tant PS#41.
WR Chris Young So. 6-2 178 PS#33QB. 1 st as true, 14 rec (8.5). Ryan Cuffee (5-11 193 Jr) PS#295DB, 1 st, 5 rec in 2 years. Tim Meyer (6-3 196 Jr) PS#126DB.
WR ANTHONY JONES JR. 6-2 172 PS#41. Deep threat. 2 sts as true, 12 rec (21.3). Inj ly and only 6 sts, 13 rec (20.0). MJ Garrett (6-3 206 Jr) 6 sts ly, 11 rec (13.5).
WR DAN STRICKER JR. 6-3 201 PS#60. 7 sts as rfr, 12 rec (15.6) 10 sts ly, #1 w/61 rec (16.3). Everett Robinson (5-10 184 Sr) 3 sts, 7 rec, 3Y. Nezih Hasanoglu (6-3 220 Sr).
TE TOM SIMONE JR. 6-5 236 PS#106TE. 4 starts in 1999, 1 rec. 8 sts in 2000, 12 rec (10.6). Nick Getter (6-4 243 So) 4 rec in 2000. Curtis Brancheau (6-4 234 Jr).
C JAMIE BYRUM JR. 6-4 277 PS#386OL in '98. 4 games as rfr, 11 sts in 2000, added 23 lbs this year. Jason Tant (6-3 270 So) PS#128, 11 games as a rfr last year.
RG JIM MAY JR. 6-4 303 PS#338OL. Started L7 as rfr at LG in '99. 11 starts at RG in 2000. Greg Robson (6-4 286 rfr) was PS#144OL. Nigel Seaman is PS#107.
LG Duncan Cave Sr. 6-1 284 1 start at Navy in '97 & transferred. 11 games, 2nd string here in 99. 11 gms ly, 42 reps of 225! Brent Peacher (6-5 312 Jr) PS#181OL.
RT PAT GREEN SR. 6-7 335 PS#283. 8 games as true. 1 start in 1998, 9 games. RS in 1999 (knee). 11 starts at RT in 2000. Jordan Pettit (6-4 284 So) PS#200OL.
LT Jordan Hill Jr. 6-7 289 PS#362OL. 3 games as rfr. ACL injury in 2000. Justin Geisinger (6-4 304 rfr) PS#435, added 14 pounds. Kenan Arkan (6-7 278 Jr).
K Lance Garner Fr. 6-0 175 PS#22K. Hit 5 of 8 FG's in high school last year, including 52 yarder & 40 of 42 xp's. 37.7 net punting avg. Chuck Folino (6-0 174 Jr).

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE DOYLE CROSBY SR. 6-4 302 PS#221. 11 sts as rfr, 47 tkl, 10 tfl. 6 sts in 99, 51 tkl, 8 tfl. 11 sts ly. 50 tkl, 2 sks. Aaron Carter (6-3 273 Jr) PS#282. Robert Dinwiddie PS#96TE ly.
NT Brett Beard So. 6-3 281 Added 49 pounds in two years. 6 tkl as rfr.
Ryan Nungesser (6-4 260 Jr) PS#152LB. 8 tackles in 3 years here. Matt Clay (6-2 280 Jr).
DE WALLY CONVERS SR. 6-7 266 PS#62. 1 st as rfr, 17 tkl, 2 tfl. 1 st in 99, 35 tkl, 5 tfl. 6 sts ly. 24 tkl, 2 tfl. Chuck Losey (6-4 246 Sr) PS#144TE. 11 sts, 37 tkl in 2Y. Inj'd ly.
OLB Hunter Hillenmeyer Jr. 6-4 232 3 tkl in 99, 6 tkl, 1 tfl last year. Libin Telusca (6-3 225 So) PS#300LB. Eric Byrum is PS#132LB. Jovan Hays (6-2 240 Fr) is PS#222DL.
ILB Michael Adam Jr. 6-3 235 PS#147 in '99. 5 tkl as true. 2 starts last year, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. Otis Washington is PS#40LB. Doug Wolford (6-3 241 So), 4 tkl, 1 sk last year.
ILB ANTON BRADFORD SR. 6-6 231 PS#158RB. 5 tkl as true. 25 tkl, 2 tfl in 99. 11 sts ly, 75 tkl, 7 tfl. Patrick Brunner (6-3 246 Jr) PS#129LB. David Meadows (6-2 221 Jr) 6 tkl in 3Y.
OLB NATE MORROW SR. 6-4 248 18 tkl as rfr. 11 sts in 99, 74 tkl, 6 sks, 4 tfl. 11 sts ly, 11 tkl, 4.5 tfl. Luke Hammond (6-3 220 Jr). Brandon Walhour (6-3 219 So) 4 tkl, 3 yrs.
CB Aaron McWhorter Jr. 6-1 192 PS#246DB. 4 tkl, 11 gms as rfr. 2 sts ly, 15 tkl, 2 pbu. Lorenzo Parker (5-11 182 So) PS#119WR, 1 rush att, 2 gms as true. Dominique Morris PS#201.
CB RUSHEN JONES JR. 6-1 195 Size & speed. 11 starts as rfr, 44 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts last year, 44 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Mike Martin (5-10 188 Jr) 11 tkl as true, 4 tkl ly.
SS JUSTIN GIBONEY JR. 6-0 195 PS#324. 2 tkl as true. 6 sts ly, 52 tkl, 1 sk, 2 pbu. Ferrol Jackson (6-2 196 Jr) 4 tkl tkl injury as rfr, 12 tkl ly. Justin Purkey is PS#63QB.
FS HAROLD LERCIOUS SR. 5-11 195 3 sts, 16 tkl as rfr. 11 sts in 99, 55 tkl, 1 int. 11 sts ly, 75 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Jonathan Shaub (6-1 201 Jr) PS#264RB. 17 tkl as true. 3.5 tkl, 42 tkl ly.
P JOE WEBB SR. 6-3 214 76 punts as true, 38.9 average. 36.4 net. 62 punts in 98, 37.6 average. Inj & RS in 99. 64 punts ly 38.6 avg & net of 36.4, 19 inside the 20.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This is Vandy's 3rd season playing their HG's on natural grass. They are 3-9 SU & 4-6-1 ATS at home in that span. Commodores are not exactly a brick house at 0-4 ATS & 1-3 SU vs Mississippi St. Vandy has had a negative turnover ratio for 11 straight seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VANDY Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Mid Tenn St (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 8	Alabama	G												
Sep. 15	at Mississippi	G												
Sep. 22	Richmond	G												
Sep. 29	Auburn	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Georgia (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at S Carolina	G												
Oct. 27	at Duke	G												
Nov. 3	at Florida	G												
Nov. 10	Kentucky	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24	at Tennessee	G												

Vanderbilt is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 season openers, but 1-2 L3Y. Vandy has covered 14 of their last 23 vs non-SEC foes. Commodores have covered 7 of the last 9 vs the Crimson Tide. Vanderbilt is 11-6 ATS their last 17 as a double digit home dog. Vandy is 2-11-1 ATS after playing Alabama. VU is 2-5-1 ATS their last 8 vs Ole Miss. The Spiders of Richmond won the Atlantic 10 Title in 2000 & 1998. They finished as the #6 rated IAA team LY, their highest ever final ranking. VU is 0-7 SU, 2-4-1 ATS vs Aub S/86 & have been outscored 237-69 in that span. Commodores are 5-13 ATS their last 18 games prior to a bye. Bonus: Commodores are 1-6 ATS in their L/7 Homecoming games. Vandy is 18-12 ATS their L/30 after a bye week, 10-5 ATS at home. The home team is 0-9 ATS in the last 9 series meetings. This marks the start of a 3 game road trip, a scheduling situation... ..that VU has faced 3 other times S/94. They are 0-3 ATS in the trip opener. Vanderbilt is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Duke since 1991. Commodores are 6-3 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. Vanderbilt is 14-8 ATS in November since 1994. Vandy is 8-2 ATS last 10 as a dog of 25 or more. Last year was Vandy's 1st SU win over UK since 1995, but... ..Commodores are 13-3 ATS the last 16 vs the Wildcats. Bonus: Vandy is 0-10 SU & 4-6 ATS in Knoxville, losing each game as the dog by an average of 18.6 pts. Pending earlier results, Vandy is 13-7 ATS L/20 as a DD away dog. The visiting team is 13-8 ATS in the last 21 series meetings.

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (41,448)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	2-9	2-9	3-8	2-9	5-6	3-8	22-55
ATS	6-5	6-5	5-5	5-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	36-38-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	5-5
Home Dog	1-2	2-3	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-2-1	12-17-1
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-4
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	17-12
Favorite	3-2	1-0	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-2	7-9
Dog	3-3	5-5	5-4	3-5	4-6	5-3	4-3-1	29-29-1
Grass	3-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	5-5	5-5-1	22-20-1
Artificial	3-4	3-3	3-3	3-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	14-18
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	4-3-1	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	10-9
Off SU Win	4-1	2-0	2-0	0-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	14-8
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-5	2-5	4-3	3-5	1-3	3-3-1	17-28-1

Coach: WOODY WIDENHOFER (Career 25-62-1)
Widenhofer's records AT VANDERBILT

5th Year at Vanderbilt	3-3	Home Favorite
13-31 Straight Up	6-10-1	Home Underdog
19-23-1 Vs The Spread	0-3	Away Favorite
11-14-1 Off A S/U Loss	10-7	Away Underdog
13-18-1 Vs Conference	6-5	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
55	Gator	NL	Auburn	25-13	-
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6	-
82	All-American	-9	Air Force	28-36	L

VANDERBILT (3-8) SEC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 51 (27,21,3)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)



VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE														DEFENSE									
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF							
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP							
7*	17.5	18	97	3.1	224	52.0	18.3	-3	2000	9	24.8	20	178	4.6	213	51.6	15.8						
8*	22.9	17	115	3.2	202	51.3	13.9	-8	1999	8	23.3	15	136	3.5	180	55.1	13.6						
6	12.9	15	117	3.2	151	46.3	20.7	-11	1998	4	33.5	22	175	4.3	266	61.5	13.2						
9*	12.6	15	130	3.3	145	44.6	22.0	-9	1997	6	18.6	15	106	2.8	169	53.6	14.8						
5*	11.1	12	69	2.0	135	41.8	18.4	-6	1996	10	21.3	18	151	3.5	166	53.0	14.9						
7*	11.1	14	121	3.1	110	44.8	20.8	-6	1995	10	25.5	20	138	3.5	229	60.6	14.4						

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami (Oh)	15	32-56	1.8	18-25	307	1	19	28-71	2.5	24-42	358	1	+2
at Alabama	13	31-85	2.7	12-26	172	1	14	42-292	7.0	6-15	57	3	0
Mississippi	21	32-90	2.8	20-45	278	2	16	37-201	5.4	14-23	133	2	-3
Duke	25	34-174	5.1	23-40	266	0	13	27-66	2.4	18-36	163	2	+1
at Auburn	10	29-65	2.2	15-34	87	2	15	33-154	4.7	16-33	227	1	+1
at Wake Forest	15	33-138	4.2	10-17	147	0	23	56-217	3.9	12-26	158	1	0
at Georgia	20	30-115	3.8	29-43	327	0	16	30-92	3.1	12-31	215	0	-4
S Carolina	17	27-148	5.5	14-27	214	1	26	52-339	6.5	12-26	151	0	-1
Florida	13	33-52	1.6	15-41	147	2	22	38-141	3.7	21-36	334	4	-2
at Kentucky	15	32-82	2.6	17-29	263	2	33	33-192	5.8	33-55	385	4	+1
Tennessee	29	25-57	2.3	21-46	258	4	22	46-196	4.3	14-30	158	1	+2
TOTALS	193	338-1062	3.1	194-373	2466	15	219	422-1961	4.6	182-353	2339	19	-3
AVERAGES	17.5	31-97	3.1	18-34	224	1.4	19.9	38-178	4.6	17-32	213	1.7	-0.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	+22	7-14	W
at Alabama	+17	26-36	W
Mississippi	+1	9-20	L
at LSU	+20	0-35	L
at N Texas	-15	19-7	L
at Georgia	+15	2-13	W
S Carolina	+3	0-27	L
UAB	NL	31-15	-
Florida	+43	21-28	W
at Kentucky	+2	0-25	L
Tennessee	+25	7-14	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-16	29-12	W
Alabama	+12	0-20	L
TCU	-7	40-16	W
at Mississippi	+4	3-15	L
LSU	+16	6-7	W
at N Illinois	-22	17-7	L
Georgia	+11	13-34	L
at S Carolina	+12	3-35	L
at Florida	+36	7-20	W
Kentucky	+4	10-21	L
at Tennessee	+28	10-17	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+12	0-42	L
at Alabama	+19	7-32	L
Mississippi	+7	6-30	L
at TCU	+10	16-19	W
W Michigan	-5	24-27	L
at Georgia	+27	6-31	W
S Carolina	+6	17-14	W
Duke	+4	36-33	W
Florida	+29	13-45	L
at Kentucky	+22	17-55	L
Tennessee	+28	0-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+14	17-28	W
N Illinois	-17	34-31	L
at Mississippi	+16	37-34	W
at Duke	+3	31-14	W
Mississippi St	+5	14-42	L
Citadel	NL	58-0	-
Georgia	+7	17-27	L
at S Carolina	-4	11-10	L
at Florida	+28	6-13	W
Kentucky	+3	17-19	W
at Tennessee	+23	10-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	-7	30-33	L
at Alabama	+21	10-28	W
Mississippi	+5	7-12	T
Duke	-17	26-7	W
at Auburn	+14	0-33	L
at Wake Forest	-10	17-10	L
at Georgia	+22	19-29	W
S Carolina	+6	14-30	L
at Florida	+19	20-43	L
at Kentucky	+6	24-20	W
Tennessee	+18	26-28	W

LSU TIGERS



2nd Team SEC FS Ryan Clark was #3 on the team with 102 tackles and 10 pbu.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In '99 Gerry DiNardo alternated QB's Craig Nall, Rohan Davey and Josh Booty and the 3 combined for just 11 TD's and 25 int's. Davey (PS#7) threw for 491 yards (60%) and rushed for 78 yards while winning his start vs N Texas and coming off the bench to direct the upset over Arkansas. He tore his ACL in the offseason and missed a good portion last year recovering from a sprained ankle as well. Davey was still the most effective QB and guided the team to upsets of Tennessee and Georgia Tech, throwing for 751 yards (65.5%) with a super 10-1 ratio while adding 73 yards rushing. Josh Booty (PS#1 in '94) started the majority of the year. Booty made the coaches' 1st Team All SEC (in a down year for SEC QB's) throwing for 2,231 yards (50%) with a 17-15 ratio while also rushing for 43 yards. He decided to leave early for the NFL (#6DC of SEA). Craig Nall was PS#22 and began 1999 as the starter, throwing for 91 yards, but last year had just 2 pass attempts before breaking his thumb and transferred out. Marcus Randall (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#143 and Matt Mauck (6-2 210 rFr) PS#77. Mauck originally signed at Mich St. Saban signed Casey Clausen's brother, Rick (PS#38), who enrolled in January, and those 3 will battle it out for the backup job. The last two years I have felt that Davey was clearly the best QB here, and he proved that when he was available to play. As long as he stays healthy, I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year LSU had to replace its leading rusher but a couple of VHT's filled the void. LaBrandon Toefield (PS#20) took over the starting job and led the team with 760 yards (4.1) despite missing most of the last 2 regular season games due to injury. Domanick Davis (PS#7) had 1,052 all-purpose yards as a true frosh and offers a solid combination of size & speed. He was also tried at SS in the spring. Devery Henderson (PS#32) was too good to keep off the field as a true frosh and he had 116 yards rushing (5.0). He may move to WR. Derron Parquet (5-11 200 rFr) was PS#29 and had 49 yards rushing (4.5) in the opener but redshirted. The only losses from this group are their top 2 FB's in Tommy Banks (275 lbs) who was an excellent blocker and Mike Lilly. I list the replacements at FB below. Saban has also added 2 VHT true frosh in Shyrone Carey (PS#22 orig signed with Tenn) and Joseph Addai (PS#17) as well as a HT in Ryan Gilbert (PS#39). There is also a possibility that some of the new VHT TE's could find themselves at the FB slot. While replacing Banks will be tough, Saban has a ton of talent to work with and this unit should be more potent.

RECEIVERS - Last year LSU returned their top 4 receivers but all 3 of the projected starters at WR basically lost their jobs. LSU's #2 receiver in 1998 and 1999, Abram Booty, was banged up and then quit the team early after having just 2 rec's last year. Jerrel Myers did start all 12 games but his backup Josh Reed had over twice as many catches. TE Joe Dominguez lost his job to Robert Royal. Reed and Royal both made 1st Team SEC. Reed was a backup RB until moving to WR for the final 3 games in 1999 and led the SEC in ypc receiving and his receiving yards and TD's were second best in school history. Royal petitioned for and received a 5th year of eligibility this year and last year he set a school record for TD's in a season by a TE. Reggie Robinson was #2 with 35 rec (13.0). Basically everyone returns and I list the 2 deep below. Saban landed a boatload of additional talent this year including 3 VHT TE prospects and 3 talented frosh WR's. With

everyone returning and a serious talent influx, this unit looks much stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers offensive front has been hit by injuries the last 3 years. Only one player started all 11 games in 1998 and only 2 accomplished that feat in 1999 and the line was shuffled on a weekly basis each year. Last year only one starter was lost to graduation and 9 players returned with starting experience. John Compton started the first 4 games at center, and then suffered a concussion which caused him to basically become a non-factor. Trey Langley won the LT spot but after 2 starts tore an ACL. Bob Wynne won the LG slot out of the spring but he too was injured and out for the year. All 3 were replacing returning starters and all 3 depart this year. Jason Underwood and Jason Baggett were both returning starters who lost their jobs in 2000 and both return this year to contend. LT Louis Williams (3 yr str, #7 DC of CAR) moved to center and started all 12 games there and was named 1st Team SEC. The other loss is RT Brandon Winey (9 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 3 yr str, #6DC of MIA). Four players return that started 6 or more games in their careers and most of the group that finished out the season are back. Saban landed the top OL out of high school in Ben Wilkerson plus PS#8 and PS#14. He also has a VHT rFr in Kade Comeaux. After rushing for just 2.9 ypc in 1999 the unit improved to 3.5 and trimmed the sacks allowed from 21 to 15. With this being the second year in Saban's system I'll call this unit stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers ran a 3-4 defense prior to Saban's arrival but he switched to a 4-3 last year and welcomed back 3 starters and 7 of the top 9 heading into the year were VHT's, including 5 with starting experience. One of last year's returning starters, DE Kareem Mitchell, lost his job and had just 20 tackles, and he is this year's lone departure. Seven players return who have started 5 or more games and I list a very talented 3 deep below. Kendrick Allen may have had just 4 starts but he was one of the best DL's in the 1H of the season and finally earned his first start vs Kentucky. This unit has added size and is still loaded with VHT's and HT's and should be even stronger in the second year of the system and is one of the SEC's best D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - As mentioned above, LSU switched to a 4-3 defense last year and the Tigers had to replace one starter and one backup. DiNardo had done a great job of recruiting in this area and Saban had plenty of VHT's to choose from and 5 of the top 6 players had starting experience. While the unit appeared to be in great shape it took some serious hits prior to the season when Saban dismissed Bubba Alexander and Jamal Hill who had combined for 9 career starts prior to the season. Projected starting LB Thomas Dunson then quit prior to the year, leaving the unit with just 2 players with starting experience. VHT Bradie James (PS#4) stepped up and was the #2 tackler while Treverance Faulk (PS#10) led the team in tackles, and both were 2nd Team SEC. All 3 starters and all backups return but I expect the backups to lose out to some talented newcomers like JUCO Dave Peterson (PS#80), rFr Lionel Turner (PS#47), Texas A&M transfer Jason LeDoux (PS#64), rFr Jarvis Ryes (PS#58), true frosh Phillip Maxwell (PS#26 in for spring) and true frosh Donovan Grayson (PS#33). Players not listed in the 2 deep below that contributed last year and return are Walker Moreham (6-0 220 Sr, PS#97) who had 15 tackles, Terrence O'Bryant (6-3 210 Sr) who was PS#143 and had 10 tackles and Ryan O'Neal (6-0 226 Jr) who was PS#89. This unit could be more loaded than the DL and once again might be one of the SEC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - DiNardo's secondaries usually finished in the Top 25 of my pass defense rankings including a #1 finish in 1995. In 1998 they shockingly dropped to #101 but in 1999 returned a veteran unit with 3 starters and moved all the way back to #18. Last year six players returned with starting experience as they only had to replace 4 players who combined for 17 starts, one of whom was a CB that was a #2 draft pick in the NFL. This year the only loss is CB Fred Booker (12 sts, 1 int, 10 pbu, 2nd Tm SEC). Saban's defense is complex and it took a while for the secondary to catch on as after six games they were #85 in the pass efficiency defense rankings. They made improvements over the 2H of the season and finished up at #27 allowing 54.9% with a 15-11 ratio. I list 5 VHT's in the 2 deep below and there are 8 players returning with starting experience plus they get a couple of HT true frosh this year. I look for the Tigers to continue their improvement and this could be one of the top secondaries in the SEC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was usually solid under DiNardo with finishes at #18 in 1997 and #24 in 1998 but fell to #98 in his final year. Nick Saban plays a lot of starters on the special teams unit and in his final season at Mich St the Spartans were #20. LSU had to replace their punter last year but Donnie Jones made the All-SEC Fresh Team, averaging 38.5 pmpunt with a team net of 34.2. They have an outstanding returnman in Domanick Davis who averaged 24.7 on KR's in 1999 and 23.4 last year. He increased his PR average from 5.5 in 1999 to 10.5 and he was PS#7. John Corbello (PS#4) is back for his 3rd year as the kicker and should improve upon last year's off performance as he hit just 12 of 20. The Tigers moved up to #52 in my rankings last year and with everyone back and plenty of VHT's in the group, they should continue to improve.

LSU	2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS										
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
LaBrandon Toefield	187	816	56	760	5	4.1					
Domanick Davis	131	511	41	470	5	3.6					
Devery Henderson	23	131	15	116	2	5.0					
Tommy Banks	28	95	6	89	0	3.2					
Rohan Davey	9	73	16	57	0	6.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Josh Booty	309	153	49.5	2231	17	15					
Rohan Davey	84	55	65.5	751	10	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Josh Reed	74	1223	16.5	11	75						
Reggie Robinson	35	456	13.0	2	80						
Jerel Myers	33	397	12.0	3	45						
Robert Royal	22	340	15.5	5	50						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Donnie Jones	65	2500	38.5	-	Tm (34.2)	0	18				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
John Corbello	3-5	6-7	3-7	0-1	12-20	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
T. Faulk	121	2	8	2	0	M. Barnes	44	2	0	0	0
Bradie James	116	3	0	0	0	Howard Green	39	1	8	0	0
Ryan Clark	102	0	4	10	3	Jarvis Green	34	2	2	2	0
L. Thomas	74	0	5	0	0	K. Allen	33	2	2	0	0
D. James	55	0	1	4	2	Robert Davis	31	0	4	0	0
Fred Booker	45	0	3	10	1	Kyle Kippis	24	1	3	0	0
J. Lawrence	45	1	3	3	1	D. Hookfin	24	0	1	4	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
D. Davis	30	316	10.5	0	D. Davis	27	631	23.4	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gerry DiNardo appeared to have resurrected an LSU team that reached new lows during the 1990's, with six straight losing seasons. He guided them to a 26-9-1 record during his first 3 years, 3 bowl games and 2 SEC West Co-Championships. Expectations were high for a run at the National Title in 1998 but unfortunately he went just 7-15 the final 2 years due to injuries, suspensions and some close losses. Nick Saban became the highest paid head coach in the NCAA with a \$6 million, 5 year contract last season. They expanded Tiger Stadium to 91,600 and set an attendance record for the season with an 87,815 average. LSU had 3 games decided on the last play going 2-1 in those including a pair of 2 OT wins. Last year was also the first time in 31 years that they beat Alabama in Death Valley. Saban inherited a talented, underperforming team that suffered from 7 turnovers in 1999 and had 7 home games with 17 returning starters. Things did not start off well for Saban as they lost at home to UAB and stood just 2-2 but played well down the stretch for a winning record and then upset powerful GT in the Peach Bowl. They blew their opportunity at the SEC Title game in their final game with an upset loss to Arkansas. Expectations will be soaring again this year as Saban has 17 starters returning and the talented Rohan Davey at QB. They were the only SEC West team to draw both Florida and Tennessee last year and led the SEC with 8 players that were 1st or 2nd Team All Conference. Jimbo Fisher took over as OC last year and the team scored almost a full TD more per game than they had in 1999. They averaged 34.7 ppg at home but only 12.31 on the road. They should top last year's 26.7 ppg. DC Phil Elmsass left to take the same position at W Virginia but Saban made a great signing in the offseason when they brought in DC Gary Gibbs who turned around the Georgia defense a year ago. He inherits 10 returning starters and a unit loaded with VHT's. LSU ranks in my Preseason Top 10 both offensively and defensively this year. Nick Saban is #4 among active coaches without a losing year with seven. This is clearly one of the most talented teams in the SEC. They should be 3-0 and off a bye week when they travel to Knoxville. Should they win that game, they host Florida the next week and this team is talented enough to pull off both wins, which would then vault them into the National Title picture (see page 14 & 15). They lose just 14 lettersmen, the lowest in the SEC. Rarely in the competitive SEC West do I find a clear-cut favorite, but LSU fits that bill this season and I look for them to be in the SEC Title game despite the fact they are once again the only team to pull both Florida and Tennessee from the East.

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2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Rohan Davey Sr. 6-3 239 PS#7. 2 sts in '99, 491 yds (60%), 4-4 ratio. 78 yds rush, 2 sts ly (inj) 751 yds (65.5%) 10-1 ratio, 73 rush. Rick Clausen is PS#38 in for spg.
RB LaBRANDON TOEFIELD Sr. 6-0 224 PS#20. 760 yds (4.1) as rFr, 11 sts. Domanick Davis (5-10 206 Jr) PS#7. 274 yds in '99, 470 (3.6) ly. Devery Henderson (6-0 187 So) PS#32. 116 (5.0) ly.
FB Eric Edwards So. 6-5 244 PS#37E. 5 rec (25.4) last year. Ellice Parker (5-11 228 Jr) 38 yds in 2 years. Derron Parquet (5-11 200 rFr) PS#29. Joseph Addai is PS#17.
WR JOSH REED Jr. 5-11 200 PS#100RB. Moved to WR L3 of '99, 8 rec (16.8). #1 ly, 74 rec (16.5). 1st Tm SEC. Jerrel Myers (5-11 175 Jr) PS#45. 64 rec (13.3) in '99, 33 (12.0) ly.
WR REGGIE ROBINSON Sr. 6-2 196 PS#32. 3 sts in '98, 21 rec (14.7). 5 sts in '99, 25 rec (14.5). 12 sts ly, #2 w/35 (13.0). Michael Clayton PS#2. Jack Hunt PS#112. 3 rec (10.7) as true TE.
TE ROBERT ROYAL Sr. 6-5 231 2 starts in '99, 19 rec (7.5). 11 sts ly, 12 rec (15.5). 1st Tm SEC. Joe Dominguez (6-5 256 Sr) PS#11. 8 sts in '98, 4 sts in '99, 2 sts ly, 1 career rec.
C Jonathan Autrey So. 6-4 281 PS#141 in '99. DNL ly, added 10 lbs. Jason Underwood (6-4 257 So) PS#275DL. 11 sts in '99. DNL ly. John Young (6-3 293 Jr) PS#115.
RG DWAYNE PIERCE Sr. 6-3 316 PS#20L. 1 st, 11 games as rFr. RS in '99. Started L10 in 2000, 2 letters. Ben Wilkerson is PS#1. Daniel Leon (6-1 322 rFr) PS#77.
LG Rob Sale Jr. 6-2 319 PS#107OL. 3 games as rFr, started L6 in 2000. Jason Baggett (6-6 289 Sr) PS#13TE. 1 st at TE as true. Started L4 at RG in '99. 3L.
RT BRAD SMALLING Jr. 6-7 305 PS#15OL. 1 st at RT as rFr, 9 games. 7 sts at RT, 12 games in 2000. Andrew Whitworth is PS#68. Nathan Livings (6-5 315 Fr) PS#104 ly.
LT RODNEY REED So. 6-4 284 PS#20L. 8 starts as rFr (2 at LG, 6 at LT). First Team Fresh SEC. Kade Comeaux (6-5 326 rFr) PS#27. Rudy Niswanger is PS#14.
K JOHN CORBELLO Jr. 5-11 222 PS#4. 9 of 12 FG's as true, long of 43. Hit 12 of 20 FG's in 2000, long of 49. Only 3 of 8 from 40+. 2 were blk'd. Also did KO's. Strong leg.

DE KENDERICK ALLEN JR. 6-6 300 PS#2DL. 1 st, 4 tfl as true. RS in '99. 5 sts, 33 tkl, 4 tfl ly, 44 tkl. Kyle Kippis (6-4 256 Sr) PS#26TE. 13 sts at TE (20 rec in '98 & '99), 9 sts, 4 tfl at DE ly.
DT MUSKINGHAM BARNES Sr. 6-2 265 PS#20. 8 starts in '99, 47 tkl, 7 tfl, 11 sts ly, 44 tkl, 4 tfl ly. Byron Adair (6-2 304 Jr) PS#103DL. 4 sts, 39 tkl, 4 tfl L2Y. Marquise Hill is PS#8.
DT HOWARD GREEN Sr. 6-2 319 PS#34 in '98. JC in '99. 8 sts here ly, 39 tkl, 9 tfl. Chad Lavalais (6-3 291 So) PS#101LB. 4 sts as true, 24 tkl, 5 tfl. Melvin Richey (6-4 317 So) PS#29DL.
DE JARVIS GREEN Sr. 6-3 265 PS#32DL. 10 sts as rFr, 8 sts, 9 tfl, 9 sts in '99, 51 tkl, 7 tkl, 5 tfl, 10 sts ly, 34 tkl, 4 tfl. Stephen Peterman (6-5 274 So) PS#105, 8 tkl, 3 tfl as true.
SLB JEREMY LAWRENCE Jr. 6-3 222 PS#165. 5 sts, 6 tfl as rFr, 10 sts ly, 45 tkl, 4 tfl. Jason LeDoux (6-3 232 So) PS#64. TX A&M transfer. Jarvis Ryes (6-3 235 rFr) PS#58, inj ly.
MLB TREVERANCE FAULK JR. 6-3 225 PS#10. 8 sts as true. 68 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 sts ly, #1 w/121 tkl, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. Dave Peterson PS#80JC. Marcus Yanez (6-0 239 Jr) PS#114.
LB BRADIE JAMES JR. 6-3 228 PS#4. 4 tkl, 7 tfl as true. 11 sts ly, #2 w/106 tkl, 6 sts, 3 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. Lionel Turner (6-3 235 rFr) PS#47. Phillip Maxwell is PS#26.
CB DEMETRIUS HOOKFIN Jr. 5-11 172 PS#17. 1 tkl as true, 7 starts ly, 24 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Eric Diamond (5-10 176 So) 1 start, 12 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu as true. Randall Gay PS#134RB.
CB ROBERT DAVIS Sr. 5-10 180 PS#13WR. 4 sts as rFr, 49 tkl, L5 sts in '99, 42 tkl, 5 pbu, 2 int, L4/L5 ly, 31 tkl, 4 pbu. Norman LeJeune (6-0 188 Jr) 5 sts, 67 tkl, 2 int as true.
SS LIONEL THOMAS Sr. 6-0 195 PS#97. 4 sts, 33 tkl, 6 tfl in '99, 12 sts ly, 74 tkl, 1 tfl, 5 sts. Domanick Davis PS#7RB. Adrian Mayes (6-1 209 So) PS#12. 4.38 spd, 12 tkl as true.
FS RYAN CLARK SR. 5-11 190 PS#125. 11 sts in '99, 1 w/110 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu, 12 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 3 w/102 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu. Damien James (5-11 183 Jr) PS#90B, 55 tkl, 2 int ly.
P DONNIE JONES So. 6-3 217 PS#22K. All SEC Fresh Team. 65 punts as rFr, 38.5 average, 18 inside the 20. 0 blocks, team net of 34.2. Long of 69. Ryan Miles (5-8 174 Sr).

LSU TIGERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tigers are 4-8 ATS on artificial turf in the regular season since 1987, 5-10 ATS when bowls are factored in.
LSU is playing all their reg season gms on grass for a 4th straight yr.
LSU is 8-2 SU but 3-7 ATS vs current CUSA schools.
Tigers are 6-0 ATS as a dog of 20 or more since 1991.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Tulane	G												
Sep. 8	Utah St	G												
Sep. 15	Auburn	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	at Tennessee	G												
Oct. 6	Florida	G												
Oct. 13	at Kentucky	G												
Oct. 20	at Mississippi St	G												
Oct. 27	Mississippi	G												
Nov. 3	at Alabama	G												
Nov. 10	Mid Tenn St (HC)	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24	Arkansas	G												

LSU is 3-7 ATS the last 10 seasons in their first lined game.
No meetings since '96. LSU is 12-0 SU, 5-7 ATS, but visitor is 7-0 ATS L/7.
Tigers are 2-5-1 ATS the last 3 years vs non-SEC foes.
LSU is 10-4 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, 5-0 ATS L2Y.
Baton Rouge brigade is 7-4 ATS in this Tiger tussle.
LSU has covered 7 of their last 9 SEC openers.

LSU is 6-13-1 ATS the wk after a bye, 0-2 ATS under Saban.
Tigers last trip to Knoxville in '93 ended with a 42-20 UT victory.

The visiting team is 14-6-1 ATS the last 21 in this series.
Saban is 5-0 ATS his L/5 as a home dog, with 4 outright upsets.

Louisiana St is 1-7-1 ATS after playing Florida.
UK has been the "after Fla" foe 7 of the L9Y & LSU is 2-6-1 ATS vs UK L9Y.

LSU is 8-1 SU & ATS vs Mississippi St.
Tigers are 5-2 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1993.

The home team is 5-12 ATS in the LSU/Ole Miss series.
LSU is 4-10-1 as a DD home favorite in October since 1982.

The visitor is 12-3 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.
LSU came into 2001 w/a 10-6 ATS mark in sandwiched AG's but were 0-2 LY.

Tigers are 3-7-1 ATS the week after playing Alabama.
Pending the 9/15 result, LSU is 5-16 & 2-7 ATS prior to a bye, but 2-0 LY.

LSU is 5-2 SU vs the Hogs. The underdog has won SU each of the L2Y.
Tigers are 2-9 ATS in their last 11 home finales.

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (91,644)
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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-4-1	9-2	8-3	4-7	3-8	7-4	41-35-1
ATS	6-5	6-5	5-5-1	6-5	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	36-38-2
Home Fav	0-3	4-0	2-4-1	2-4	1-5	1-3	2-2	12-21-1
Home Dog	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	7-4
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	7-5
Away Dog	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	1-2	10-8-1
Favorite	1-3	4-2	4-4-1	5-5	2-6	1-3	2-3	19-26-1
Dog	5-2	2-3	1-1	1-0	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	17-12-1
Grass	5-5	6-4	5-5-1	6-4	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	35-36-2
Artificial	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-2-1	1-2	1-1	9-10-1
Off SU Win	2-1	3-2	4-4	3-4	1-3	1-1	3-4	17-19
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-1	1-0-1	2-1	2-3-1	4-4	2-1	17-14-1

Coach: NICK SABAN (Career 51-30-1)
Saban's records AT LSU

2nd Year at LSU	2-2	Home Favorite
8-4 Straight Up	2-0	Home Underdog
5-5 Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
2-1 Off A S/U Loss	1-2	Away Underdog
4-4 Vs Conference	1-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
88	Hall of Fame	+2	Syracuse	10-23	L
95	Independence	-6'	Michigan St	45-26	W
96	Peach	-6'	Clemson	10-7	L
97	Independence	-6'	Notre Dame	27-9	W
00	Peach	+8'	Georgia Tech	28-14	W

LSU (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
SEC
WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7 **Returning: 45 (18,24,3)**
DEFENSE: 10 **Lost: 14 (7,4,3)**

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP							
9*	26.7	19	128	3.5	249	52.4	14.1	+4	2000	8	19.6	19	135	3.9	213	54.4	17.8	6	20.3	18	82	2.9	219	49.4	14.9	-7	1999	7	23.5	19	152	3.7	197	54.0	14.8
7*	30.6	21	169	4.3	216	59.1	12.6	+1	1998	8	25.4	21	133	3.5	276	62.8	16.1	8*	31.1	20	257	5.4	146	59.9	13.0	+13	1997	7	15.7	19	117	3.3	222	50.3	21.6
8*	27.9	19	205	4.6	187	53.7	14.0	-5	1996	6	17.5	17	157	3.9	159	47.8	18.0	7*	27.0	20	145	3.9	204	54.9	12.9	+3	1995	7	15.5	18	133	3.3	188	46.5	20.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Carolina	25	43-195	4.5	23-28	485	1	11	32-96	3.0	11-22	71	0	+2
Houston	15	39-120	3.1	12-26	175	1	22	27-84	3.1	29-54	354	1	+1
at Auburn	12	26-83	3.2	13-30	214	1	22	48-196	4.1	21-30	225	0	0
UAB	14	36-107	3.0	15-38	156	1	10	38-113	3.0	8-22	65	0	-3
Tennessee	19	29-142	4.9	23-35	318	2	25	27-86	3.2	37-62	319	3	0
at Florida	17	29-92	3.2	19-38	249	1	22	34-175	5.1	21-32	298	1	-4
Kentucky	23	45-114	2.5	14-32	225	1	23	22-117	5.3	31-55	280	1	+4
Mississippi St	27	43-220	5.1	24-38	246	0	20	40-239	6.0	12-26	215	1	-1
Alabama	20	39-133	3.4	18-31	275	1	19	38-165	4.3	15-33	150	3	+3
at Mississippi	20	37-152	4.1	16-30	290	0	21	34-73	2.1	20-37	287	1	0
at Arkansas	9	27-84	3.1	6-27	65	0	17	47-139	3.0	15-28	114	0	-3
Georgia Tech (Bowl)	21	40-90	2.3	25-44	284	3	19	31-140	4.5	19-38	177	3	+5
TOTALS	222	433-1532	3.5	208-397	2982	12	231	418-1623	3.9	239-439	2555	14	+4
AVERAGES	18.5	36-128	3.5	17-33	249	1.0	19.3	35-135	3.9	20-37	213	1.2	0.3

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-23	35-34	L	UTEP	-37	55-3	W	Arkansas St	-43	42-6	L	San Jose St	-27	29-21	L	W Carolina	NL	58-0	-
at Auburn	+7	19-15	W	at Mississippi St	-10	24-9	W	at Auburn	-5	31-19	W	N Texas	-34	52-0	W	Houston	-13	28-13	W
New Mexico St	-38	63-7	W	Auburn	-4'	28-31	L	Idaho	-34	53-20	L	Auburn	-8'	7-41	L	at Auburn	+6'	17-34	L
Vanderbilt	-20	35-0	W	Akron	-42	56-0	W	Georgia	-8'	27-28	W	at Georgia	+9	22-23	W	UAB	-16'	10-13	L
at Florida	+19	13-56	L	at Vanderbilt	-16	7-6	L	at Florida	+12'	10-22	W	Florida	+14	10-31	L	Tennessee	+9'	38-31	W
Kentucky	-27	41-14	T	Florida	+16'	28-21	W	Kentucky	-9'	36-39	L	at Kentucky	+4'	5-31	L	at Florida	+14'	9-41	L
Mississippi St	-19	28-20	L	Mississippi	-16	21-36	L	Mississippi St	-8	41-6	W	at Mississippi St	+15'	16-17	W	Kentucky	-4'	34-0	W
Alabama	-3	0-26	L	at Kentucky	-6'	63-28	W	at Mississippi	-10	31-37	L	Mississippi	+4'	23-42	L	Mississippi St	+6	45-38	W
at Mississippi	-11	39-7	W	at Alabama	-6	27-0	W	Alabama	-8	16-22	L	at Alabama	+20	17-23	W	Alabama	-3	30-28	L
Tulane	-24	35-17	L	Notre Dame	-11	6-24	L	at Notre Dame	+2'	36-39	L	Houston	-3	7-20	L	at Mississippi	+2'	20-9	W
at Arkansas	-9	17-7	T	Arkansas	-19	31-21	L	at Arkansas	+6	14-41	L	Arkansas	+11	35-10	W	at Arkansas	-3	3-14	L

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE



SE Freddie Milons

Freddie is ready to help the Bama offense atone for a low tide season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Bama has been embroiled in a QB controversy the last two years. In 1998 Andrew Zow surprised everyone and took over the starter's job as a rFr, guiding the Tide to a 5-3 SU record in the last 8 games. He threw for 2,193 yards (56%) with a 12-10 ratio becoming only the 5th Bama QB to top 2,000 yards in a single season. The Tide also signed VHT Tyler Watts (PS#4) and as a rFr in 1999 he and Zow alternated. Watts, the better runner, passed for 533 yards with a 2-5 ratio while rushing for 116. Zow, the better passer, threw for 1,855 yards (56%) with a 13-9 ratio. The two alternated again last year and there were rumors that the team was split along racial lines. Watts got in 4 starts early, throwing for 303 yards (55%) and rushing for 207, but tore his ACL and was lost for the season. Zow started 7 games and became Bama's all-time leader in pass attempts and completions but while he threw for 1,561 yards he completed just 48.2% with a poor 6-14 ratio. He did have 12 straight completions vs Ole Miss, setting a school record, which is surprising because Bama has had some outstanding QB's like Joe Namath and Ken Stabler. Coaches like to use their own recruits and there is a possibility Franchione will go with Brodie Croyle (PS#2) who enrolled early and participated in spring. He threw for 2,838 yards with 38 TD's in his junior year of HS but missed most of his senior year due to injury. Franchione told Croyle that they will pass 20 to 25 times per game and it would not surprise me to see him emerge as the top man. Jonathan Richey (6-1 208 Sr) was a walk-on who was the backup QB after Watts was injured last year and got in 3 pass attempts. Scott Crouch (6-4 213 rFr) was PS#97 and redshirted. This unit has added talent and tons of experience and should be vastly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Tide had to fill the large shoes of Shaun Alexander, who rushed for 1,544 yards (4.7) in 1999 despite missing a few games with injuries. Alexander called Brandon Miree (PS#24) "a bigger, stronger, faster version of me." Unfortunately, Miree broke his leg in April and missed most of the spring and was not really 100% during the fall, rushing for just 426 yards (4.5). TB Shaun Bohannon (PS#40) sat out last spring to work on his grades and reported in the fall as the 4th stringer. He rushed for just 16 yards with 2 starts after recording 346 yards in 1999. Santonio Beard (6-1 207 So) was PS#45 and redshirted after a shoulder injury. Ahmaad Galloway (PS#50) stepped to the forefront as the team's leading rusher. He started in 8 games, rushing for 659 yards (4.8) including a big 172 yard effort vs Vandy. Galloway, Beard and Miree all return at the RB position. They lose an outstanding blocker in FB Dustin McClintock who had 5 starts and 112 yards. The only other losses are TB Arvin Richard (1 start, 90 yards) and Bohannon. Marvin Brown (PS#67) had academic troubles last year but returns at FB. Adam Cox, who was PS#38 RB and had 51 tackles at LB last year, requested a move to FB. LB Donnie Lowe was also moved to FB in the spring. Also in the mix at FB is Quentin Bowers (6-0 265 Jr) who is PS#302JC. With the return of all the top TB's, this unit should put up bigger numbers.

RECEIVERS - Bama had a very young receiving corps in 1999 and figured to be in great shape last year with the return of Heisman candidate Freddie Milons and also the other 2 starters. Unfortunately TE Terry Jones was lost to a torn ACL after 5 starts and Milons was bothered by a knee injury and did not respond well to the preseason hype. Milons set a school record with 69

rec's in 1999 and is only 16 rec's away from becoming Bama's all-time leading career receiver. TE Shawn Draper was moved to LT after the first game but then was forced back to the TE role when Jones went down. The good news for Bama is that Milons' poor season last year has him returning for his senior year instead of leaving early for the NFL. I list the 2 deep below and all told 9 players return with starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep is Derrick Woods (5-11 185 So, PS#53) who had 1 start with 3 rec's, Triandos Luke (6-0 190 So, PS#55) who had 1 start and 2 rec's, and Dre Fulgham (6-1 214 So, PS#47) with all 3 playing as true frosh. The only loss is Draper (8 sts, 3 rec, #5DC of MIA). This has the potential to be one of the SEC's best receiving corps as there are 4 VHT's in the group and plenty of experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tide had 4 starters returning to the front and called themselves the "Pancake Posse" but the unit allowed 10 sacks in the first 3 games and under performed all season. They were whipped at the line of scrimmage by teams like Tennessee, LSU and Miss St and their performance was much weaker than expected, although they did allow just 25 sacks they only had 3.9 ypc rushing. This year they must replace LG Griff Redmill (11 sts, 3 yr str), C Paul Hogan (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC 2 straight yrs, 4 yr str) and RG/RT Will Withburt (11 sts, 3 yr str). Naturally since this is Alabama there are plenty of HT's and VHT's waiting in the wings and my projected starting 5 average 319 lbs. They also bring in JUCO Atlas Herrier (6-5 299 Jr) who joined the team in spring. I list the 3 deep below and while last year's group under performed this year's does appear weaker with the loss of 3 long time starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tide had some significant graduation losses as they had to replace one starter who was a 2nd round DC and 2 backups who combined for 4 starts. DE Kindal Moorehead suffered an Achilles' injury prior to the season so they only had two returning starters. The defense as a whole allowed just 72 ypg rushing and 2.6 ypc in 1999 but last year gave up 125.4 ypg and 3.3 ypc while recording just 19 sacks. This year they must replace DT Kenny Smith (11 sts, 72 tkl, 12.5 tfl, #3DC of NO), DT Albert Means (3 sts, 18 tkl, 2 tfl), DT Kelvin White (2 sts, 19 tkl) and DT Todd Whitmore (8 tkl). Two full-time starters and 3 part-timers are back and the return of Moorehead is huge. This unit is loaded with VHT's. Last year Tommy Tuberville commented that Bama's DT's looked more like DE's and they have two interesting additions to compensate for that in Mac Tyler (PS#9) who spent last year at Milford Academy, and Anthony Bryant who was PS#6 (PQ). Tyler and Bryant are 335 and 349 lbs respectively, giving them girth in the middle. They also get DE Shawn Oglesby (6-6 216) who was PS#15JC last year and redshirted. I list the two deep below and this group is very talented and looks stronger than the 2000 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tide had to replace one starter due to graduation but returning starter Marvin Constant was injured and had with just 7 tackles in 5 games, so basically they only had 1 starter returning. This year they are in much better shape as two starters are back (Constant did retire due to injuries) and they have 3 VHT's who I list in the 2 deep below. This is a talented group that should be among the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tide always finishes high in my pass efficiency defense rankings, including a couple of Top 5 finishes in 1995 & '96 and their lowest finish heading into last year was in 1999 when they were #36. That year they had a shuffled unit with many different starting lineups. Last season they returned a veteran group with 6 players having 6 or more starts under their belts. Not much went right for the Tide last year and despite the veteran group, they allowed 55.5% (high for the Tide), 212 ypg and an 18-12 ratio and finished just #51. This year they have some losses. Gone are CB Milo Lewis (8 sts, 44 tkl, 4 int, 17 tfl), FS Tony Dixon (7 sts, 90 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu, #2DC of DAL), SS Marcus Spencer (10 sts, 1 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu), CB Kecal Bailey (4 sts, 25 tkl, 2 pbu) and SS Jason Jones (3 tkl). They have 4 players returning with some starting experience but basically just one full-time starter is back and that is CB Gerald Dixon who started the first 7 but eventually lost his job. SS Reggie Myles does have 20 career starts. There are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below and while the talent is there, this group is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tide recorded their best finish in my special teams rankings over the previous 5 years by finishing at #28 last year (#37 finish in '99). This came despite the fact that Freddie Milons was injured and couldn't contribute as much as he did in 1999 when he averaged 11.8 on PR's and 21.7 on KR's. Milons only returned 6 punts, scoring a TD on his first PR of the season. He was not the team's top KR either as he averaged 18.3 on just 9 returns. I expect Milons to become a force again this year. They appear in great shape at P as Lane Bearden handled the duties last year and averaged 40.7 per punt with a net of 38.4. He has an outstanding rFr behind him in Matthew Sanders who averaged 45.5 as a senior in HS and 47.3 as a junior. Bearden handled the KO duties but Neal Thomas took over late in the season

ALABAMA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ahmaad Galloway	137	695	36	659	7	4.8					
Brandon Miree	94	445	19	426	6	4.5					
Tyler Watts	39	207	48	159	1	4.1					
D. McClintock	22	112	0	112	1	5.1					
Jason McAddley	3	57	4	53	0	17.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Andrew Zow	249	120	48.2	1561	6	14					
Tyler Watts	56	31	55.4	303	1	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Antonio Carter	45	586	13.0	1	60						
Freddie Milons	32	287	9.0	1	56						
Jason McAddley	27	413	15.3	3	51						
Sam Collins	15	123	8.2	0	22						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Lane Bearden	60	2443	40.7	-	38.4	1	12				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Neal Thomas	2-2	2-4	2-4	3	9-13	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
M. Spencer	102	1	5	7	3	Adam Cox	51	0	1	2	0
Victor Ellis	94	25	6	2	0	Milo Lewis	44	0	2	17	4
Tony Dixon	90	0	1	6	2	Kenny King	42	1.5	2	0	0
S. Rasheed	81	0	4	1	0	Reggie Myles	38	0	0	7	2
Kenny Smith	72	35	9	1	0	Gerald Dixon	32	0	1	3	0
J. Johnson	64	7	1	0	0	Kecal Bailey	25	0	0	2	0
Darius Gilbert	60	0	2	2	0	Connie Brown	24	0	4	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
F. Milons	6	112	18.7	1	A. Richard	17	325	19.1	0		

and did well, recording 4 TB's on 13 KO's over a 4 game stretch. Arvin Richard leaves with the career record for KR yards. FG man Thomas did a solid job, at one point hitting 21 straight kicks with 7 FG's and 14 xp's, and hammered home three 50 yard FG's in 2000. This group even has a VHT kicker from last season in Danny Hayes (PS#7) who had a 54 yard FG in HS and adds PS#1K this year. This looks to be a very talented group and will clearly contend for top 10 honors this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

It was quite a roller coaster ride for Mike DuBose. In 1999 he had his contract shortened and took a pay cut and saw his team a disappointing 3-1 (with a loss to LA Tech) then headed to The Swamp to play Florida with rumors of his firing imminent. They upset the Gators and rebounded for a 10-3 season and then returned 18 starters last year. DuBose had his contract extended, was awarded with a raise and the Tide came into last season rated #3 in the polls with fans expecting a national championship run. It was a record breaking year for the Tide but not in the way that DuBose expected. It had been 45 years since Bama had lost 3 non-conf games and their 8 losses were the most since 1955. Bama suffered from -8 in the turnover margin as well as numerous injuries. The Tide never really recovered from their opening loss to UCLA which derailed their national title hopes. Dennis Franchione inherits a very talented team with 13 starters back and after a disastrous season the Tide can only improve. Franchione's teams have always played smart and been opportunistic, as evidenced by the 47 special teams and/or defensive TD's his clubs have posted over the years. Franchione built his reputation by transforming programs like New Mexico and TCU. He has already ironed out some problems and made some improvements. Last year on offense, they used 2 coordinators who split the play calling which caused confusion and inconsistencies and that problem has been corrected. They have numerous capable QB's, talented RB's and as long as they grasp the new offense (they struggled in the spring) should easily top last year's 20.7 ppg. Defensively, they made a great hire, bringing in Carl Torbush. He was the NCAA's Def Coor of the Year in 1996 when N Car led the nation in total defense. He has six returning starters on hand and one of the most talented defensive front 7's in the country to work with. Alabama has the most improved team in the SEC (see page 13) and while this year's edition won't rival the title teams under Bear Bryant, it will be solidly improved and based on talent alone, should be back in the postseason. They actually

have a decent shot at the SEC West Title as they host LSU and have a bye week prior to that game. However, it must be noted that Bama is awaiting the NCAA's verdict on whether they will receive sanctions as a result of accusations of illegal and improper gifts to recruits, most notably Albert Means (PS#3DL). An NCAA probation appears likely for the Tide nonetheless, and it is difficult to tell how they will respond should they be severely punished. I like this team and expect a big turnaround, but a bowl bid will likely be decided by the NCAA suits, not the players in uniform.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Brodie Croyle 6-2 185 PS#2	DL Freddie Roach 6-2 225 PS#33
OL Von Ewing 6-5 297 PS#24	K Mike McLaughlin 6-1 190 PS#1
WR Anthony Madison 5-9 180 PS#56	OL Mark Sanders 6-7 305 PS#77
RB Marquez Dupree 6-0 215 PS#81	QB Spencer Pennington 6-4 215 PS#72
OL Atlas Herrier 6-5 299 PS#54JC	TE Clint Johnston 6-4 235 PS#49
DE Charlie Pehp 5-11 184 PS#108	WR Bryan Bass 6-1 180 PS#12
WR Brandon Brooks 5-4 152 PS#122	DL Todd Bates 6-4 220 PS#208
TE Donald Clark 6-6 260 PS#200JC	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB TYLER WATTS JR. 6-3 217 PS#4, 836 yds (56%), 3-6 ratio, 323 rush, 2 yrs. Brodie Croyle PS#2. Andrew Zow (6-3 222 Sr) PS#36, 26 sts in 3 yrs. 5609 pass yds (53%), 31-33 ratio.

RB BRANDON MIREE SO. 6-2 233 PS#24. Broke leg in April, not 100% ly. 426 yds (4.5). Ahmaad Galloway (6-1 228 Jr) PS#50, 8 sts ly, 659 yds (4.8). Santonio Beard (6-1 207 So) PS#45.

FB Donnie Lowe So. 6-2 247 PS#62. Adam Cox (6-1 222 Sr) PS#38RB, 51 tkl at LB last year. Marvin Brown (6-0 259 Jr) PS#67 in '98, 13 gms, 266 plays as rFr, 6 yards.

WR ANTONIO CARTER JR. 5-9 195 PS#7, 2 sts in true, 33 rec (9.6), 6 sts ly, 11 w/45 rec (13.0). Jason McAddley (6-2 199 Sr) PS#117. Sprinter on track tm. 18 sts in 3 yrs, 53 rec (14.4).

WR FREDDIE MILONS SR. 5-11 191 PS#7, 69 rec (Tide rec) in 99, 1st Tm SEC, 672 ret yds, 6 sts ly, 32 rec (9.0). Sam Collins (6-1 181 Jr) PS#17, 7 sts, 20 rec (7.4) 2 yrs.

TE TERRY JONES SR. 6-4 265 PS#7, 15 sts in 3Y, 14 rec in 99, 6 rec ly till inj in 5th game. Casey Gilbert (6-4 286 So) PS#25, 1 st as rFr. Donald Clark (6-2 260 Jr) PS#200JC.

C Alonzo Ephraim Jr. 6-4 288 PS#45, 29 naps as true but RS, 10 games as 2nd string ly. Evan Mathis (6-5 278 rFr) PS#216. Patrick Hollingsworth (6-1 323 Jr) PS#151.

RG DENNIS ALEXANDER SO. 6-6 339 PS#106, 7 sts as rFr (1 at LT, 6 at RG), 10 gms ly. Played RT in spg. Danny Martz (6-4 300 rFr) PS#169. Bart Raulston (6-9 347 Jr) PS#34, 17 gms in 2Y.

LG Marico Portis Jr. 6-3 308 PS#58, 2 sts, 137 plays as rFr, 2 games as backup ly. Justin Smiley (6-3 292 rFr) PS#48. Keith Stephens (6-2 358 Jr) PS#70 & orig at Georgia.

RT DANTE ELLINGTON JR. 6-6 354 PS#20, 13 RT sts as true, 11 sts ly (7@LT, 4@RT), 702 plays. RG in spg. Larnis Baxley (6-7 314 Jr) PS#280, 2 sts, 23 gms, 2Y. Matt Lomax (6-2 284 So) PS#19.

LT Wesley Britt rFr. 6-8 304 PS#280CL in 2000. Atlas Herrier PS#54JC.

Shaun Williams (6-5 282 Sr) played 4 games as backup, moved from DL in spring, 410 squat.

K NEAL THOMAS SR. 5-11 183 19 of 25 FG's at JUCO in 99. Long of 51. Hit 9 of 13 FG's here ly, THREE from 50 yds! Danny Haynes PS#7K, Mike McLaughlin is PS#11

DE Aries Monroe Sr. 6-4 231 PS#33JC, 5 sts here ly, 24 tkl, 3 sks, 2 ill. Nautlyn McKay-Loeschner (6-4 240 So) PS#43, 3 tkl as true, Gerard Clark (6-6 257 Jr) PS#61.

DT JARRET JOHNSON JR. 6-4 281 PS#16, 1 st as true, 20 tkl, 5 sts, 11 sts ly, 64 tkl, 7 sks, 7 tfl. Mac Tyler (6-6 335 Fr) PS#9, Milford ly. Derek Sanders (6-5 283 Jr) PS#48.

DT KENNY KING JR. 6-5 277 PS#33, 11 sts as true, 53 tkl, 19.5 tfl, 7 sts ly, 42 tkl, 27 press, 3.5 tfl. David Daniel (6-0 264 Sr) PS#22JC, 3 sts here ly. Anthony Bryant (6-3 349) PS#6, PQ ly.

DE KINDAL MOOREHEAD JR. 6-3 293 PS#18L, 9 sts as true, 31 tkl, 11 tfl, 13 sts in 99, 40 tkl, 5 sks, 12 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. RS ly. Shawn Oglesby (6-6 216 Jr) PS#15JUCO. Antwan Odum (6-5 247 So) PS#5.

MLB SALEEM RASHEED JR. 6-3 227 PS#6, 13 sts as true, 92 tkl, 12 tfl, 10 sts ly, 81 tkl, 4 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. Darius Gilbert (6-3 253 Sr) PS#27, 6 sts in 99, 52 tkl, 6 sts, 11 tfl, 11 sts ly, 60 tkl, 2 tfl.

SLB VICTOR ELLIS SR. 6-2 232 PS#53DB, 21 tackles in '99, 3.5 tfl in 99, 3 sts in last year, 94 tkl (#2), 2.5 sks, 6 tfl. Cornelius Wortham (6-1 211 So) PS#50RB, 14 tackles as true.

ROV Brooks Daniels So. 6-2 184 PS#18, 14 tkl, 1 sack as a true frosh. Jason Rawls (6-0 215 rFr) PS#111RB, 1 tkl in 3 games last year as true. Tom ACL, medical redshirt.

CB HIRCHEL BOLDEN JR. 6-0 196 PS#37, 1 start in 99, 18 tkl, 3 starts last year, 4 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. Anthony Madison (5-9 180 Fr) PS#156WR.

CB GERALD DIXON JR. 5-11 186 PS#68. Started LB as true, 33 tkl, 1 int, 7 sts ly, 3 tkl, 3 pbu. Carlos Andrews (6-0 200 So) PS#23, 3 tkl as true. Ray Hudson (5-11 197 Fr) PS#116.

SS Shontua Ray Sr. 5-11 212 PS#27RB, 20 tkl in 99. Track tm, 13 tkl ly, 175 ret yds. Chris James (6-0 181 Fr) PS#245. Tyler Harris (6-0 207 So) PS#147, 2 gms ly.

FS Reggie Myles Sr. 6-0 184 PS#12, 5 sts as true, 26 tkl, 12 sts in 99, 5 int, 9 tfl, 61 tkl, 3 sts ly, 38 tkl, 7 pbu. Charles Jones (6-0 175 So) PS#76. Connie Brown (6-3 202 Sr) PS#58JC, 2 sts ly.

P LANE BEARDEN JR. 6-2 198 Did KO in 99 & in 6 gms ly, 60 punts here ly, 40.7 avg, 12 inside the 20 & net of 38.4. Matthew Sanders (6-2 231 rFr) PS#12, 45.5 avg in HS

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Weather (205) 945-7000

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Crimson Tide is 10-2 SU but only 7-5 ATS in home finales.
The home team in Alabama games is 30-46 ATS the last 7 years.
Alabama is 1-7 ATS in their 3rd straight home game.
Tide is 3-4 SU, 4-2-1 ATS overall vs Florida.
Bama is 14-1-1 SU in Baton Rouge since 1969.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win	Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	UCLA	G													
Sep. 8	at Vanderbilt	G													
Sep. 15	S Mississippi (Birm)	G													
Sep. 22	Arkansas	G													
Sep. 29	at S Carolina	G													
Oct. 6	UTEP (Birm)	G													
Oct. 13	at Mississippi	G													
Oct. 20	Tennessee	G													
Oct. 27															
Nov. 3	LSU (HC)	G													
Nov. 10	Mississippi St	G													
Nov. 17	at Auburn	G													
Nov. 24															

LY's opener vs UCLA was Bama's only reg season gm vs a Pac 10 tm in over 20 yrs.
Alabama is 2-7 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season.
Crimson Tide is 2-9 ATS in their last 11 SEC openers.
Bama is 7-2 SU but 4-5 ATS in their first road game.
Tide is 5-8 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more home games.
Alabama has covered just 7 of the last 17 vs the Golden Eagles.
The home team has covered 3 in a row but dropped (ATS) the 4 gms from '94-'97.
Tide is 5-10 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
Bama is 8-5 ATS their L/13 sandwiched road games but was 0-2 LY.
Strange but true: Alabama is 10-4 ATS away off 2 or more HG's.
Tide has rolled to a 38-11-1 SU & 30-19 ATS mark in Oct S/'88.
Pending the 9/15 result, Bama is 8-15 ATS in Birmingham S/'92.
Crimson Tide is 13-3 ATS L/16 & 39-7-2 SU all-time vs Ole Miss.
Coming into 2001 Franchione was 2-5 ATS his last 7 as an AD.
Bama is 10-5 ATS their last 15 vs Tennessee.
Franchione was 3-1 ATS his last 4 as a home dog with TCU.
Alabama is 7-2 ATS after a bye since 1994.
The home team is just 3-12 ATS the last 15 in this series.
Tide is 3-9 ATS their last 12 vs the Bulldogs.
Bama is 2-9 ATS prior to playing Auburn the last 11 years.
Crimson Tide have covered 8 of the last 11 vs Auburn.
Franchione's teams have covered 4 of their last 5 season finales.

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091) BRYANT-DENNY (83,818)
PLAYING SURFACE: LEGION-GRASS (P.A.T.) BRYANT-GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	8-3	9-3	4-7	7-4	10-2	3-8	52-28
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6-1	5-6	7-4	8-4	3-8	40-38-1
Home Fav	1-4	2-4	2-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	15-22
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-1	4-5
Away Fav	3-0	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	10-8
Away Dog	2-0	1-0	2-0-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	11-3-1
Favorite	4-4	4-5	3-6	4-4	3-3	5-3	2-5	25-30
Dog	3-0	1-1	2-0-1	1-2	4-1	3-1	1-3	15-8-1
Grass	4-3	5-3	5-6	4-6	7-4	7-4	3-8	35-34
Artificial	3-1	0-3	0-0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	5-4-1
vs Conf	7-2	4-4	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	6-3	3-5	33-25-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	7-13
Off SU Win	7-4	3-5	4-4-1	1-3	3-3	6-3	1-2	25-24-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-0	1-1	3-3	3-1	2-0	2-5	13-10

ALABAMA (3-8)

CONFERENCE:
SEC
WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 39 (18,17,4)

Lost: 29 (11,13,5)



ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	STS	DEF	FD	DEF	YPC	DEF	PASS	DEF
9*	20.7	16	138	3.9	172	49.2	14.9	-8	2000	8	22.4	19	125	3.3	212	55.5	15.1			
8*	29.2	19	179	4.3	192	56.6	12.7	+5	1999	7	20.4	16	72	2.6	233	54.9	14.9			
3	20.9	18	110	3.1	222	55.6	15.9	0	1998	4	23.9	21	153	3.8	209	54.3	15.1			
6*	22.4	17	151	3.9	174	50.8	14.5	+6	1997	3	22.6	19	137	3.9	227	53.7	16.2			
8	24.3	18	174	3.9	174	49.8	14.3	+2	1996	7	15.0	13	95	2.8	173	43.1	17.8			
6	23.6	18	146	3.3	187	55.0	14.1	+5	1995	6	17.1	15	105	3.0	179	49.9	16.6			

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at UCLA	16	30-146	4.9	11-30	119	2		26	57-171	3.0	15-27	225	3		-2
Vanderbilt	14	42-292	7.0	6-15	57	3		13	31-85	2.7	12-26	172	1		0
S Mississippi	15	33-95	2.9	19-35	122	5		12	37-51	1.4	14-23	159	4		-3
at Arkansas	22	57-226	4.0	8-20	117	2		20	29-151	5.2	20-33	173	0		+1
S Carolina	18	33-146	4.4	19-32	204	0		20	32-85	2.7	20-44	264	3		+2
Mississippi	21	39-168	4.3	21-26	296	2		12	26-74	2.8	20-40	163	0		+2
at Tennessee	14	28-44	1.6	14-30	181	4		18	42-96	2.3	17-24	213	5		-3
UCF	20	34-179	5.3	15-30	250	0		25	33-95	2.9	27-49	283	1		-3
at LSU	19	38-164	4.3	15-33	150	3		20	39-133	3.4	18-31	275	1		-3
at Mississippi St	12	28-31	1.1	13-31	281	1		22	50-276	5.5	18-27	262	0		-1
Auburn	8	22-23	1.0	12-29	112	3		17	47-162	3.4	10-20	139	1		+2
TOTALS	179	384-1514	3.9	153-311	1889	25		205	423-1379	3.3	191-344	2328	19		-8
AVERAGES	16.3	35-138	3.9	14-28	172	2.3		18.6	38-125	3.3	17-31	212	1.7		-0.7

Coach: DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 138-65-2)

Franchione's records AT ALABAMA

1st Year at Alabama	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Gator	+3'	N Carolina	24-10	W
94	Citrus	-3'	Ohio St	24-17	W
96	Outback	E	Michigan	17-14	W
98	Music City	+5	Virginia Tech	7-38	L
99	Orange	-1	Michigan	34-35	L

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-25	21-7	L	Houston	-14'	42-17	W	BYU	-4'	38-31	W	at Vanderbilt	-14	28-17	L	at UCLA	-7	24-35	L
S Mississippi	-10'	20-10	L	at Vanderbilt	-12	20-0	W	Vanderbilt	-19'	32-7	W	Houston	-13'	37-10	W	Vanderbilt	-21'	28-10	L
Vanderbilt	-17	36-26	L	Arkansas	-17'	16-17	L	at Arkansas	-3	6-42	L	La Tech	-13'	28-29	L	S Mississippi	-6'	0-21	L
at Arkansas	-8'	17-7	W	S Mississippi	-6'	27-13	W	Florida	+17	10-16	W	Arkansas	+2	35-28	W	at Arkansas	-2'	21-28	L
Kentucky	-22'	35-7	W	at Kentucky	-6'	34-40	L	Mississippi	-5'	20-17	L	at Florida	+16	40-39	W	S Carolina	-9'	27-17	W
at N Carolina St	-11	24-19	L	Tennessee	+8'	21-38	L	E Carolina	-9	23-22	L	at Mississippi	-3	30-24	W	Mississippi	-9'	45-7	W
Mississippi	-13	37-0	W	at Mississippi	E	29-20	W	at Tennessee	+17'	18-35	W	Tennessee	+3	7-21	L	at Tennessee	+3	10-20	L
at Tennessee	+14	13-20	W	Louisiana Tech	-20	20-26	L	S Mississippi	+3	30-20	W	S Mississippi	-1'	35-14	W	UCF	-18'	38-40	L
at LSU	+3	26-0	W	LSU	+6	0-27	L	at LSU	+8	22-16	W	LSU	-20	23-17	L	at LSU	+3	28-30	W
at Mississippi St	-12'	16-17	L	Mississippi St	-3	20-32	L	at Mississippi St	+3	14-26	L	Mississippi St	-6	19-7	W	at Mississippi St	+7	7-29	L
Auburn	-6'	24-23	L	at Auburn	+11	17-18	W	Auburn	-4	31-17	W	at Auburn	-3'	28-17	W	Auburn	+1	0-9	L

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS



A healthy Cedric Cobbs should run hog wild through the SEC West.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - How bad of a 2000 season was it for the Hogs healthy at QB? Against Ole Miss they turned to John Rutledge, a player who had been playing intramural flag football and had quit the team prior to the season, but was forced to play half the game. Prior to the start of the year Gary Brashears (PS#7) quit the team leaving Robby Hampton, who had played 4 years of pro baseball, as the starting QB. Hampton was having a solid season having thrown for 1,023 yards (205 ypg) and completing 57% with an 11-4 ratio after 6 games. He was injured vs (you guessed it) S Car and was banged up the rest of the season and his stats diminished as he threw for just 525 yards in parts of the last 6 regular season games with a 2-4 ratio. He had offseason shoulder surgery to return the zip to his passes, and missed spring practice. Jared McBride (6-4 200 Sr, PS#48) was a backup QB. He threw just 10 passes but was lost to an ACL injury vs SC. Zak Clark (6-2 195 So) was PS#35 and was supposed to redshirt but was forced into action and then got injured vs SC and was hobbled with ankle and shoulder injuries. He completed just 41% with a 1-6 ratio but should be much improved with experience and improved health. He took all of the spring snaps with the first string. Nutt went out and signed 3 HT true frosh who could contend for the job. They are incorporating some option into the offense and WR Gerald Howard was impressive running it in the spring. True frosh Tavaris Jackson (6-3 215, PS#105) and Matt Jones (see Top Newcomers) will also run it in the fall. Naturally this unit should be in much better shape and hopefully will have a healthier season and will benefit from the added talent.

RUNNING BACKS - Speaking of injuries, let's talk about the RB's. Cedric Cobbs was touted as a Heisman Trophy contender. He rushed for 291 yards (4.2) in just a little over 2 games before going down for the season with an injury. Cobbs has great size at 228 lbs, 4.34 speed and had 767 yards as a true frosh (5.9). Cobbs should be fully healthy and could be the SEC's top back. Fred Talley (5-9 180 Jr) has 4.31 speed. He missed 3 games due to a broken hand but returned to the lineup in a big way, rushing for 161 yards vs Auburn, 214 vs Mississippi and 142 vs Tennessee. He had 91 yards in 3Q's vs Miss St before tearing an ACL. He missed the spring and could take a redshirt in 2001. Alvin Ray (5-9 196 Sr) had 2 starts but just 111 yards (3.3). True frosh Brandon Holmes (PS#80DB) took over in the final

quarter vs Miss St and rushed for 95 yards and then added 143 in the season finale vs LSU. He was backed up by true frosh Radale Pearson (PS#98). I look for Holmes to move to FB as he is a solid straight ahead runner. Nutt signed PS#7 this year in De'Arrius Howard while Pearson had a very good spring and should be more of a factor. Nutt also moves DT Sacha Lancaster in to compete at FB. He has 3 other HT true frosh signees along with Andre Ackee (5-10 207 Jr, PS#51) who tore his ACL and missed last season. They lose FB's Rod Stinson (7 sts, 61 total yds) and Adam Daily (2 sts, 112 total yds) but with the return to health of their top 2 and some excellent additions, this unit is vastly improved in 2001.

RECEIVERS - The Hogs lost their starting TE prior to the season but still had a very solid receiving group led by WR Boo Williams who had 59 rec's (14.2). Also departing with Williams is Michael Snowden (9 sts, 22 rec). The two starting WR's I list in the 2 deep below are both HT's. Richard Smith was 2nd on the team in receiving with 37 grabs (UA frosh record) despite being a backup. Also added to the mix is Sam Breeden (PS#100JC) who got in just 9 games after being a late signee. He should make more of an impact and Nutt said he is 100% improved. Both TE's are back. This is an area where some of the newcomers could contribute but with the loss of a talent like Williams, I'll call it down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs O-line is one of the most underrated groups in the NCAA. Last year's group averaged 6-4 314 across the front and had 4 starters back. After allowing 17 sacks in 1999 they gave up just 19 last year. The RB injuries were probably the main reason the ypc rushing dropped from 4.3 to 3.9. LT Shannon Money also missed a good portion of the Georgia game where the unit was throttled by the Bulldogs' fierce defensive front. The only losses are RT Gary Hobbs (9 sts) who was dismissed from the team, OT John Gettner (5 games), and OT Brett Shockley (4 games). Four of five starters return as do a majority of the backups who consisted mostly of frosh. There are even some talented true frosh and rFr added to the mix. Last year's line was large but they worked on getting them leaner in the spring and this year's will have more mobility. With 3 senior starters, I look for this to be one of the stronger O-lines in the SEC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Hogs had to replace one starter and one backup. The Hogs again lose just one player to graduation but it was a good one in DE Randy Garner (#6 DC of ATL). However, Garner missed time due to injury and suspension and played in just 10 games in 2000. The only other loss is Sacha Lancaster (11 sts, 3.5 tfl) who moves to FB but could always return. The group has added bulk but is still not large by SEC standards at 276 lbs per man but has some talent, including VHT Brooks who finally may be ready to emerge, and 4 HT frosh who were added to the mix. The Hogs' defense recorded just 14 sacks as a team which was way down from 44 and they also allowed 3.9 ypc, the first time in Nutt's tenure that they allowed over 3.0. This year's defense is just as experienced and should be more effective especially now that it has added size.

LINEBACKERS - The Hogs played a 4-2-5 defense in Nutt's first two seasons but under new DC John Thompson, they are changing the terminology to a 4-3. The Hogs had to replace 2 starters last year but had their star Quinton Caver and a 1998 starter, JJ Jones, return to the lineup. This year they lose all 3 starters including Caver who was a #2 DC of PHI, 1st Team SEC and had 96 tackles and 10 tfl. Also gone are Jones (12 sts, 72 tkl, 5 tfl), LB Jeremiah Harper (7 sts, 25 tkl), OLB Jim Ed Reed (11 tkl, 3 tfl) and LB Corey Warren (16 tkl). Only one of their top 6 LB's returns. No doubt Nutt will likely use a pair of VHT true frosh immediately in Jeb Hukeba (PS#14WR) and Clarke Moore (PS#35). There is some talent in the group below but clearly it will be a learning season for the LB's in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Houston Nutt was very high on CB Lawrence Richardson prior to last season and was very disappointed that he was a partial qualifier. His appearance this year at CB is a great upgrade. The secondary did suffer last year by losing starting CB Harold Harris (medical redshirt). In 1999 the Hogs ranked #46 in my pass defense rankings one year after a #23 finish. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a pair of NFL draft picks and had the above two losses during the season but still rose to #31 allowing just 48.6% with a 17-10 ratio. This year they are in great shape as six players return who have started 6 or more games and they have THREE VHT newcomers. Richardson, who I project as a starter, did get in trouble off-the-field and is suspended indefinitely but even if he does not return, this unit looks significantly stronger. This group has Top 10 potential.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has really been a weak link for the Hogs over the 7 years in which I've done my special teams rankings. They have been

ARKANSAS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Fred Talley	137	820	52	768	5	5.6					
Brandon Holmes	137	601	34	567	7	4.1					
Cedric Cobbs	70	308	17	291	4	4.2					
Alvin Ray	34	128	17	111	1	3.3					
Radale Pearson	19	61	3	58	0	3.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Robby Hampton	301	163	54.2	1731	15	8					
Zak Clark	68	28	41.2	321	1	6					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Boo Williams	59	836	14.2	8	79						
Richard Smith	37	346	9.4	1	31						
Michael Snowden	22	176	8.0	2	44						
Sparky Hamilton	18	238	13.2	0	35						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Richie Butler	72	3107	43.2	17	36.7	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
P. O'Donohoe	3-5	1-2	0-0	0-0	4-7	38					
PLAYER	TKL	SC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SC	TFL	PBU	INT
Ken Hamlin	113	0	1	7	2	Curt Davis	37	0	4	1	0
Q. Caver	96	2	8	5	1	R. House	30	2	2	0	0
J.J. Jones	72	1	4	3	1	E. Jackson	29	0	0	7	2
Corey Harris	56	2	1	9	2	J. Petty	28	2	3	0	0
Tony Bua	48	0	5	0	0	Randy Garner	28	2	1	1	0
Carlos Hall	46	2	6	3	0	Caleb Miller	27	1	4	0	0
D. Berry	38	0	1	12	2	J. Brooks	26	0.5	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
S. Campbell	16	103	6.4	0	S. Harris	24	490	20.4	0		

ranked in the lower half each and every year. Under Houston Nutt they have finished just #96, #95 and #86. That #86 finish was mostly due to P Richie Butler who at midseason was 2nd in the NCAA with a solid 45.2 avg. He suffered back spasms prior to Tenn and his average slipped to 43.2 at season's end with a net of 36.7. He was very effective vs LSU and had the Tigers starting drives from their own 12, 14, 8, 28, 2, 20 and 3 yard lines. Kickoffs were a problem as Matt Swartz handled them early but Thomas LaToof took over late. One of Nutt's offseason objectives was signing a JUCO K with a strong leg for KO's but that did not materialize. They gave up two KR TD's, suffered 2 blocked punts, and also lost 2 fumbles in the return game. Their returnmen were only average. Watch for PS#6 (if eligible) Lawrence Richardson who was a big time PR in HS. Swartz lost his PK job after hitting just 2 of 5 FG's, and he departs. Brennan O'Donohoe (PS#7) took over and hit 4 of 7 FG's but had a long of just 38. I do see added talent to the return units this year and they are solid at both P and K so they should have their strongest finish yet in my special teams rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year was clearly a rebuilding year for the Hogs as they had to replace 28 seniors from 1999 and had only 8 scholarship seniors on the team. Arkansas was then dealt a heavy dose of injuries throughout the year which decimated positions such as RB, QB and DB. Nutt somehow got them to a winning regular season record and a bowl game, pulling upsets in their final two games to accomplish it. This came after Nutt guided the team to a pair of January 1 bowl games in his first 2 seasons. The Hogs were a perfect 12-0 SU at home under Nutt prior to last year including an upset of defending National Champ Tennessee in 1999 but last year I called for them to lose a couple of home games and they indeed went just 5-2. They are still 9-0 SU at Little Rock, however. The Hogs bring back 7 starters on offense and return a healthy Cedric Cobbs at RB plus much more stability at QB which will make them much more potent on that side of the ball. They averaged 32.5 and 29.4 ppg in Nutt's first 2 years and after just 23.2 last year, could top 30 again this season. Those final two upsets were sparked by John Thompson taking over the defensive play calling. Thompson was co-DC all year along with Bobby Allen, but Allen called the defensive signals and formulated the game plan in the beginning of the year. Thompson attacked more with the blitzing schemes he brought over from Memphis and had great success. They lost just 8

lettermen from that side of the ball and have 7 starters back and with Thompson calling the shots, they will be tough to move against. The Hogs were -8 in turnovers last year which almost qualified them for my Turnovers = Turnaround article (page 277) so good things should be on the horizon. The Hogs must play Tennessee, S Carolina and Georgia out of the East and get no breaks there. Despite a tough schedule, as long as this team can remain fairly healthy, they should get to Nutt's 4th consecutive bowl game and rate as a contender in the SEC West.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB ROBBIE HAMPTON JR. 6-2 220 4 yrs baseball w/ Toronto organization, 10 sts here ly. 1731 yds (54%), 15-8 ratio (inj 2H yr). **Zak Clark** (6-2 195 So) PS#35, 2 sts as true, 321 yds pass.
RB CEDRIC COBBS SO. 6-1 228 PS#5, 2 sts as true, 767 yds (5.9), 12 rec (7.5). 3 sts ly until injury & RS, 291 yds (4.2). **Fred Talley** (5-9 180 Jr) 4.31 speed, 768 yds (5.6).
FB BRANDON HOLMES SO. 6-2 218 PS#80, 4.4 speed, 567 yds (4.1) at TB. Sacha Lancaster (6-4 261 Sr) was PS#58DL, 14 starts at DL over the last 2 years, 49 yds, 7.5 tfl.
WR RICHARD SMITH SO. 5-10 175 PS#42, 1 star rFr, #2 with 37 rec (9.4), SEC Fr Tm. George Wilson (6-1 206 Jr) PS#114, 1 st, 5 rec ly till (inj med RS). Gerald Howard, 2 sts, 8 rec ly.
WR SPARKY HAMILTON JR. 6-4 210 PS#41, 8 rec (11.8) as true in 99, 2 sts ly, 18 rec (13.2). Sam Breeden (6-4 226 Jr) PS#100JUCO. Corey Muldrew (6-2 215 Jr) is PS#43.
TE NATHAN BALL JR. 6-4 281 PS#82OL, 1 st as true at LT, 9 sts ly (4 at TE, 5 at OT), 4 rec. Marcellus Poydras (6-5 256 Jr) 6 sts, 4 rec ly. Cameron Glenn PS#72 in '99.
C JOSH MELTON JR. 6-5 288 PS#75, 8 sts as rFr, 12 sts at C in 2000. Dan Doughty (6-2 302 So). **Scott Davenport** (6-2 307 So) PS#149, 12 games ly, 460 lb bench.
RG KENNY SANDLIN SR. 6-3 319 PS#132, lettered as a rFr, 12 sts (4 at C, 8 at G) in 1999. 12 sts at RG ly. Jim Peters (6-3 290 So) 9 games as rFr. Steve Spivey (6-5 309 Jr) PS#153.
LG LA'ZERIUS WHITE SR. 6-4 328 PS#176DL. Moved to OL in 1998. 12 starts at LG in '99. 12 starts at LG in 2000, 2 letters. Caleb Perry (6-4 296 So) lettered as a rFr.
RT MARK BOKERMAN SO. 6-5 308 PS#38OL. Inj'd as true, missed 6 games as rFr but lettered. Bo Lacy (6-4 286 So) PS#144, 8 games as rFr. Shawn Andrews is PS#12.
LT SHANNON MONEY SR. 6-4 309 PS#142, 11 sts at LT in '99. 10 starts in 2000. 2nd TM SEC. Jerry Reith (6-3 298 So) PS#123DL in '99. Brian Hill (6-6 308 rFr) PS#89OL.
K BRENNAN O'DONOHUE SO. 6-0 220 PS#7. Hit 4 of 7 FG's as true frosh ly with long of 38. No att's from 40+. Thomas LaToof (5-9 168 Jr) Northwestern ST trans, did KO's last year.

DE RAYMOND HOUSE JR. 6-3 266 PS#123, 6 tkl in '99, 2 sts last year, 30 tkl, 4 tfl. Elliott Harris (6-4 266 Jr) DNQ ly. PS#124. Jayson Johnson (6-3 313 So) is PS#57. PQ ly.
DT JERMAINE BROOKS JR. 6-3 295 PS#13DL, 21 tkl, 6 tfl in '99, 26 tkl last year, 3.5 tfl. Jason Peters (6-5 311 rFr) PS#51, added 36 lbs. Pat Winn (6-4 297 Jr) PS#129DL.
NG CURT DAVIS SR. 6-3 282 PS#125, 12 sts in '99, 27 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 sts in 2000. 37 tkl, 4 tfl. Arrian Dixon (6-4 273 Jr) PS#52 ly, DNQ. Pernis Osborne 16 tkl ly until inj.
DE CARLOS HALL SR. 6-4 261 PS#101LB, 3 sts as rFr, 45 tkl, 11 tfl, 9 sts, 10 tfl in '99. 12 sts, 46 tkl, 8 tfl ly. Keith Turner (6-3 245 So) 8 tkl ly. Justin Scott (6-2 253 So) PS#161.
ILB TONY BUA SO. 5-11 212 3 starts as rFr, 48 tkl, 5 tfl, physical. Jeb Hukeba (6-4 210) is PS#141. Jimmy Beasley (5-11 191 So) was PS#133QB, 10 tkl last year.
LB JERMAINE PETTY SR. 6-2 261 PS#84JUCO, 26 tkl, 10.5 tfl here in '99, 28 tkl, 5 tfl in 2000. Clarke Moore is PS#35. Shane Collins (6-2 215 rFr) PS#90, 1 tkl, 3 gms as true.
SLB CALEB MILLER SO. 6-3 213 PS#119LB, 27 tkl, 5 tfl as rFr, All SEC Frosh.
Gavin Walls (6-2 217 Jr) is PS#110JUCO. Brandon Mayweather (6-2 224 rFr) is PS#174.
CB LAWRENCE RICHARDSON SO. 5-11 174 PS#6DB. Eddie Jackson (6-0 186 So) 10 sts, 2 int, 7 tkl ly. PS#48. Harold Harris (5-11 191 Jr) PS#45RB, 6 sts in '99 till inj. **Ahmad Carroll** is PS#13.
CB MARVIN JACKSON JR. 5-9 165 PS#2JC. Orlando Green (5-11 208 Sr) PS#183, 11 sts in 98, 3 in 99 & 3 ly, 10 tkl, 16 tkl in 3 yr. Jimarr Gallon PS#120JC. Bo Mosley (5-10 157 So) PS#35.
SS COREY G. HARRIS SR. 5-10 200 PS#34JC, 9 int's at JC in '99, 11 sts here ly, 56 tkl, 2 int, 9 tkl. **D'Andre Berry** (5-9 180 Sr) 2 sts in '99, 8 tkl, 11 sts at rFr, 2 int, 12 tkl ly.
FS KEN HAMLIN SO. 6-2 193 PS#241DB, 12 sts as rFr, #1 w/113 tkl, 2 int, 7 tkl.
Shelton Parker (5-9 173 So) PS#105, 1 tkl ly. Thomas Crowder (6-2 187 So), Scout Tm MVP in '99.
P RICHIE BUTLER JR. 6-1 222 PS#49K, 30 punts as true, 40.0 average, 7 inside 20, SEC All Fresh Team. 72 punts in 2000, 43.2 average & net of 36.7. 19 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB De'Arrius Howard 6-0 205 PS#7
DB Ahmad Carroll 5-11 190 PS#8
OL Shawn Andrews 6-1 330 PS#12
WR Jeb Hukeba 6-4 210 PS#14
DB Marvin Jackson 5-9 165 PS#2JC
RB Mark Pierce 6-1 215 PS#47
DL Pierre Brown 6-0 215 PS#60
DL James Johnson 6-6 285 PS#61
RB Kyle Dickerson 5-11 195 PS#55
DB Lemezo Robinson 6-0 185 PS#56
QB Matt Jones 6-5 215 PS#43
LB Clarke Moore 6-2 230 PS#35
RB Decor Birmingham 6-0 200 PS#77
WR Michael Robinson 6-2 200 PS#95
RB P.J. Smith 5-9 185 PS#120

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ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Arkansas is 0-5 ATS vs Memphis.
Arkansas plays all their games on grass for a 6th season.
Razorbacks are 3-7-1 ATS their last 11 vs SMU.
Hogs are 2-5 ATS in their 3rd straight home game since 1988.
AU is 15-25 ATS off a SU win.
Razorbacks are 13-22 ATS in their last 35 lined Sept games.
This is a rematch of LY's Las Vegas Bowl, a 31-14 UNLV win.
Hogs are 9-19 ATS last 28 non-SEC games but 4-1 ATS L2Y.
Arkansas is 7-2 ATS their last 9 as a home underdog.
The Vols have won 7 of the L/8 meetings SU but AU is 3-1 ATS L4Y.
Arkansas is 8-19-1 ATS last 28 as a DD fav but are 5-2 the L2Y.
Hogs have had Nutt'n but a good time as a HFL/3Y w/a 9-3 ATS mark.
Arkansas is 1-8 in the 1st of back to back away games.
Razorbacks are 1-7 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
Lance Allworth's alma mater is 5-2 ATS in the 2nd of B2B AG's.
Pending earlier results, Hogs are 18-13-1 (58%) ATS L/32 SEC gms.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	UNLV (LR*) (Thur)	G												
Sep. 8	Tennessee	G												
Sep. 15	N Texas	G												
Sep. 22	at Alabama	G												
Sep. 29	at Georgia	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	S Carolina (LR*)	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Auburn	G												
Nov. 3	at Mississippi	G												
Nov. 10	UCF (HC)	G												
Nov. 17	Mississippi St	G												
Nov. 24	at LSU	G												
	*LR - Little Rock													

The favorite has covered 7 straight series meetings.
Pending opener, Hogs are 8-0 SU & 6-2 L/8 ATS at War Memorial.

Arkansas is 5-8-1 ATS L/14 but 3-1 ATS the L2Y after a bye week.
The home team is 6-1 ATS last 7 but Hogs covered at Auburn L.Y.

Razorbacks are 10-6-2 ATS in their last 18 November games.
Hogs are 4-2-1 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.

Arkansas is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS in non-conf November games.
This is the latest the Hogs have faced a non-SEC team since '95.

Arkansas is 11-5-1 ATS in home finales since 1984.
The underdog is 8-1 ATS in this series since 1992.

Razorbacks are 10-5 ATS in their final road game since 1986.
The underdog is 5-2-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.

STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727)
PLAYING SURFACES: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-4	4-7	4-7	9-2	7-4	6-5	42-36
ATS	3-8	5-7	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	34-42-1
Home Fav	3-2	1-3	2-2	0-2	4-1	4-1	1-1	15-12
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	8-8
Away Fav	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-4	0-0	4-10
Away Dog	0-4	1-2	1-3	2-1-1	1-0	0-0	2-2	7-12-1
Favorite	3-3	3-4	2-2	0-3	5-4	5-5	1-1	19-22
Dog	0-5	2-3	1-6-1	5-2-1	2-0	1-0	4-4	15-20-2
Grass	2-6	4-6	3-8	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	32-39-1
Artificial	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	2-6	5-4	2-6	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-4	27-29-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	1-1	7-13
Off SU Win	0-4	3-5	0-4	1-3	6-2	3-4	2-3	15-25
Off SU Loss	2-4	2-1	3-3	4-1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	17-13-1

Coach: HOUSTON NUTT (Career 59-35)
Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

4th Year at Arkansas	9-3	Home Favorite
23-13 Straight Up	4-2	Home Underdog
18-14 Vs The Spread	2-7	Away Favorite
6-4 Off A S/U Loss	3-2	Away Underdog
13-11 Vs Conference	5-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Independence	+7	Georgia	15-24	L
95	Carquest	+2	N Carolina	10-20	L
98	Citrus	+3	Michigan	31-45	L
99	Cotton	+5'	Texas	27-6	W
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31	L

ARKANSAS (6-6) SEC WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 49 (25,21,3)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 22 (10,8,4)

LETTERMEN:



ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	OFF	PTS	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	PASS	%	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
4	23.2	18	147	3.9	175	50.0	13.9	-8	2000	5	24.1	16	149	3.9	158	48.6	12.8											
6*	29.4	18	141	4.3	231	54.8	12.6	+5	1999	7	17.8	17	92	2.7	203	53.8	16.5											
10*	32.5	20	148	3.8	242	51.5	12.0	+12	1998	9	18.9	18	105	2.9	213	52.5	16.8											
6	16.5	15	57	1.8	216	47.8	16.6	-6	1997	7	25.8	19	132	3.5	219	54.6	13.6											
7	15.8	18	154	3.5	143	48.3	18.8	-5	1996	4	24.3	18	103	3.0	228	55.4	13.6											
7	21.8	19	155	3.4	187	59.4	15.7	+6	1995	4	21.7	20	115	3.2	218	55.6	15.3											

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SW Missouri St	24	49-183	3.7	20-29	249	3	9	22-47	2.1	8-20	51	2	+2
Boise St	22	46-217	4.7	12-28	249	1	17	26-74	2.8	23-48	304	2	0
Alabama	20	29-151	5.2	20-33	173	0	22	57-226	4.0	8-20	117	2	-1
Georgia	12	26-52	2.0	19-38	162	1	21	46-175	3.8	13-25	168	0	-3
UL Monroe	20	40-166	4.2	17-33	237	0	10	32-85	2.7	13-30	109	3	+1
at S Carolina	19	41-100	2.4	19-37	151	3	16	31-174	5.6	12-21	170	1	-3
at Auburn	16	29-166	5.7	20-42	204	0	18	39-113	2.9	19-30	240	0	0
Mississippi	18	36-212	5.9	16-37	181	2	15	42-194	4.6	10-25	109	0	-2
at Tennessee	15	35-118	3.4	11-20	128	4	29	51-290	5.7	19-34	212	1	-4
at Mississippi St	15	47-149	3.2	9-27	68	3	9	39-68	1.7	12-22	138	2	-2
LSU	17	47-139	3.0	15-28	114	0	9	27-84	3.1	6-27	65	0	+3
UNLV (Bowl)	15	32-115	3.6	18-40	183	2	19	47-259	5.5	12-17	217	1	+1
TOTALS	213	457-1768	3.9	196-392	2099	19	194	459-1789	3.9	155-319	1900	14	-8
AVERAGES	17.8	38-147	3.9	16-33	175	1.6	16.2	38-149	3.9	13-27	158	1.2	-0.7

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-12	10-23	L
Alabama	+8'	7-17	L
NE Louisiana	-22	38-21	L
Florida	+32	7-42	L
Louisiana Tech	-12	38-21	W
at S Carolina	+5	17-23	L
at Auburn	+16	7-28	L
Mississippi	-5	13-17	W
at Tennessee	+25	14-55	L
at Mississippi St	+6	16-13	W
LSU	+9	7-17	T

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NE Louisiana	-22	28-16	L
at SMU	-6'	9-31	L
at Alabama	+19'	17-16	W
Louisiana Tech	-11	17-13	L
at Florida	+36	7-56	L
S Carolina	+1'	13-39	L
Auburn	+16'	21-26	W
at Mississippi	+10	9-19	T
Tennessee	+25	22-30	W
Mississippi St	+5'	17-7	W
at LSU	+19	21-31	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Louisiana	-32	38-17	L
SMU	-9	44-17	W
Alabama	+3	42-6	W
Kentucky	-4	27-20	W
at Memphis	-17'	23-9	L
at S Carolina	-7	41-28	W
at Auburn	-3'	24-21	L
Mississippi	-9	34-0	W
at Tennessee	+9	24-28	W
at Mississippi St	-3	21-22	L
LSU	-6'	41-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-14	26-0	W
UL Monroe	-35	44-6	W
at Alabama	-2	28-35	L
at Kentucky	-8'	20-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-35'	58-6	W
S Carolina	-22'	48-14	W
Auburn	-7'	34-10	W
at Mississippi	-1	16-38	L
Tennessee	+8	28-24	W
Mississippi St	-7	14-9	L
at LSU	-11	10-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	38-0	-
Boise St	-13'	38-31	L
Alabama	+2'	28-21	W
Georgia	+3'	7-38	L
UL Monroe	-34'	52-6	W
at S Carolina	+7	7-27	L
at Auburn	+9'	19-21	W
Mississippi	+1'	24-38	L
at Tennessee	+13'	20-63	L
at Mississippi St	+17	17-10	W
LSU	+3	14-3	W

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS



Tenacious LB Mario Haggan put the bite on opposing ball carriers a league leading 141 times in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Wayne Madkin took over and started the final 10 games as a r/r in 1998 and in 3 years has become MSU's all-time passing leader in both yards and completions. He is 23-10 SU as a starter including 14-1 at Scott Field. Versus BYU last year he became the first MSU QB in 9 years to rush and pass for 100 yards in a game. As a frosh he threw for 1,581 yards (46.5%) but with an 11-10 ratio and improved to 2,060 yards (51.5%) with a 10-11 ratio in 1999. Last year he threw for 1,979 yards (56%) with an 10-8 ratio. While his TD/Int ratio has not gone up, it is interesting to note that he has improved his completion percentage by 5% each year and he hopes that trend will continue. Madkin is also mobile and rushed for 361 gross yards last season. Kevin Fant (6-2 212 So) was PS#24 and saw action in six games, throwing for 210 yards (52.9%) with a 1-1 ratio while also rushing for 55 gross yards. Fant became an "Iron Dawg" in the spring with a 365 bench, 4.54 speed and a 32" VL. He did hit just 5 of 24 for 108 yards in the spring game. Brandon Butler (6-0 195 Jr) has 5 career pass attempts but may also see time at WR. Ray Ray Bivines (5-11 170 rF) was PS#27WR. He QB'd the scout team last year and the defense had trouble stopping him. He played mostly WR in the spring. Chris Giaccone (5-11 191 rF) was PS#250. This group has added depth and should continue to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 MSU used a TB by committee approach but the unit was also hit hard by injuries and their leading rusher turned out to be true frosh Dontae Walker (PS#2) who had 402 yards (4.7). Last year their top 2 TB's were both healthy and proved to be an outstanding combination. Denczo Miller (PS#43) finished #4 in the SEC in rushing and became just the 5th MSU RB to top 1,000 yards in school history and he avg'd a nifty 6.2 ypc with 6 straight 100 yard efforts and also added 28 receptions. Walker added 938 yards (5.7) and those two helped MSU lead the SEC in rushing. They lose FB Kenny Williamson who was mostly a blocker and had just 5 rush attempts, but Justin Griffith is back after alternating at both FB and TB last year. He had 12 starts and 39 rec's in 1999 but those totals dropped to 1 start, 153 yards (5.7) and 19 rec last year. I list Griffith's backups below and both are HT's. Fred Reid (5-9 180 rF) was PS#202 and looked good on the scout team last year and is the 3rd string TB. With both Miller and Walker back, this looks like the SEC's best set of RB's.

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs had to replace all 3 starters last year including 2 of their top 3 receivers. They are in much better shape this year as almost everyone is back including Terrell Grindle (PS#66) who led the team with 31 rec's (14.1). Larry Huntington who was #4 with 19 rec (19.0) is the lone

departure. TE Donald Lee is back and they get a big time boost at flanker this year with the addition of Antonio Hargro (PS#20) who redshirted last year. He is 6-3 185 with 4.39 speed (qualified for NCAA Indoor Track meet in 2000) and could be the feature receiver this year. Sherrill signed JUCO Clarence Parker (PS#90) last year but he had just 8 rec's (17.9) and should have a bigger impact in 2001. Harold Lindsey (6-1 200 Sr) was PS#85 and had 3 starts and 11 rec. Ray Ray Bivines (PS#27) is a dangerous all around threat. I list the 2 deep below and there is a VHT backup at TE in Aaron Lumpkin who could emerge as the starter there although Lee has all-SEC potential. With almost everyone back and some added talent, I look for much bigger production in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jackie Sherrill always likes to have a big O-line and this year's should easily top the 300 lb average once again. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but brought in 2 JUCO's who were in for the spring and the front wall did well, allowing just 24 sacks while paving the way for the SEC's most powerful rush attack with a 4.7 ypc. That happened despite losing its star LT Pork Chop Womack for 5 games due to injury. This year 2 starters depart again. Womack was 1st Tm SEC and got in 7 starts and was the #4 DC of SEA. Solid C Michael Fair also leaves after grabbing 2nd Tm SEC honors and leading the O-line with an 87% average blocking grade for the year. Derrick Thompson gained ample playing time in Womack's absence so basically 4 players with significant starting experience return. Sherrill has done a good job recruiting in this area with plenty of HT's in the 2 deep that I list below. RG Tommy Watson may start at C making the line even bigger. There are no JUCO additions this year, but I like the talent on hand and this group could be as productive as last year's outstanding bunch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs play a 5 man defensive front and generally that means the DE's are more like LB's. Last year the smallest of the 5 starters weighed 250 lbs so it was a legitimate 5 man defensive front including 3 starters weighing 300+ lbs and another at 289. The DL last year had to replace 4 starters including 2 NFL draft picks but had 3 HT JUCO's who gained plenty of experience in '99 and were ready to take over. This year they lose 3 outstanding players. Gone are DT Toby Golliday (12 sts, 68 tkl, 5 tfl), DT Willie Blade (10 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, Outland Trophy semifinalist, 13 tfl and #3 DC of DAL) and DE Ellis Wymys (9 sts, 53 tkl, 12 tfl and #6 DC of TB). Also gone is Rob Knight who was listed as a LB but played on the front 5, gaining 8 starts. He was tied for #5 in tackles with 68 (3 tfl). One backup departs in NG Darius Brown (9 tkl). Unlike last year the replacements for these players are not very experienced. I list the 2 deep below. Sherrill signed 3 top-notch JUCO's, but tragically Paul Broussard (PS#6JC) was killed in March. None of the signees were in for the spring so it will be interesting to see their impact this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs list just one LB position but I will count the LDOG spot as a LB making it a 2 man group. Last year they lost a projected starter prior to the season but Mario Haggan stepped in and simply led the SEC in tackles and was voted 1st Tm SEC. Pig Prather was very productive from his DOG spot despite tearing his ACL in November. He had 78 tackles and 11 tfl's. I list them below as starters and they are backed by a pair of HT's including a JUCO this year. Basically everyone else is back and they have added some top-notch talent, and I'll call this a much improved position.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs always fare well in my pass efficiency D rankings, finishing #25 in '97, #21 in '98, #9 in '99 and #15 last year. The 2000 secondary had 2 veteran outstanding CB's in Fred Smoot (11 sts, 5 int, 19 pbu, #2 DC of WAS) and Kendall Roberson (9 sts, 2 int, 10 pbu). Roberson returned after missing the '99 season due to injury. Besides those two, they must also replace RDOG Eugene Clinton (9 sts @ DOG, 2 sts @ CB, 54 tkl, 3 int, 16 pbu) as well as backup George White (17 tkl's). Two players return with starting experience. Sherrill brings in an outstanding JUCO in Corey Banks (PS#14) who has 4.3 speed, was in for the spring and should be one of the SEC's top CB's. Also in the mix here are Richard Ball (5-11 185 Jr) who is PS#308JC, Curtis Stowers (6-1 222 So) who had 8 tackles as a true frosh, Demetric Wright (6-0 180 Jr) who is PS#69JC, JUCO Walter Burdett (6-1 215 Jr) and top signee Clarence McDougal (PS#29). I like the talent listed in the 2 deep below but with the loss of a player like Smoot and 2 other starters, this unit clearly looks weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength under Sherrill as they finished #7 in 1996, #6 in 1997 and #4 in 1998. After a rare #45 finish in 1999 they improved to #22 last year. They lose a big time K in Scott Westerfield who was one of the Lou Groza semifinalists and hit 12 of 18 FG's with a long of 43 last season. P Prentiss Cole also departs after averaging a solid 40.9 on 70 boots with a super net of 37.9. He did have one punt blocked. MSU usually gets some blocks and had 2 more blocked punts last year while the

MISSISSIPPI ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Dencenzo Miller	171	1081	28	1053	10	6.2					
Dontae Walker	164	966	28	938	12	5.7					
Wayne Madkin	80	361	144	217	6	2.7					
Justin Griffith	46	163	10	153	2	3.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Wayne Madkin	265	147	55.5	1979	10	8					
Kevin Fant	34	18	52.9	210	1	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Terrell Grindle	31	436	14.1	2	82						
Dencenzo Miller	28	374	13.4	3	78						
Donald Lee	21	233	11.1	2	32						
Larry Huntington	19	361	19.0	2	58						
Justin Griffith	19	240	12.6	2	41						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Prentiss Cole	70	2861	40.9	-	37.9	1	23				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Scott Westerfield	4-5	7-11	1-1	0-1	12-18	43					
PLAYER	TKL	SCF	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCF	TFL	PBU	INT
M. Haggan	141	6	5	2	1	Dor. Davis	62	1	3	5	0
J. Morgan	100	3	4	2	1	Fred Smoot	55	0	2	19	5
Pig Prather	78	5	6	4	1	E. Clinton	54	3	3	16	3
C. Stephens	77	3	4	1	0	E. Wymys	53	3	9	0	0
Rob Knight	68	2	1	3	0	S. Byrdson	42	0	1	5	2
T. Golliday	68	1	4	4	0	Jason Clark	24	0	0	1	1
Willie Blade	67	4	9	0	0	K. Roberson	22	0	0	10	2
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Larry Huntington	27	238	8.8	0	Dontae Walker	11	294	26.7	0		

coverage units allowed just 6.9 per PR and 19.8 on KR's. Pig Prather averaged 22.9 on KR's and Dontae Walker 26.7 as MSU was #21 in the NCAA in KR's. They were #48 in PR's but their top man, Larry Huntington, departs. However, Ray Ray Bivines and Corey Banks are among the Bulldogs' many capable replacements. They do have a HT K to take Westerfield's place in John Michael Marlin (PS#25) who had three 50 yard FG's in HS and handled the kickoff chores last year, but has yet to attempt a college placement. He will contend for both of the vacant kicking jobs. They also lose 3 year long snapper Michael Bender. Even with the losses, I expect MSU to contend for Top 25 honors once again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jackie Sherrill is doing a great job here. In 1998 they played for the SEC Title for the first time in 57 years and won six SEC games for the first time ever. In 1999 they got off to an 8-0 start thanks to a soft schedule and four late comeback wins. They also were remarkably healthy that year. They were ranked as high as #8 in the country, MSU's highest ranking since 1981. Last year they had massive graduation losses with just 9 starters back. They still managed their third consecutive season of 8 or more wins and they are the only SEC West team to accomplish that feat. They are also 20-13 overall vs the SEC over the last four years, which is the best record among SEC West teams. Sherrill is #5 in total wins among active coaches. On top of the graduation losses, MSU was also hit hard by injuries last year and this time blew double digit leads in all four losses! Sparky Woods is the off coor and the 386.4 ypg in the regular season last year was the 2nd best in school history. The offense was spearheaded by a powerful rush attack and they led the SEC in rushing, averaging 4.7 ypc. With the talented tandem of TB's, a 4 year starting veteran QB and strong offensive line, the offense could be more explosive this year. They may not top the 32.5 ppg from last year as the defense scored 7 TD's and overall the team was +10 in turnovers. Joe Lee Dunn is probably the best defensive coordinator in the country and throws some amazing schemes at opposing offenses. Last year he had just 3 starters back and had to replace 12 lettermen and it was not his typical unit as they allowed 25.5 ppg and 340 ypg, dramatic dropoffs from the 13.0 ppg and 236 ypg allowed in 1999. He has 5 returning starters to work with this year, while that is not a lot, it is still 2 more than last season. They actually finished #7 in the SEC in defense which is probably their lowest finish yet under Dunn. MSU has a great shot at winning the SEC West once again this

year but I have a major concern in the fact that they benefitted from +10 turnovers last season (see page 277). You would expect with a Joe Lee Dunn defense that it would be a common occurrence, but the last time it happened was in 1994 when they finished 8-3 and were +13 in turnovers. The following year in 1995, without the benefit of those double digit turnovers, they were 3-8. This MSU team is much more talented and the program is further along, so I look for MSU to likely have another winning season (they have 7 home games) and get to their third straight bowl game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB WAYNE MADKIN SR. 6-4 227 PS#79. 21 sts, 3641 yds (49.4%), 21-21 ratio, 377 rush yds in 1st 2 yrs. 12 sts ly, 1979 yds (56%), 10-8 ratio, 361 rush. Career pass leader here.
RB DENCZO MILLER SR. 5-10 207 PS#43. 552 yds in 98-99. 12 sts in 2000, 1053 yds #1 SEC w/6.2 ypc. Dontae Walker (5-10 225 Jr) PS#2. 402 yds (4.7) as true. 938 yds (5.7) in 2000.
FB JUSTIN GRIFFITH JR. 5-11 221 PS#54. 12 sts in 99. 197 yds (3.0), 39 rec (10.1). 153 yds (3.3) in 2000, 19 rec (12.6). Darnell Jones (5-11 242 rF) PS#135LB. Coco Hodge is PS#42.
WR TERRELL GRINDLE JR. 5-10 180 PS#66. 5 sts as true, 14 rec (15.5). 4.4 speed. #1 in 2000 w/31 rec (14.1). Clarence Parker (6-2 203 Sr) PS#90JC. 2 sts here ly, 8 rec (17.9).
WR Antonio Hargro rF. 6-3 185 PS#20. 2000. 4.39 speed! Justin Jenkins PS#101. 7 rec (22.9). 46 yds rush ly. McKinley Scott (6-0 190 rF) PS#153. Ray Ray Bivines PS#27.
TE DONALD LEE JR. 6-4 218 PS#88. 3 sts as true, 5 rec (10.8). 9 sts in 2000, 21 rec (11.1). Aaron Lumpkin (6-4 260 So) PS#25. 9 games ly. Tommy Ferrill (6-4 248 So).
C DONALD TUCKER SO. 6-4 340 PS#46 in 99. Played in 4 of U/5 at OT ly, 49 snaps vs Mid Tenn St. Blake Jones (6-2 283 So) PS#379. 4 gms ly. Michael Allen (6-3 340 Jr) PS#44JC ly.
RG TOMMY WATSON SR. 6-4 303 PS#173JC. 12 sts at RG here in 2000, 86% blk grade last 5 games. Kyle Wallace (6-5 320 Jr) PS#169. 21 games as backup in 2 years.
LG COURTNEY LEE SR. 6-4 336 PS#29JUCO. 12 sts at LG ly, 7 pancakes. Will Rogers (6-5 314 rF) PS#270. Brad Weathers (6-5 320 Fr) was on 2 year Mormon mission.
RT DERRICK THOMPSON SO. 6-6 304 PS#16TE. 5 starts at RT in 2000, 78% blocking grade. David Stewart (6-6 294 rF) is PS#109. Eric Thompson (6-6 334 So) is PS#57.
LT KENRIC FAIRCHILD SR. 6-4 318 PS#130DL. 11 starts in 99 (6 @ RT, 5 @ RG). 12 sts in 2000, (7 @ RT, 5 @ LG). Carl Hutchins (6-5 306 Jr) PS#191. 10 games in 2 years.
K JOHN MICHAEL MARLIN SO. 5-8 155 PS#25K. Hit 35 of 36 xp's in HS. Hit 9 of 22 FG's as a senior & had a 54 yd FG in HS. Handled KO duties here, 13 of 59 KO's were TB's.

DE CONNER STEPHENS SR. 6-4 250 PS#44DL. 2 sts, 22 tkl's as true at LB. 7 sts in '99, 11 tfl, 60 tkl's. 12 sts ly, 77 tkl's, 10 pbu. Ivan Billie (6-2 233 Jr) PS#137. 7 tkl's, 2 tfl last year.
DT DORSETT DAVIS SR. 6-6 314 PS#12JUCO. 44 tackles, 5 t fls here in '99. 10 starts last year, 62 tackles, 4 tfl's, 5 pbu. Kahili Nash (6-4 265 Jr) is PS#186JUCO. 4.8 speed.
NG Demotio Youngblood rF. 6-4 240 PS#245. 4.6 speed. Greg Jack (6-2 230 Jr) redshirt last year. Dannie Snyder (6-3 285 Jr) was 2nd Team All-Arizona at JUCO. 4.8 speed.
DT Lennie Day So. 6-3 248 PS#27TE. 9 tkl's in 8 games (inj) as rF. Jadice Moore (6-3 293 rF) PS#63DL. is strong & athletic. Tommy Kelly (6-6 280 So) PS#284JUCO.
DE Robert Spivey rF. 6-1 240 PS#96DL. 1 gm as true in inj. Dwayne Robertson (6-0 213 Sr) PS#109JC in '99. 16 tkl's in 2 injury plagued years. Kamau Jackson is PS#92JC.
LB MARIO HAGGAN JR. 6-3 253 PS#117. 18 tkl's, 3 tfl as rF. 11 sts ly, #1 in SEC w/ 141 tkl's, 11 tfl, 1st Tm SEC. Jason Clark (6-1 236 So) PS#22. 24 tkl's as true. Corey Brown is PS#16JC.
DOG PIG PRATHER SR. 6-2 195 PS#49RB. 95 yds as true. 11 sts at FS in '99, 81 tkl's, 3 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 10 sts at DOG ly, 78 tkl's, 11 tfl. Miles Randle (6-2 205 So) PS#140. 15 tkl's ly.
CB Corey Banks Jr. 5-11 172 PS#14JUCO in for spring. 4.3 speed. Jonathan Bell (5-10 180 rF) PS#53WR. 4.5 speed. Slovakia Griffith (5-11 180 rF) PS#380DB last year.
CB Marco Minor Sr. 6-4 205 PS#40WR in 98. JUCO in 98 & 99. Started bowl ly.
SS Shawn Byrdson Sr. 5-9 181 PS#85. 4 tkl's, 13 games as true. 16 tkl's in 99. 4 sts last year, 42 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu. Bryan Shumaker (5-7 185 So) PS#28RB. 2 tkl's as true frosh.
FS JOSH MORGAN JR. 6-1 194 PS#190QB in 98. 1 st in 99. 24 tkl's, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 sts ly, 100 tkl's, 7 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu. David Mooneyham (6-0 195 So) PS#212WR. 6 games ly.
P Jared Cook rF. 5-10 185 Played QB/DB/P in high school. Avg'd 43.4 as Jr in HS & 45.6 as Sr. RS here last year. John Michael Marlin (PS#25) avg'd 40+ in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Clarence McDougal 6-1 205 PS#29
RB Coco Hodge 6-1 230 PS#42
LB Chris McNeil 6-4 280 PS#49
DB Corey Banks 5-11 172 PS#14JC
LB Corey Brown 6-1 225 PS#16JC
OL Avery House 6-5 285 PS#60
OL Vico Bennett 6-1 190 PS#101
DB Demetric Wright 6-0 180 PS#69JC
LB Kamau Jackson 6-1 238 PS#92JC
QB Kyle York 6-2 200 PS#103
LB Jeff Billings 6-2 250 PS#131
DL Kahili Nash 6-4 265 PS#186JC
LB Brandon Downing 6-2 225 PS#234
DL Tommy Kelly 6-6 280 PS#284JC
DB Richard Ball 5-11 185 PS#308JC

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MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bulldogs play all of their reg season games on grass this year but including the postseason they are 12-5-1 ATS in their L/18 turf games. The SU winner in MSU bowl games is 8-0 ATS. MSU is 4-1 ATS vs current Big 12 teams since 1991.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 3	Memphis (Mon)	G												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 15	BYU	G												
Sep. 20	S Carolina (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 29	at Florida	G												
Oct. 6	at Auburn	G												
Oct. 13	Troy St (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	LSU	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	Kentucky	G												
Nov. 10	at Alabama	G												
Nov. 17	at Arkansas	G												
Nov. 22	Mississippi (Thur)	G												

Bulldogs have won 7 straight openers SU, avg margin of 19 ppg. Mississippi St is 3-7 ATS vs Memphis under Sherrill.

MSU is 15-6 ATS after a bye under Sherrill, but 1-3 ATS L2Y. Miss St was 23-14 ATS vs non-SEC foes prior to 2001.

Bulldogs are 8-13 ATS last 21 SEC openers but 4-1 ATS L5Y. MSU is 6-2 ATS vs the Gamecocks.

Miss St is 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs Florida. MSU is 11-2 ATS overall, 8-2 ATS for Sherrill in road openers.

Could apply: Dogs came into 2001 w/a 21-9 ATS mark L/30 as an AD. MSU is 3-5 ATS last 8 vs Auburn but won & covered last year.

For more information on Troy St, see Page 257. Miss St is 7-1-1 SU & 5-4 ATS when favored by 20 or more pts.

The home team is 4-1 SU the L/5 but 2-4 ATS the L/6 in this series. Bulldogs are 3-10 ATS last 13, 1-8 ATS last 9 vs the Tigers.

The road team has covered 3 straight meetings but is 1-2 SU in the span. MSU is 19-11 ATS in their L/30 November contests, but 3-5 L2Y.

The visitor is 10-5 ATS in this series since 1986. Pending the 9/29 result, MSU is 15-3 ATS in the 1st of B2B AG's.

Could apply: MSU came into 2001 w/a 21-12 ATS mark L/33 off a SU loss. The underdog is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.

Home team won SU & ATSLY but is only 2-5 SU, 1-6 ATS in this Golden Egg battle. Bulldogs are 1-6 ATS in their last 7 Starkville finales.

Bonus: The favorite is 8-5 ATS in this rivalry.

STADIUM: SCOTT FIELD (45,286)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	3-8	5-6	7-4	8-4	9-2	7-4	47-31
ATS	8-3	4-7	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	6-5	41-36
Home Fav	3-0	1-5	1-2	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2	14-17
Home Dog	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	5-5
Away Fav	3-1	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	10-8
Away Dog	1-0	3-2	2-0	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	12-6
Favorite	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-4	4-1	3-6	5-5	24-25
Dog	2-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	4-2	1-1	1-0	17-11
Grass	8-3	3-7	6-5	5-6	7-2	4-7	6-5	39-35
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4	4-4	8-1	3-5	4-4	31-26
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	10-10
Off SU Win	4-3	1-2	0-4	4-3	4-3	3-5	4-3	20-23
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-4	5-1	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-2	17-10

MISSISSIPPI ST (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
SEC
WEST



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* **Returning: 45 (23,21,1)**
DEFENSE: 5 **Lost: 23 (10,10,3)**

LETTERMEN:

MISSISSIPPI STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF			
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP			
6*	32.5	18	198	4.7	182	54.8	11.7	+10	2000	3	25.5	19	107	3.1	233	49.2	13.3
2*	21.3	17	102	3.0	217	51.7	15.0	+4	1999	7	13.0	15	68	1.9	168	50.9	18.2
8*	26.9	16	165	4.2	155	46.0	11.9	+3	1998	4	19.7	19	154	3.5	170	51.3	16.5
6	20.6	16	159	4.0	156	48.0	15.3	-2	1997	6	19.6	19	111	3.3	227	57.4	17.3
7*	22.6	17	159	3.9	168	45.7	14.4	0	1996	5	20.8	18	126	3.1	219	53.3	16.8
5	23.7	18	133	3.8	210	53.5	14.4	-6	1995	3	32.5	23	211	4.6	226	63.8	13.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Memphis	7	34-45	1.3	10-20	82	4		13	41-87	2.1	10-34	81	5		+3
at BYU	14	33-217	6.6	13-20	167	1		28	32-74	2.3	27-50	268	3		+2
at S Carolina	16	37-94	2.5	17-36	224	3		17	32-30	0.9	20-41	330	3		-1
Florida	25	57-351	6.2	14-27	166	3		26	22-(-78)	-3.5	34-57	494	6		0
Auburn	17	42-135	3.2	18-31	208	0		7	19-18	0.9	17-32	146	1		-3
at LSU	20	40-239	6.0	12-26	215	0		27	43-220	5.1	24-38	246	3		+1
Mid Tenn St	29	45-270	6.0	18-26	260	1		24	33-190	5.8	18-40	337	2		+3
at Kentucky	23	44-253	5.8	11-20	212	0		27	31-122	3.9	23-53	264	2		+2
Alabama	22	50-276	5.5	18-27	262	0		12	28-31	1.1	13-31	281	1		+1
Arkansas	9	39-68	1.7	12-22	138	2		15	47-149	3.2	9-27	68	3		+2
at Mississippi	18	40-184	4.6	13-27	184	7		17	44-230	5.2	11-23	147	0		-1
Texas A&M (Bowl)	16	40-246	6.2	9-19	71	1		14	47-209	4.4	9-11	133	1		+1
TOTALS	216	501-2378	4.7	165-301	2189	22		227	419-1282	3.1	215-437	2795	30		+10
AVERAGES	18.0	42-198	4.7	14-25	182	1.8		18.9	35-107	3.1	18-36	233	2.5		0.8

Coach: JACKIE SHERRILL (Career 172-93-4)
Sherrill's records AT MISSISSIPPI STATE

11th Year at Mississippi St	21-24	Home Favorite
67-48-2 Straight Up	9-5	Home Underdog
61-49 Vs The Spread	12-12	Away Favorite
25-15 Off A S/U Loss	19-9	Away Underdog
45-35 Vs Conference	16-14	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Peach	-1'	N Carolina	17-21	L
94	Peach	-6'	NC State	24-28	L
98	Cotton	+6'	Texas	11-38	L
99	Peach	+3	Clemson	17-7	W
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M	43-41	W

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-4	31-10	W
Louisiana Tech	-18	23-38	L
at S Carolina	+1'	14-10	W
Georgia	+3'	19-38	L
Auburn	+11	15-49	L
at LSU	+19	20-28	W
NE Louisiana	-20	59-0	W
at Kentucky	-5'	21-24	L
Alabama	+12'	17-16	W
Arkansas	-6	13-16	L
at Mississippi	-2'	17-0	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-10	13-10	L
Kentucky	-5'	35-27	W
LSU	+10	9-24	L
S Carolina	+3	37-17	W
at Georgia	+11	0-47	L
NE Louisiana	-17	24-10	L
UCF	-4'	35-28	W
at Auburn	+17	20-0	W
at Alabama	+3	32-20	W
at Arkansas	-5'	7-17	L
Mississippi	-1	14-15	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-12'	42-0	W
at Memphis	-10'	14-6	L
at Oklahoma St	+1	23-42	L
at S Carolina	+2'	38-0	W
Auburn	-1	38-21	W
E Tenn St	NL	53-6	-
at LSU	+8	6-41	L
at Kentucky	+7'	35-37	W
Alabama	-3	26-14	W
Arkansas	+3	22-21	W
at Mississippi	-6	28-6	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	40-7	L
Memphis	-13'	13-10	L
Oklahoma St	-3	29-11	W
S Carolina	-13'	17-0	W
at Vanderbilt	-5'	42-14	W
at Auburn	-3	18-16	L
LSU	-15'	17-16	L
Kentucky	-6'	23-22	L
at Alabama	+6	7-19	L
at Arkansas	+7'	9-14	W
Mississippi	-3'	23-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-5	17-3	W
at BYU	-2	44-28	W
at S Carolina	-1	19-23	L
Florida	+7	47-35	W
Auburn	-1	17-10	W
at LSU	-6	38-45	L
Mid Tenn St	-27'	61-35	L
at Kentucky	-6'	35-17	W
Alabama	-7	29-7	W
Arkansas	-17	10-17	L
at Mississippi	-5'	30-45	L

AUBURN TIGERS



LT Kendall Simmons has 24 career starts and was 1st Team SEC and 3rd Team AA in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Ben Leard had a sensational 1999 season (when healthy), completing 71% with a 12-1 ratio. Last year he was healthy for most of the year but could not duplicate those numbers as he threw for 2,552 yards (62.1%) with a 15-12 ratio. Leard's numbers were still good enough to be named 1st TM SEC by the AP and he will indeed be missed as he leaves #2 in school history in completion percentage (60.6%). There are 4 top-notch QB's competing for the job. Eventually I look for rFr Jason Campbell (PS#2) to prevail and become a 3 or 4 year starter as he was able to learn the system while redshirting last year. Campbell may have to wait a year to claim the job, thanks to the emergence of Daniel Cobb (6-4 228 Sr). Cobb was PS#9 when he originally signed at Georgia but received a medical redshirt there in 1997. He went to JUCO and threw for 2,315 yards with a 24-10 ratio in 1999. He saw action here last year in just 3 games as the #2 man. He hit 8 of 12 for 216 yards in the spring game to solidify his hold on the #1 QB spot for fall. Jeff Klein (6-3 222 Jr) got in 4 starts in 1999, throwing for 1,038 yards (50.3%) with a 6-9 ratio. He tore his ACL last spring and missed a good portion of 2000, playing in just 3 games. Allen Tillman (6-2 209 So) was PS#31 but moved to WR in late spring. I like the talent level here and the stats last year were not overwhelming.

RUNNING BACKS - No player in the NCAA had a bigger impact on a position than did Rudi Johnson (#4 DC of CIN) who rushed for 2,224 yards (7.3) in JUCO in 1999 and was good enough to make it as my PS#1 JC last year. Auburn was last in the SEC rushing in 1999 and their leading rusher had just 330 yards. Johnson simply set an Auburn record for rush attempts in a season and had the second best rushing season (1,652 yards) in Auburn history, trailing only Bo Jackson's Heisman Trophy winning year's stats. The big difference between the two seasons was the fact that Jackson rushed for 6.4 ypc and Johnson just 4.7, but it was still an outstanding performance and he finished #9 in the NCAA in ypg rushing (130.6). FB Heath Evans (#3 DC of SEA) was powerful and he went 82 straight rush attempts without a loss. They formed a potent combo but both decided to leave early for the NFL, giving this area a huge void to fill. Tuberville promised this year's top signee Carnell Williams (PS#4) that he would be the #1 TB heading into fall camp, and I expect him to start immediately. I list 3 players below who will battle with him. Moore is finally healthy and has the most experience, and Brown is the player who reminds Tuberville the most of Johnson. Also in the mix at TB is Derrick Graves (6-1 195 Fr) who was PS#61 last year but didn't qualify and re-signed this year. At FB Brandon Johnson is a hard nosed blocker while Michael Owens is more of a finesse pass catching FB that is more dangerous out of the backfield. There is some talent here but with the loss of 2 NFL draft choices this unit is clearly weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year basically everyone returned to this unit and with more emphasis on the running game, I expected an overall dropoff in production. The star of the unit, Ronney Daniels, exploded down the stretch in his freshman year with 35 rec's over the last 5 games and was named the SEC Fresh of the Year. Daniels played 3 years of baseball so he was not a true "fresh." Daniels' production did indeed drop last year, as

he had 41 rec's (11.6). He did suffer some nagging injuries that caused him to miss parts of games. He had 7 receptions in the bowl and left early for the NFL but was not selected. They do suffer a couple of other losses in Reggie Worthy (23 rec's, 12.3) and Clifton Robinson (21 rec, 13.6). Deandre Green (PS#10) was suspended last May but then reinstated prior to the season and despite not starting, finished #3 with 27 rec's (10.7). I expect bigger things from him this year, and even though he left the team in spring for personal reasons, he is expected back. Tuberville feels they have the best TE position in the SEC with Lorenzo Diamond and Robert Johnson both returning. They do have 3 of their top 4 WR's back and as long as Green returns this group should be close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Auburn shuffled their O-line throughout the year and they averaged just 1.9 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had 6 players back with starting experience and had to replace only one starter due to graduation, but RT Tim Castro suffered severe migraines in the preseason which relegated him to mostly backup duties, so they basically only had 3 full-time starters returning. This year they are in even better shape as the only losses are RT Colin Sears (11 sts), C Cole Cubelic (3 sts) and RT Jeremy Tountget (1 st). I list the 2 deep below and this is an experienced group that last year paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing and only allowed 18 sacks. This is by far the most veteran unit on the team with 3 senior starters. I expect this to be one of the better offensive fronts in the SEC.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers play a 4-2-5 and the WHIP and ROV's are both basically hybrid DB/OLB's. I will list the WHIP as an LB and the ROV as a safety. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but Rob Pate moved from ROV to WHIP so they had 2 starters returning plus Tavarus Pounds, a '98 starter. This year they must replace MLB Alex Lincoln (13 sts, 1 st tk/r, 6 fl, 2nd TM SEC, #7 DC of SF), WHIP Rob Pate (12 sts, 34 tks, 5 pbu) and WHIP Courtney Rose (40 tks, 5 fl). Four players return to the unit with starting experience and Pounds had 57 tackles last year despite missing the final 4 games due to injury. In his place, Dontarrious Thomas started 3 times and the coaches believe that he probably has the most athletic talent on the team. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and they also add a VHT true frosh in Lemarcus Rowell (PS#4). Basically this unit has about the same amount of experience returning as last season and will continue to be strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #3 ranking in my pass efficiency ratings in '98, the Tigers had to replace 2 starters in '99 and dropped to #41. Last year they lost one starter to graduation and another moved from ROV to WHIP so they had 2 new starters in the secondary. Even with an inexperienced front 7, they still managed to finish a respectable #45, allowing 56% for 212 ypg with a 24-16 ratio but they took on a killer slate of opposing pass offenses, including having to play Florida twice. This year they lose CB Rodney Crayton (43 tks, 5 int, 15 pbu), CB Larry Casher (46 tks, 12 sts, 1 int, 11 pbu) and CB Dominick Hanton (8 tks). Although only 1 starter returns, they do have some experience as VHT Stanford Simmons had 6 starts last year as a soph and Travaris Robinson had 1 start at DB last year and also 4 WR starts in '99. Overall they are breaking in a pair of new CB's and are a little less experienced and it will be tough to improve much on their pass defense numbers from last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to Tommy Tuberville taking over, Auburn special teams ranked 94th and 84th in the previous 2 years. Tuberville's special teams at Ole Miss always ranked in the upper half of the NCAA and in his first year here they were #33 thanks in good part to the net punting of Damon Duval who averaged 42.9 per kick with a net of 38.1. Last year they wanted to replace Duval as the FG man. He hit just 9 of 15 FG's in 1999 and after his key miss vs Alabama, Tuberville vowed that they would have a new FG kicker for the 2000 season. They signed Philip Yost (PS#5) who hit 11 of 15 FG's in high school with a long of 52 and had 87% of his K's go for touchdowns. Yost did not even use a tee in high school. Duval beat him out for the job but missed his first 3 FG's. Tuberville hung in there, providing Yost a redshirt and Duval hit 14 of his last 16 FG's including a long of 49 and is a perfect 61 of 61 on xps

AUBURN 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Rudi Johnson	349	1784	132	1652	14	4.7					
Heath Evans	45	277	1	276	2	6.1					
Tim Carter	17	123	9	114	0	6.7					
Casiniou Moore	23	63	2	61	0	2.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Ben Leard	356	221	62.1	2552	15	12					
Jeff Klein	26	12	46.2	101	1	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ronney Daniels	41	476	11.6	4	66						
Marcel Willis	32	421	13.2	1	48						
Deandre Green	27	289	10.7	3	31						
Tim Carter	24	313	13.0	1	38						
Reggie Worthy	23	282	12.3	2	35						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Damon Duval	68	2939	43.2	9	37.7	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Damon Duval	6-7	2-2	6-9	0-1	14-19	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
Alex Lincoln	83	0	6	2	1	R. Hood	44	0	3	5	0
D. McNeil	73	5	8	4	0	R. Crayton	43	0	1	15	5
D. Thomas	68	1	3	5	0	Javor Mills	42	2.5	5	0	0
T. Pounds	57	2	6	0	0	Courtney Rose	40	2	3	1	1
R. Walker	51	0.5	4	2	1	Mark Brown	36	0	1	2	0
Larry Casher	46	0	3	11	1	Rob Pate	34	2	1	5	2
S. Simmons	46	0	2	7	2	T. Robinson	32	0	0	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
C. Robinson	28	217	7.8	0	Tim Carter	20	463	23.2	1		

in his career. Duval did not let the extra duties of kicker bother him as he was #2 in the SEC and #11 in the NCAA with a 43.2 punting average and his net punting of 37.7 ranked 15th in the NCAA. He was 1st Team SEC. There is a chance Yost may handle some of the duties for his first year. Overall they were #5 in the SEC and #52 in the nation in KR's and Tim Carter, who averaged a solid 23.2 on his 20 returns, is back to handle those duties. They must replace top PR Clifton Robinson but the unit ranked just 10th in the SEC. Duval's punts were rarely returned but when they were the 27 punts returned (out of 68) went for a 12.4 average. They did allow just 18.4 on KR's and with Yost and Duval both having strong legs for KO's, that should continue to be a solid area. The Tigers have blocked 2 punts in both of Tuberville's seasons and should remain solid in that area. Overall the Tigers were #33 in my special teams rankings last year and look like a clear Top 20 candidate this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Auburn was 44-10-1 SU from 1993-1997 but surprisingly fell to 3-8 in 1998. In 1999 they jumped out to a 3-0 start but then lost their QB and struggled through a second straight losing season. Last year the Tigers had to replace 7 starters from the defense but I called for a winning season and they even exceeded my expectations. The Tigers went 9-2 during the regular season and played in the SEC Title game and a January 1 bowl game versus Michigan (lost both). They were a very healthy team last year, suffering few injuries and went 7-0 SU at home for their first perfect home mark since 1993. They do suffer some big losses this year with 22 lettermen departing and there are only a handful of seniors on this year's squad. They suffered some unexpected losses when 3 star offensive players in RB Johnson, WR Daniels and FB Evans left early for the NFL. They also lose QB Leard and have just 5 starters back on that side of the ball with 13 offensive lettermen lost overall. The offense is the question mark this season. Despite the fact they had just 4 starters back on defense last year they still finished #1 in the SEC and #14 in the NCAA's rankings for total defense and had 2 shutouts versus SEC schools. Six starters are back on that side of the ball this year and Auburn should rank in the upper half of the SEC in defense once again. With just 11 starters back including only 6 seniors on the 2 deep, this is the youngest team in the SEC and will likely not benefit from the injury free season they enjoyed last year. The schedule is also tougher with 5 road games including some trips to tough spots like Death Valley, Syracuse, Arkansas and Between the Hedges. Matching last year's 9 victory total would be quite an accomplishment for Tuberville and his boys.

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RB Rodney Mars 6-0 190 PS#48
RB David Irons 6-0 185 PS#73
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DEFENSE

QB Jason Campbell rFr. 6-5 213 PS#2, 2884 pass 500 rush as Sr in HS. Daniel Cobb (6-4 228 Sr) PS#9 & orig at UGA. #4JC ly. Jeff Klein (6-3 222 Jr) 4 sts 1038 yds in 99.
RB Carnell Williams Fr. 5-11 185 PS#4. Casiniou Moore (6-0 219 So) PS#59, 87 yds ly. Ronnie Brown (6-1 226 rFr) PS#78. Chris Butler (5-11 207 So) Nebraska transfer.
FB Brandon Johnson So. 6-0 231 PS#150 in 99. Hard nosed FB. 16 yds last year & 6 tks at LB. Michael Owens (6-0 225 Jr) PS#38, 49 yds as true. 3 yds ly at FB/TB positions.
WR Marcel Willis Jr. 6-1 182 PS#136, 9 rec (12.3) as true, #2 w/32 rec (13.2) ly. Anthony Mix PS#21. Joe Walkins (5-9 173 rFr) PS#107. Trevor Bowman (6-3 205 rFr) PS#7.
WR Deandre Green So. 6-2 210 PS#10. Susp in offseason, reinstated ly. 27 rec (10.7) as true, 3 TD's. Tim Carter (6-0 197 Jr) 5 sts ly, 24 rec (13.0), 114 rush. Jervis McIntyre PS#156.
TE ROBERT JOHNSON Jr. 6-6 271 PS#12, 2 starts as a true, 12 rec (14.0). Lorenzo Diamond (6-3 248 Jr) PS#27, 6 sts in 99, 13 rec (12.2). 8 sts in 2000, 16 rec (10.8).
C BEN NOWLAND JR. 6-2 306 1 st as true, med recs. Backup in 99. 10 sts ly. added 14 lbs. Michael Lindsey (6-4 276 So) PS#47TE. Jimmy St. Louis (6-5 248 rFr) PS#26TE.
RG MIKE PUCILLO SR. 6-4 315 PS#27. Last 5 starts as rFr. 9 sts in 99, 13 sts in 2000. Mark Pera (6-6 295 So) PS#91, 2nd string as rFr. Ron Samuel (6-3 290 rFr) PS#177.
LG HART MCGARRY SR. 6-5 289 PS#326, 5 sts in 99, 13 sts ly. 3 letters. Steve Goula (6-5 295 So) PS#363, RS in 99, 2nd string ly. David Walker (6-3 295 Fr) is PS#84.
RT Monrore Crittenden So. 6-5 344 PS#247 in 99, 2nd string last year as rFr. Ryan Broome (6-7 298 rFr) PS#288 and RS ly. Taylor Bourgeois (6-6 280 Fr) is PS#123.
LT KENDALL SIMMONS SR. 6-3 319 PS#105DL, 3 sts as true, 5 sts in 98, 3 starts in 99, med recs. 13 sts ly & top OL here. 1st TM SEC, 3rd TM AA. Rich Trucks (6-7 330 Fr) K DAMON DUVAL JR. 6-0 184 PS#11. Hit 9 of 15 FG's in 99 long of 47. Missed first 3 ly then 14-16, long of 49 & 6 of 9 from 40-49. Perfect 61-61 xps in his career.

DE JAVOR MILLS SR. 6-5 271 PS#4JC, 9 sts here ly, 42 tks, 7.5 fl. James Callier (6-1 246 Sr) 7 sts, 64 tks, 4 fl in 98. Injd L/2Y, 29 tks. Top Defensive Player in spring.
DE DeMARCUS MCNEIL SO. 6-1 301 PS#12 in 99, 13 sts, 73 tks, 5 sks, 8 fl as rFr. Dexter Murphy (6-2 268 So) PS#295OL, 1 st, 2 tks last year. Nate French (6-3 297 rFr) PS#40.
DE Spencer Johnson So. 6-3 273 PS#42LB, 29 tks, 3 sks, 2 fl as true. Marcus Johnson (6-2 283 rFr) PS#87. Marcus White (6-3 277 So) PS#23, 5 tks, 1 sk as a true frosh.
DE REGGIE TORBOR SO. 6-3 238 PS#96RB, 11 sts as rFr, 29 tks, 4 sks, speedy. Alton Moore (6-6 263 Sr) PS#2JC, 2 sts, 19 tks, 4 fl here ly. Bret Eddins (6-5 255 rFr) PS#74.
LB TAVAREUS POUNDS SR. 6-1 245 PS#104, 9 sts as rFr, 58 tks, 3 fls, 3 fl in 99. 9 sts ly (inj) 57 tks, 4 fl. Dontarrious Thomas (6-3 225 So) 3 sts, 68 tks, 4 fl, 5 pbu as rFr.
MLB Mark Brown Jr. 6-1 239 PS#212, 3 tks as rFr, 4 sts last year, 36 tks, 1 fl. Phillip Pate (6-3 212 So), 5 tks. Mayo Sowell (6-2 219 rFr) PS#63. Lemarcus Rowell is PS#4.
WHIP ROSHARD GILYARD SO. 5-9 208 PS#54, 7 starts as rFr last year, 20 tks, 1 int, 4 pbu. Victor Horn (6-1 231 rFr) PS#214 in 1999 Hargrave. Karlos Dansby (6-4 215 So) PS#97.
CB RODERICK HOOD JR. 5-10 192 44 tks, 5 pbu ly. Ronaldo Atiny (6-10 188 Jr) PS#360RB, 9 tks, 2 pbu last year. Rodney Mars was PS#48 in 2000. Dee Durham is PS#90.
CB TRAVARIS ROBINSON JR. 5-10 187 PS#63WR, 4 starts as true, 18 rec (19.7), 12 tks, 1 start at CB last year, 32 tks, 1 int, 2 pbu. Junior Rosegreen (6-0 180 rFr) was PS#106.
ROV RASHAUD WALKER JR. 5-9 206 PS#60, 14 tks as a rFr, 1 int, 3 pbu, 13 tks last year, 51 tks, 4.5 fl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Damien Postell (6-0 215 Jr) PS#252RB has good size.
FS Stanford Simmons Jr. 6-2 198 PS#61, 1 start, 18 tks as true, 6 starts ly, 46 tks, 2 int, 7 pbu. Donnay Young (6-0 191 rFr) PS#115. Horace Willis (6-1 200 Jr) is PS#240JC.
P Damon Duval Jr. 6-0 184 PS#11, 57 punts as true, 42.9 avg, net of 38.1, 68 punts in 2000, 43.2 average (#2 in SEC, #15 NCAA) and net of 37.7, 1st team SEC-AP.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tigers are 3-7 ATS their last 10 vs Tennessee.
Look ahead has not affected Auburn as they are 9-0 SU prior to LSU.
Auburn is 13-1 SU in their home opener.
Tigers are 2-9 ATS their last 11 at "The Swamp."
War Eagle are 10-3 ATS in the first game of a 2(+) homestand.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AUB Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Ball St	G												
Sep. 8	Mississippi	G												
Sep. 15	at LSU	G												
Sep. 22	at Syracuse	A												
Sep. 29	at Vanderbilt	G												
Oct. 6	Mississippi St	G												
Oct. 13	Florida	G												
Oct. 20	Louisiana Tech (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Arkansas	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	at Georgia	G												
Nov. 17	Alabama	G												
Nov. 24														

Auburn is 1-6 ATS when favored by 20 or more points.
Tigers are 26-5 SU in Sept since 1993 & 15-11 ATS in that span.
War Eagle are 4-14 ATS in their 2nd straight at Jordan-Hare.
Auburn has won 11 of the last 13 meetings SU vs Ole Miss.
Tigers are 4-7 ATS their last 11 vs LSU, but 2-0 last 2 years.
Tommy Tuberville teams are 4-0 SU & ATS the last 4 yrs vs LSU.
Last time these 2 teams met it ended up in a 16-16 tie in the '87 Sugar Bowl.
This is the Tigers 1st regular season game on art turf since 1994.
Tigers are 7-0 SU, 4-2-1 ATS vs Vandy since 1980.
This will be the 1st time Aub has played 3 straight road gms in at least 25 yrs.
The favorite has covered 7 of the last 9 series meetings.
Tigers have been tamed in Oct, as they are 7-17 ATS L/24 (0-4 LY).
Auburn is 2-8 ATS as a home underdog since 1994.
Counting the postseason, Auburn is 4-14 ATS vs the Gators.
This will be the 3rd time since 1997 that LA Tech is Auburn's Homecoming foe.
The Tigers have won the L/5 previous meetings SU but did lose ATSLY.
Auburn is just 3-11 ATS prior to a bye week.
The road team is a dismal 1-6 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Bonus: Despite a 2-0 mark LY, Aub is 8-13 ATS their L/21 Nov gms.
The underdog is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Auburn is 14-6 ATS their last 20 vs the Bulldogs.
Tigers are 3-8 ATS the last 11 years vs their arch rival.
War Eagle are 1-6 ATS in their home finale.
Bonus 1: The underdog is 13-8-1 ATS in the Iron Bowl since 1979.
Bonus 2: 1992 was the last time a team was shutout in this series,
& Auburn got their revenge the next year with a 22-14 win over Bama in 1993.

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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-1-1	8-3	7-4	9-3	3-8	5-6	9-3	50-28-1
ATS	5-4	3-7	5-5	7-5	3-8	4-6	6-6	33-41
Home Fav	3-2	2-3	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-2	4-3	15-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-4	1-2	0-0	2-8
Away Fav	1-2	1-3	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	7-6
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	1-3	9-9
Favorite	4-4	3-6	4-4	4-4	1-1	1-2	5-3	22-24
Dog	1-0	0-1	1-1	3-1	2-7	3-4	1-3	11-17
Grass	5-3	3-7	5-5	6-5	3-8	4-6	6-5	32-39
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	25-33
vs Non-Conf	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	8-8
Off SU Win	6-2	1-5	3-4	4-4	0-3	2-3	5-4	21-25
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	3-4	2-3	0-2	10-13

AUBURN (9-4) SEC WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 43 (22,18,3)
Lost: 22 (13,9,0)



AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
8*	24.3	18	158	4.1	209	60.4	15.1	-1	2000	4	20.5	17	103	3.4	212
8*	21.2	16	68	1.9	227	58.4	13.9	+6	1999	7	21.5	20	103	3.2	260
4	15.1	15	94	2.6	176	45.8	17.9	-2	1998	8	21.4	15	119	3.3	188
7*	26.2	18	77	2.5	270	51.4	13.3	+4	1997	8	19.2	17	110	3.2	219
5	33.2	22	156	3.9	244	55.6	12.0	+13	1996	9	23.1	20	142	3.5	232
8*	36.5	23	198	5.2	249	59.1	12.6	+2	1995	5	23.6	20	159	4.1	234

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	TURN
Wyoming	19	45-177	3.9	12-21	266	3		15	27-29	1.1	20-36	213	4		-1
at Mississippi	21	51-261	5.1	13-26	160	0		17	32-152	4.8	11-26	105	1		+2
LSU	22	48-196	4.1	21-30	225	0		12	26-83	3.2	13-30	214	3		0
N Illinois	22	35-189	5.4	21-29	222	3		22	42-129	3.1	17-35	239	4		+1
Vanderbilt	15	33-154	4.7	16-33	227	1		10	29-65	2.2	15-34	87	2		-1
at Mississippi St	7	19-18	0.9	17-32	146	1		17	42-135	3.2	18-31	208	0		+3
at Florida	19	32-119	3.7	20-34	203	3		16	29-116	4.0	16-26	243	0		-3
Louisiana Tech	21	48-301	6.3	12-18	135	2		29	17-36	2.1	47-65	433	3		+2
Arkansas	18	39-113	2.9	19-30	240	0		16	29-166	5.7	20-42	204	0		0
Georgia	16	37-150	4.1	24-38	149	1		12	26-55	2.1	23-35	164	1		+1
at Alabama	17	47-162	3.4	10-20	139	1		8	22-23	1.0	12-29	112	3		-2
Florida (SEC Title)	19	28-120	4.3	23-43	208	1		20	35-191	5.5	17-26	238	1		-1
Michigan (Bowl)	23	35	92	4.6	28	37	394	2	21	42	159	5.5	15	21	294
TOTALS	239	497-2052	4.1	236-391	2714	18		215	398-1339	3.4	244-436	2754	26		-1
AVERAGES	18.4	38-158	4.1	18-30	209	1.4		16.5	31-103	3.4	19-34	212	2.0		-0.1

Coach: TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 39-30) Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

3rd Year at Auburn	5-5	Home Favorite
14-10	Straight Up	1-2
10-12	Vs The Spread	1-0
2-5	Off A S/U Loss	3-5
8-9	Vs Conference	2-3
		Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	90	Peach	-9'	Indiana	27-23	L
	95	Outback	+2'	Penn St	14-43	L
	96	Independence	-7'	Army	32-29	L
	97	Peach	-4'	Clemson	21-17	L
	00	Citrus	+7'	Michigan	28-31	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	NL	29-0	W	at Virginia	-4'	28-17	W	Virginia	+1	0-19	L	Appalachian St	NL	22-15	W	Wyoming	-12'	35-21	W
Fresno St	-16'	62-0	W	Mississippi	-20'	19-9	L	at Mississippi	+3	17-0	W	Idaho	-11	30-23	L	at Mississippi	+4'	35-27	W
at Mississippi	-10'	45-28	W	at LSU	+4'	31-28	W	LSU	+5	19-31	L	at LSU	+8'	41-7	W	LSU	-6'	34-17	W
LSU	-7	15-19	L	UCF	-16	41-14	W	Tennessee	+6'	9-17	L	Mississippi	-4	17-24	L	N Illinois	-23'	31-14	L
S Carolina	-19	28-24	L	at S Carolina	-7'	23-6	W	at Mississippi St	+1	21-38	L	at Tennessee	+19	0-24	L	Vanderbilt	-14	33-0	W
at Mississippi St	-11	49-15	W	Louisiana Tech	-24	49-13	W	at Florida	+19	3-24	L	Mississippi St	+3	16-18	W	at Mississippi St	+1	10-17	L
at Florida	+22	10-51	L	Florida	+7'	10-24	L	Louisiana Tech	-6'	32-17	W	Florida	+16	14-32	L	at Florida	+8'	7-38	L
Arkansas	-16	28-7	W	at Arkansas	-16'	26-21	L	Arkansas	+3'	21-24	W	at Arkansas	+7'	10-34	L	Louisiana Tech	-32	38-28	L
NE Louisiana	-41	28-24	L	Mississippi St	-17	0-20	L	UCF	-5'	10-6	L	UCF	-10'	28-10	W	Arkansas	-9'	21-19	L
Georgia	-10	49-56	L	at Georgia	+5'	45-34	W	Georgia	+6	17-28	L	at Georgia	+10	38-21	W	Georgia	-2'	29-26	W
at Alabama	+6'	23-24	W	Alabama	-11	18-17	L	at Alabama	+4	17-31	L	Alabama	+3'	17-28	L	at Alabama	-1	9-0	W

MISSISSIPPI REBELS



RB Joe Gunn will take a shot at becoming this year's #1 rusher now that McAllister is gone.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Romaro Miller was a VHT signee for Ole Miss (PS#5) and lived up to that advanced billing by starting 35 games and leaving as Ole Miss' career leader in passing yards and TD's. He threw for 2,201 yards (55%) with a 14-9 ratio in 1999 and last year threw for 2,233 yards (54.3%) with an 18-14 ratio while rushing for 170 yards. They appear to be in good shape as Eli Manning (yes, Peyton's brother) was PS#12 and has had 2 years to learn the offense. Last year he got in 7 games, throwing for 337 yards (52.8%) with a 3-2 ratio. The majority of those yards came in the bowl vs WV in which he hit 12 of 20 for 167 yards with 3 TD's. In the spring game he threw for 287 yards and 4 TD's. I do want to temper Rebel fans' excitement by pointing out that in the bowl they trailed 49-16 when Manning came in and defenses certainly do not play with the same intensity when up by 33. Also in the spring game he faced a vanilla defense that was not allowed to stunt or blitz. With the entire spring and fall to work with the 1st string you can expect Manning to have a solid year and he has bulked up to 6-4 205. Backing him up is David Morris (6-1 180 Jr) who was PS#145 and started vs Miss St as a true freshman in 1998. He has 103 yards passing in 9 games here. Cutcliffe signed 3 HT QB's (see Top Newcomers) and one will contend with Morris for the backup slot. Miller did not have the type of year expected last year and Manning could come close to matching his numbers even though he is much less experienced. It will be fun to watch another Manning run the Ole Miss offense again.

RUNNING BACKS - The Rebels rushed for 181 ypc and 4.6 ypc in 1999, but their production fell last year to 143 ppg and 3.9 ypc. Deuce McAllister (#1DC of NO) is a rare talent who will be missed and leaves as the school's career rushing leader. Last year he missed 9Q's due to injury but still managed to be the #1 rusher with 789 yards (4.6). Joe Gunn is more of a power back that can bench 400 lbs and he has 1,954 yards rushing in his career but last year averaged just 3.1 ypc on 133 carries. He actually led the team in rushing in 1999 with 978 yards (5.2). He will be backed up by Robert Williams who has 161 yards the last 2 years and Tremaine Turner (5-10 197 Jr) who has 69 yards over the last 2 years. The top 2 FB's also return and are backed by Rick Razzano (5-11 230 rFr) who was PS#120LB and had 3 TD's in one spring scrimmage. The Gunn/McAllister duo was one of the SEC's best and without McAllister, this unit clearly looks weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rebels had to replace their #1 receiver, who had more than double the catches of any other player. They then lost their #2 receiver who was kicked off the team prior to the year. They also had to replace their starting TE so the group was very young. They got a late signee in JUCO Omar Rayford (PS#20) who did not emerge until later in the

year and he should be a top-notch threat this season. True frosh Chris Collins (PS#98) played in 12 games with 17 rec's. This year they lose Grant Heard, who was simply the career leader in rec's here and he snagged 48 (14.6) last year, after missing 1999 due to injury. Also gone this year is LJ Taylor who was #2 with 26 rec. Despite those losses, I am very excited about this unit. Last year it was one of the weaker receiving corps in the SEC. This year I expect much bigger production out of Rayford and Collins now that they have experience and a spring under their belts. They have 5 huge additions to the unit in redshirt frosh Bill Flowers (PS#38) and Trey Fryfogle (6-1 185, PS#63), true frosh Mike Espy (PS#22) and RaTavious Biddle (PS#30) plus JUCO transfer Jason Armstead (PS#103). Mitch Skmetta seemed to have good chemistry with Manning in the spring and will be a solid TE. They have a much more dangerous group and that should make Eli's first season as a starter that much more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Ole Miss had to replace 2 starters last year including a #2 and #5 draft choice. C Ben Claxton, a 1999 starter, started the opener last year, but fractured his ankle and missed the next 4 games. His replacement, Charlie Perkins, started games 2 through 5 and then was lost with a torn ACL. There were only 8 healthy OL's and they used 4 different lineups. Amazingly, they were 1st in the SEC in sacks allowed, giving up just 7 for the year which also ranked 2nd in the NCAA, but their ypc rushing dropped from 4.6 to 3.9. This year they again replace 2 starters. Gone are RG Keydrick Vincent (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Shane Grice (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) as well as Perkins (4 sts). Claxton is back along with 3 others who have 7 starts or more to their credit. They also have a super class of rFr OL's coming in and true frosh Chris Spencer is simply PS#2. Unlike the D-line this unit has decent size, averaging 294 lbs across, and as long as they stay healthy, they should be a much stronger force in the running game.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels had a veteran defensive front in 1999 that allowed just 2.4 ypc while the team had 40 sacks. Last year they had some significant losses as they had to replace 2 starters including a #3 NFL draft pick and another backup that had 46 tackles. Five players returned with starting experience but they were small with the front 4 averaging just 257 lbs and they allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and only had 29 sacks. This year they must replace DE Derrick Burgess (12 sts, 62 tkl, 1st Tm SEC, 10.5 ssk, 8 tfl, #3DC of PHI), DT Antionne Scott (12 sts, 37 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Shane Elam (11 sts, 34 tkl, 10 tfl) and DE John Romm (1 st, 20 tkl, 2 tfl). They have even less experience than last year but figure to be a little bigger if Kenny Jackson (315 lbs) holds down a starting job. This is one area where true frosh like Mike Gibson (280 lbs, PS#303), McKinley Boykin (270 lbs, PS#56) and Jeremy Ruffin (PS#50) could contribute immediately. I list a 3 deep below for the D-line and with the new DC any number of players could start including the true frosh. This unit is still not up to SEC standards in terms of size or experience.

LINEBACKERS - After having a veteran LB corps in 1999 Ole Miss had to replace one starter, who was 2nd Team SEC, and another backup who had 2 starts. They then lost LB Eddie Strong (PS#9LB), who was on the preseason Butkus Watch List, to injury and he missed the season. Ian Bass (6-0 220 Jr, PS#75RB) was playing FB but moved to LB for the last 8 games and he ended up with 21 tkl and 3 tfl. This year the only losses are WLB Shawn Johnson (10 sts, 44 tkl, 7 tfl), MLB Chad Cook (2 sts, 44 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and MLB Amzie Williams (2 sts, 32 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Not only do 2 starters return but they get the return of Strong plus the addition of JUCO Germain Landrum (PS#85) who was in for the spring, rFr Rob Robertson (PS#148), and JUCO LP Spence who originally signed here in 1997 and was PS#43. With those kind of additions, it's no wonder that in the spring 2 deep Kevin Thomas, a 12 game starter from last year, was listed as 2nd string. Need I say this unit looks stronger this season?

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels finished #57 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and had to replace 2 starters last year. They had 5 players returning with starting experience and actually finished #14, allowing just 48.5% with a 14-19 ratio. Part of the reason why they ranked so highly, allowing only 198.5 ypg passing, was probably because opponents were able to run at will and were not forced to pass. This year they must replace CB Ken Lucas (12 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 5 int, 25 pbu, #2DC of SEA), SS Kenny Woods (8 sts, 44 tkl, 6 pbu) and SS Anthony Magee (3 sts, 29 tkl, 2 int). Lucas and his 25 pbu will be very difficult to replace as the other starting CB, Justin Coleman, had only 9 pbu. They add a couple of JUCO transfers who I have plugged into the 2 deep below. While this unit has some talent, I don't think they'll be able to finish as high in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was an area of strength under Tuberville with

MISSISSIPPI 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Deuce McAllister	172	839	50	789	14	4.6					
Joe Gunn	133	453	37	416	2	3.1					
Charles Stackhouse	37	183	1	182	0	4.9					
Robert Williams	13	104	0	104	2	8.0					
Romaro Miller	31	170	51	119	1	3.6					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Romaro Miller	326	177	54.3	2233	18	14					
Eli Manning	53	28	52.8	337	3	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Grant Heard	48	701	14.6	9	65						
L.J. Taylor	26	395	15.2	2	39						
Omar Rayford	21	290	13.8	1	43						
Deuce McAllister	20	207	10.4	2	47						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK IN20					
Reagan King	59	2335	39.6	—	34.7	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Les Binkley	7-7	3-6	2-2	0-1	12-16	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
S. Johnson	84	2	5	3	1	Ken Lucas	45	0	3	25	5
S. Taylor	73	0	4	19	4	Kenny Woods	44	0	2	6	1
L. Goethie	72	1	4	1	0	Chad Cook	44	1.5	2	1	0
K. Thomas	66	1	4	2	0	Antionne Scott	37	3	1	0	0
D. Burgess	62	10.5	8	4	2	K. Jackson	35	1	1	0	0
J. Coleman	48	0	3	9	1	Shane Elam	34	4	6	0	0
Anthony Sims	48	0.5	4	1	0	Amzie Williams	32	1.5	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
D. McAllister	19	209	11.0	1	D. McAllister	23	388	16.9	0		

their worst finish being #33 in my rankings. Cutcliffe inherited a veteran group but they dropped a little in 1999 to #44 and last year slipped a bit further down to #55. K Les Binkley hit 12 of 16 FG's and made 2 of 3 att's from 40+ with a long of 47. P Reagan King improved his punting average from 38.2 in 1999 to 39.6 with a net of 34.7. Deuce McAllister averaged an impressive 11.0 yards per PR but only 16.9 per KR. The top KR man was Robert Williams who averaged 23.8 per return with 1 TD. Ole Miss blocked one punt and did not have any blocked. Frosh K Lee Rogers handled the KO's and only had 4 TB's on 51 KO's with the average kick depth being the 4 yard line. They must replace McAllister and Binkley as well as P King, but last year Cutcliffe redshirted a VHT K and also a HT punter and they should fill in well. Even with the losses, this unit could have a similar ranking in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1953 to 1970 Ole Miss went to 16 bowls including 10 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowls. From 1972-'96 they were in just 6 bowls with none on New Year's Day. The program appears headed in the right direction as they now have been to 4 consecutive bowl games (winning 3) including 2 wins under the tutelage of David Cutcliffe. The Rebels have now had 4 straight seasons with at least 7 wins which is the first time they have done that since 1971. They had won 22 consecutive games vs non-conf foes prior to their bowl loss. Last year's Ole Miss team was pegged by the media as one of the favorites in the SEC West but finished in a tie for 3rd at just 4-4. That unit improved its ppg each year behind QB Romaro Miller, cresting at 29.3 last season. The offense takes a big hit this year as they lose 3 career leaders in QB Miller (all-time passing leader), RB Deuce McAllister (all-time rushing leader) and WR Grant Heard (all-time leader in rec's). While it will be exciting to see a Manning once again leading the Ole Miss offense, they have just six starters back on that side of the ball and will probably be a little less potent with the loss of their stars. After the bowl game Ole Miss fired their DC and replaced him with Don Lindsey. Lindsey was the DC of the BC Lions in the CFL. Last year's horrible defense allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and 27.4 ppg and was UM's downfall. They have just 5 starters back and still look a little light on the defensive front 7. They really can only improve upon last year's defensive numbers, however. They get the huge benefit of drawing both Vanderbilt and Kentucky from the SEC East, avoiding the three powers Florida, Tennessee and S Car! This year's 2 deep has 12 seniors and while it looks like a rebuilding year, as long as the defense gets stronger, they should easily win their 3 non-conf games, which means they only need 3 SEC wins to get back to a 5th straight bowl game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Eli Manning So. 6-4 205 PS#12QB. 7 games as rFr, 337 yards, (52.8%) 3-2 ratio, 22 yards rush. David Morris (6-1 180 Jr) 1 start, 94 passing yards, 9 games in career.
RB Joe Gunn Sr. 5-10 200 PS#99. 400 lb bench. 8 sts, 560 yds (4.4) in 98. #1 in 99 w/978 yds (5.2). 3 sts ly, 416 yds (3.1). Robert Williams (5-10 189 Jr) PS#157.
FB CHARLES STACKHOUSE Jr. 6-2 240 PS#37. 2 sts as true, 52 yds (3.7). 5 sts in 99, 102 yds, 11 sts ly, 182 yds (4.9). 13 rec (7.3). Toward Sanford (6-10 225 Jr) PS#44, 8 sts, 2Y, 195 ypg (4.2).
WR Omar Rayford Sr. 6-1 198 PS#20JUCO. Late signee ly, #3 rec w/21 (13.8). Bill Flowers (6-0 180 rFr) PS#38. Jason Armstead PS#103JC. Mike Espy is PS#22.
WR Chris Collins So. 6-1 190 PS#98. 21.09 in 200m. 17 rec (13.7) as true.
Jamie Armstrong (6-1 188 Sr) PS#198. 2 sts in 99, 20 rec (14.9). 12 sts in 2000, 13 rec (12.5).
TE DOUG ZEIGLER JR. 6-4 250 PS#140QB. 2 sts in 99, 4 rec (20.8). 10 sts in 2000, 17 rec (11.5). Mitch Skmetta (6-4 250 Sr) 3 sts, 2 rec, 2 years. 3 rec in the spring game.
C BEN CLAXTON JR. 6-3 281 12 sts as C as rFr, played almost every snap. 1 start ly (injury) only 6 games. Justin Sawyer (6-3 288 Jr) PS#251DL, 2 letters as backup.
RG MATT KOON SR. 6-4 297 PS#113TE. Moved to C as rFr. #2 LT in 99. 7 sts as C ly, added 12 lbs. Marcus Johnson (6-6 320 rFr) PS#157OL, 2nd string ly, but RS.
LG Doug Buckles rFr. 6-5 285 PS#13OL. & added 10 pounds in RS season.
German Bello (6-2 307 Jr) PS#121. 7 games as R. 1 start in 2000, 2nd string, earned 2 letters.
RT BELTON JOHNSON JR. 6-5 290 4 games as rFr. 12 starts in 2000 at RT and added 17 pounds. James Campbell (6-5 293 rFr) is PS#61OL. Chris Spencer is PS#20L.
LT TERRENCE METCALF SR. 6-3 315 PS#4, 12 sts as true. 3 starts then in jFr '98. 6 K in 99. 12 sts at LT ly, 1st Tm SEC. Cliff Woodruff (6-6 293 So) PS#198DL, 12 games as rFr.
K Jonathan Nichols rFr. 5-11 180 PS#17K. 10 of 17 FG's in HS, long of 45, 94% KO's into EZ. Lee Rogers (5-11 170 So) 8 TB's on 51 KO's here ly. 9 of 12 FG's as Sr in HS.

DE Charlie Anderson So. 6-4 225 PS#134TE. 6 tkl, 1 sk as rFr. Johnny Ducking (6-4 235 rFr) PS#87DL. Brian Lester (6-2 226 rFr) +16 lbs in RS season. Jeremy Ruffin is PS#50.
DT ANTHONY SIMS SR. 6-3 268 PS#107TE. 3 sts in '99, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 48 tkl, 4.5 tfl ly. Yahrek Johnson (6-2 263 Jr) 2 sts, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl ly. Dusty Braddock (6-1 270 Jr) PS#257LB.
DT Kenny Jackson Sr. 6-3 315 PS#196JUCO. 35 tkl, 1 sack here ly. Jesse Mitchell (6-3 267 So) PS#112DL, 2.5 sacks as rFr. Daniel Booth (6-4 260 rFr) was PS#144DL.
DE Josh Cooper So. 6-4 230 22 tkl, 2 tfl, 9 games as rFr. Justin Blake (6-2 263 Jr) 19 tkl, 2.5 ssk, 3 tfl, 2 sts in 99. 7 tkl, 1 tfl ly. Cory Robinson (6-4 255 rFr) PS#190.
SLB EDDIE STRONG JR. 6-3 242 PS#9. 6 sts as true, 70 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 11 sts in '99. 81 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC. RS in 2000. Ryan Hamilton (6-1 220 Jr) 24 tkl, 1.5 tfl last year.
MLB LAMIER GOETHIE JR. 6-0 210 5 tkl as true. 10 starts ly, 72 tkl, 1 sk, 4 tfl.
Kevin Thomas (5-9 195 Sr) 19 tkl, 2 sts, 2 tfl in 99. 12 sts, 66 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu last year.
LB GERMAIN LANDRUM JR. 6-3 225 PS#85JUCO. in for spring. 22 tfl at JC last year.
Rob Robertson (6-2 215 rFr) PS#148LB. LP Spence (6-3 220 Jr) PS#43LB in '97. JUCO ly.
CB Wes Scott Jr. 6-1 195 PS#265. 10.7 in 100m & has good size. 9 tkl last year. Chris Knight (5-10 165 Jr) PS#102JC, in for spg. Kevin Farmer (5-8 165 Sr) JC trans.
CB JUSTIN COLEMAN SR. 5-11 175 PS#181DB. 4 x 100 on track team. 5 sts, 17 tkl, 7 pbu in 99. 12 sts, 48 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu, 3 tfl ly. Desmond Johnson (5-10 160 Jr) 12 sts, 2 yrs.
SS SYNIKER TAYLOR SR. 6-0 205 PS#33, 2 sts as true, 39 tkl, 11 sts, 66 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu in 99. 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm SEC, 73 tkl, 1 int, 19 pbu. Marcus Woodson (6-0 195 So) PS#262DB.
FS Matt Grieg Jr. 6-0 200 PS#68JUCO. Not in until fall. From Hutchins (5-11 180 So) PS#222WR, 9 tkl as rFr. Travis Blanchard (5-11 175 So) PS#344, 6 tkl last year.
P Cody Ridgeway rFr. 6-1 185 PS#28K in 2000. 41.4 average in HS. 18 inside the 20, 10 inside the 10. 2 step punter. Ben Boatright (6-1 170 So) Avg'd 40 yds per punt in HS.

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 QB Seth Smith 6-3 190 PS#74
 DL Jimmy Brooks 6-4 260 PS#117
 RB Vashon Pearson 6-1 205 PS#114
 DB Matt Grieg 6-0 200 PS#68JC
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Mississippi is 14-4 ATS (5-0 since 1994) on artificial turf but they play all of their games on grass for a 3rd straight year.
Rebels are 9-5 ATS vs Memphis.
Ole Miss is 34-2 SU in their last 36 non-conference games.
UM is 4-2-1 ATS in road openers.
Rebels are 8-3 ATS (0-2 LY) the last 4 years as a road dog.
The Racers are coached by former Ole Miss asst Joe Pannunzio. MSU finished 6-5 SU LY & are 0-3 LY vs IA schools, avg loss by 29 pts.
Ole Miss is 17-8-1 ATS in September since 1993.
The road team owns 5 straight covers in this series.
Ole Miss is 3-1-1 ATS in the last 5 meetings vs Vandy.
Rebels are 11-26-1 ATS in Oxford the last 7 yrs, 3-4 ATS in 2000.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Murray St	G												
Sep. 8	at Auburn	G												
Sep. 15	Vanderbilt	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	at Kentucky	G												
Oct. 6	at Arkansas St	G												
Oct. 13	Alabama	G												
Oct. 20	Mid Tenn St (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at LSU	G												
Nov. 3	Arkansas	G												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	Georgia	G												
Nov. 22	at Miss St (Thur)	G												

Bonus: UM is 10-1-1 ATS as an away favorite since 1994.
Rebs are 5-3-1 ATS the last 4 seasons after a bye week.
Pending the Aub result, UM is 16-7-1 ATS in their L/24 SEC AG's.
Ole Miss is 7-0 SU but 1-4 ATS vs ASU since 1987.
October has not been kind to UM, as they have a 7-19 ATS mark L/26 gms.
Could apply: Rebels are 3-7 ATS their last 10 as home dogs.
Mississippi is 2-8 & 3-13 ATS vs the Crimson Tide.
Ole Miss has won 3 Homecoming games in a row SU but is 0-3 ATS in that span.
UM is 6-19-1 ATS their last 26 times as double digit chalk.
The team that lost the previous meeting SU is 11-4 ATS the next year.
The visitor has an 11-5 ATS mark in the last 16 series games.
The chalk has bitten the dust ATS only once in 9 meetings (7-1-1).
The home team is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY (45,577) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	5-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	7-4	42-35
ATS	5-5	4-6	2-7	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	4-6-1	33-38-2
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-1	2-1-1	1-3	0-4	2-4	6-16-1
Home Dog	1-2	1-2	0-3	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	5-11
Away Fav	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0-1	10-1-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-2	1-3	4-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	12-10
Favorite	3-1	1-2	1-1	3-1-1	3-3	2-5	3-4-1	16-17-2
Dog	2-4	3-4	1-6	4-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	17-21
Grass	3-4	4-6	1-7	6-3-1	5-5	5-6	4-6-1	28-37-2
Artificial	2-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-2-1	4-4	5-3	3-4-1	26-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	7-10
Off SU Win	2-2	3-2	0-4	4-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	16-22
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-0-1	2-2	3-0	1-2-1	14-13-2

MISSISSIPPI (7-5) CONFERENCE: SEC WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6

DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 48 (22,24,2)

Lost: 26 (11,12,3)



MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	YPC	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	YPC	%	YPP	
6*	29.3	19	143	3.9	216	54.2	12.2	+5	2000	5	27.4	19	173	4.6	199	48.5	13.5
7*	26.9	18	181	4.6	187	55.7	13.7	+3	1999	9	19.0	19	78	2.4	260	57.8	17.8
6	23.3	21	173	4.1	217	55.6	16.7	-4	1998	5	22.8	17	126	3.6	202	53.4	14.3
5	22.3	20	138	3.8	252	63.7	17.5	-1	1997	7	20.0	18	166	4.5	190	51.1	17.8
7*	18.5	17	102	2.8	172	56.1	14.8	-3	1996	5	24.5	19	158	3.8	209	53.5	15.0
8*	19.0	21	125	3.3	221	58.6	18.2	-5	1995	5	19.0	18	133	3.8	195	51.4	17.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tulane	18	35-118	3.4	19-31	306	0	21	35-120	3.4	17-39	204	3	+1
Auburn	17	32-152	4.8	11-26	105	1	21	51-261	5.1	13-26	160	0	-2
at Vanderbilt	16	37-201	5.4	14-23	133	2	21	32-90	2.8	20-45	278	2	+3
Kentucky	23	46-179	3.9	15-25	238	1	14	24-39	1.6	17-42	192	5	+2
Arkansas St	25	41-163	4.0	24-33	251	1	11	24-113	4.7	11-26	79	1	-1
at Alabama	12	26-74	2.8	20-40	163	0	21	39-168	4.3	21-26	296	2	-2
UNLV	19	38-164	4.3	18-29	288	1	25	59-378	6.4	7-25	93	4	+2
at Arkansas	15	42-194	4.6	10-25	109	0	18	36-212	5.9	16-37	181	2	+2
LSU	21	34-73	2.1	20-37	287	1	20	37-152	4.1	16-30	290	0	0
at Georgia	14	33-67	2.0	16-37	175	0	18	45-244	5.4	9-18	107	1	+1
Mississippi St	17	44-230	5.2	11-23	147	0	18	40-184	4.6	13-26	184	7	+1
W Virginia (Bowl)	28	31-96	3.1	28-51	388	0	19	34-114	3.4	15-21	318	1	-2
TOTALS	225	439-1711	3.9	206-380	2590	7	227	456-2075	4.6	175-361	2382	29	+5
AVERAGES	18.8	37-143	3.9	17-32	216	0.6	18.9	38-173	4.6	15-30	199	2.4	0.4

Coach: DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 16-9)

Cutcliffe's records AT MISSISSIPPI

3rd Year at Mississippi	2-8	Home Favorite
16-9 Straight Up	2-1	Home Underdog
9-12-1 Vs The Spread	3-1-1	Away Favorite
4-2-1 Off A S/U Loss	2-2	Away Underdog
8-7-1 Vs Conference	1-5	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Liberty	-9	Air Force	13-0	W
97	Motor City	-1	Marshall	34-31	W
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18	W
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25	W
00	Music City	-3'	W Virginia	38-49	L

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	38-14	-
VMI	NL	31-7	-
Auburn	+10'	28-45	L
at Vanderbilt	-1	20-9	W
at Tennessee	+23	3-41	L
at Alabama	+13	0-37	L
Arkansas St	-24	38-21	L
at Arkansas	+5	7-13	L
LSU	+11	7-39	L
at Georgia	+13	31-27	W
Mississippi St	+2'	0-17	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-14	24-23	L
SMU	-5	23-15	W
at Auburn	+20	9-19	W
at Vanderbilt	-4	15-3	W
at Tennessee	+26'	17-31	W
at LSU	+16	36-21	W
Alabama	E	20-29	L
Arkansas	-10	19-9	T
at Tulane	E	41-24	W
Georgia	+3'	14-21	L
at Mississippi St	E	15-14	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-10	30-10	W
Auburn	-3	0-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-6	W
at SMU	-5'	48-41	W
S Carolina	-9'	30-28	L
at Alabama	+5'	17-20	W
Arkansas St	-26	30-17	L
LSU	+10	37-31	W
at Arkansas	+9	0-34	L
at Georgia	+12	17-24	W
Mississippi St	+6	6-28	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-13'	3-0	L
Arkansas St	-32	38-14	L
Vanderbilt	-16'	34-37	L
at Auburn	+4	24-17	W
at S Carolina	-6'	36-10	W
Tulane	-12	20-13	L
Alabama	+3	24-30	L
at LSU	-4'	42-23	W
Arkansas	-1	38-16	W
Georgia	-5'	17-20	L
at Mississippi St	+3'	20-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-19	49-20	W
Auburn	-4'	27-35	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	12-7	T
Kentucky	-7	35-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	35-10	L
at Alabama	+4'	7-45	L
UNLV	-9'	43-40	L
at Arkansas	-1'	38-24	W
LSU	-2'	9-20	L
at Georgia	+7	14-32	L
Mississippi St	+5'	45-30	W

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG 12 TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB Chris Simms, TX	Eric Crouch, NE	Craig Ochs, CO	Kliff Kingsbury, TT
RB Josh Scobey, KSU	Dahrran Diedrick, NE	Ricky Williams, TT	Zain Gilmore, MO
RB Marcus Houston, CO	Ennis Haywood, ISU	Quentin Griffin, OK	Victor Ike, TX
WR Roy Williams, TX	Justin Gage, MO	Taco Wallace, KSU	Curtis Fagan, OK
WR BJ Johnson, TX	Harrison Hill, Kansas	John Minardi, CO	Carlos Francis, TT
TE Tracey Wistrom, NE	Daniel Graham, CO	Trent Smith, OK	Brock Edwards, TX
C Seth McKinney, A&M	Matt Anderson, TX	Jon Rutherford, NE	AJ Ricker, MO
G Andre Gurode, CO	Antwan Kirk-Hughes, TX	Mike Hayes, MO	Lorenzo White, ISU
G Toniu Fonoti, NE	Taylor Whitley, A&M	Matt Heider, TT	Howard Duncan, OK
T Justin Bland, MO	Mike Williams, TX	Dave Volk, NE	Rex Richards, TT
T Frank Romero, OK	Victor Rogers, CO	Derrick Dockery, TX	Marcel Howard, ISU
DL Cory Redding, TX	Cedric Harden, MO	Lamont Anderson, TT	Kevin DeRonde, ISU
DL Jason Lohr, NE	Stevie Lee, TX	Melvin Williams, KSU	Nate Dwyer, Kansas
DL Kalen Thornton, TX	Justin Bannan, CO	Rocky Bernard, A&M	Marcus Tubbs, TX
DL Ty Warren, A&M	Chris Kelsay, NE	Aaron Hunt, TT	Jerry Togiai, KSU
LB Rocky Calmus, OK	Algie Atkinson, Kansas	John Garrett, Bay	Lawrence Flugence, TT
LB Jashon Sykes, CO	De'Andre Lewis, TX	Ben Leber, KSU	Dwayne Levels, OSU
LB Brian Gamble, A&M	Randy Stella, NE	Everick Rawls, TX	Terry Pierce, KSU
CB Quentin Jammer, TX	DeJuan Groce, NE	Tory Mitchell, TT	Derrick Strait, OK
CB Sammy Davis, A&M	Chris Massey, OSU	Keyuo Craver, NE	RJ Jones, MO
SS Kevin Curtis, TT	Michael Lewis, CO	Elbert Craig, OSU	Clarence Jones, MO
FS Roy Williams, OK	Lee Jackson, TX	Dion Booker, NE	Jon McGraw, KSU
K Brad Hammerich, MO	Tim Duncan, OK	Joe Rheem, KSU	Josh Brown, NE
P Jeff Ferguson, OK	Scott Elder, OSU	Brian Bradford, TX	Cody Scates, A&M
KR Victor Ike, TX	Aaron Lockett, KSU	Carlos Francis, TT	Marcus James, MO
PR Aaron Lockett, KSU	Romon Hollowell, CO	Wes Welker, TT	JaMaine Billups, ISU



Texas Tech SS Kevin Curtis raided the Big 12 with 121 tackles last year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG 12 FORECAST

NORTH

1. Nebraska - Every year these guys must rate as National Title contenders and with a healthy QB Eric Crouch and super defense on hand, this year is no exception. They get most of their tough games at home (including the rematch vs Oklahoma) and could easily be 11-0 for their trip to Boulder at the end of the year. An undefeated slate is very possible as they should be favored in all 12 games.

2. Colorado - The Buffs faced the toughest schedule in the country last year and got beat up, with 82 games lost to injury off their 2 deep, and 4 defeats by 4 points or less. They also had to replace 24 seniors and had just 11 on hand. This year they have 27 seniors, a much softer non-conference slate (which should allow them to stay healthy) and have their big game vs Nebraska at home. Check out my article "Who Will be This Year's Oklahoma?" (page 14-15). I feel CU has a great shot at not only the Big 12 North Crown but are a legitimate National Title contender.

3. Kansas St. - I could write an entire magazine on the great job Bill Snyder has done turning this team from the dregs of the NCAA to one of its perennial powers. KSU has the fewest returning starters in the league (8) and the most lettermen lost (27). Before you chalk it up as a rebuilding year, keep in mind that in 1999 he had just 9 starters back overall and was trying to replace the "irreplaceable" QB Michael Bishop. They simply went 11-1 that year and had their highest final ranking ever in the AP poll. They have won or shared the Big 12 North Title for 3 straight years and, if not for having to face both Nebraska and Oklahoma on the road, I would have called them higher. Another big winning year for the purple clad Cats.

4. Missouri - Every year one of the bottom 3 teams in this division (those not called Nebraska, Kansas St or Colorado) have a great shot at grabbing one of the many Big 12 bowl berths. I think the Tigers are that team this year as they have the most athletic defense of the trio and should have an improved offense. While they must face both Okla St and Kansas on the road, I think they have the defensive edge to win those games and a 6 win season is not out of the question.

5. Iowa St. - What a great season it was for the Cyclones last year, gaining their first bowl win - EVER - and having 20,000 fans on hand for their bowl game. That was a senior dominated group (27 of them) and naturally that means the losses are heavy this year and their 10 returning starters is 2nd lowest in the Big 12. McCarney is doing a solid job but this looks like a rebuilding year for him although they do get Baylor from the South and have 7 games on their schedule this year which I will put into the possible win category. How many of those make it to actual wins is the key.

6. Kansas - The Jayhawks just had their AD resign who was an ardent supporter of Coach Allen. They have a schedule that includes Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Kan St, Colorado and UCLA as well as a road trip to Texas Tech. They need to have a winning season for Allen but the schedule may prohibit it. Every year one of the bottom 3 in the Big 12 North has a shot at a bowl but Kansas does not get the luxury of pulling Baylor from the South and I will call for them to land here.

SOUTH

1. Texas - This will be the year that we find out whether Mack Brown is just a great recruiter or a solid head coach as well. On paper he has either the #1 or #2 talented team in the entire NCAA. Their QB's, WR's and OL should have the offense impossible to stop and the defense is loaded and should be much tougher. This from a team that outscored their opponents by a 38-19 margin last year. They do not face Nebraska or Kansas St from the North during the regular season and the non-conference slate is soft. October 6 vs Oklahoma figures to be one of, if not the biggest,

game in the NCAA this year. The schedule should have them favored in all 11 games and that makes them one of my favorites to win not only the Big 12 Title but land in the Rose Bowl.

2. Oklahoma - It sure is nice to see the Sooners back at the top of the NCAA like they used to be for so many dominating years. Last year they did not have a single starter miss a game due to injury and were +7 in turnovers. They did catch some breaks but deserved the National Title and were the first team ever to defeat the #1 and #2 ranked teams in back-to-back weeks. They have the talent and schedule to outdo last year as a perfect season this time around would make them 14-0. While it is a possibility, they must break in a new QB and suffer some good sized losses on defense. Also, the Sooners must face Nebraska on the road this year. Despite my call for 2nd place, this team is a National Title contender.

3. Texas A&M - The Aggies have just 10 starters back which is the 2nd lowest in the league and have a killer schedule which includes Kansas St and Colorado from the North (both on the road) and Notre Dame from outside of the league. Despite those facts, they have a talented team with a top 40 offense and top 20 defense and rank #19 in my preseason talent ratings. Slocum will bag his usual upset or two vs top-notch foes and keep in mind that in 8 of the last 12 years they have been unbeaten at home.

4. Texas Tech - I do 7 sets of power ratings each preseason and for the first time recently, 3 have the Red Raiders a stronger team than the Aggies whom I list above. They had a successful debut under new coach Leach last year but should do even better in the 2nd year of his schemes. They do host both A&M and Kansas St and after nearly upsetting a much stronger Wildcat version in Manhattan last year, they will be confident this time around. While I can't see them contending for the division crown, they have a shot at another upper division finish and have achieved that in 3 of the last 4 years.

5. Oklahoma St. - The Cowboys had the fewest returning starters in the Big 12 last year and suffered 3 close conference losses which factored into the hiring of a new head coach. Les Miles was the offensive coordinator here in '97 when they averaged 30 ppg and he has an experienced QB in Aso Pogi (something they did not have last year when Lindsay went down) and with practically the entire offense back they will be much more potent. The defense has 7 starters back and loses just 6 lettermen. My question is how quickly the team will adapt to the new schemes on both sides of the ball. If they adjust quickly enough, they avoid Nebraska and Kansas St from the North and have the schedule and talent to move up a notch and flirt with a bowl bid.

6. Baylor - The Bears made the mistake of not giving their two previous head coaches a chance to build and the program has stumbled to the very bottom of the Big 12 by a large margin. In the last two years they have been outscored by an amazing 690-143 in their 16 Big 12 games, an AVERAGE of 43.1 to 8.9!!!!!! They will be vastly improved this year especially if QB Cicero stays healthy all season. While the gap between them and the other 11 teams has been greatly narrowed, it was the size of the Grand Canyon and I cannot see them making up the difference in just 1 year. They have dropped 21 straight league games and will likely have that number reach 29 this year.

BIG 12 Notes: Last year I had three Big 12 teams ranked in my Top 7 prior to the year and the league did not disappoint with Oklahoma not only winning the Big 12 crown but taking the National Championship. The Big 12 could repeat this year and I once again have 3 teams rated in my preseason Top 7 once again. Last year the big teams from the conference were dominant in bowl games with Nebraska annihilating Northwestern, Kansas St thrashing Tennessee and of course OU knocking off Florida St in the Orange Bowl. It could be more of the same this year from a very talented league (see page 12-13).



Nebraska QB Eric Crouch is shown here notching one of his 20 TD's.



KSU RB Josh Scobey is on my Big 12 1st Team.



Iowa St RB Ennis Haywood led the Big 12 in rushing last year.



Colorado TE Daniel Graham is one of four Buffs on my Top 2 Teams.

2000 BIG 12 CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Ennis Haywood, Iowa St	10	229	1237	5.4	8	123.7
Dan Alexander, Nebraska	11	181	1152	6.4	8	104.7
Hodges Mitchell, Texas	11	224	1118	5.0	8	101.6
Reggie White, Okla St	11	210	1049	5.0	4	95.4
Eric Crouch, Nebraska	11	170	973	5.7	20	88.5
Correll Buckhalter, Neb	11	106	750	7.1	7	68.2
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma	12	189	783	4.1	16	65.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Chris Simms, Texas	117	67	57.3	7	1060	9.1	8	144.0
Josh Heupel, Oklahoma	433	280	64.7	14	3392	7.8	20	139.2
Major Applewhite, UT	279	152	54.5	7	2164	7.8	18	135.9
Jonathan Beasley, KSU	313	156	49.8	10	2636	8.4	17	132.1
Mark Farris, Texas A&M	347	208	59.9	9	2551	7.4	10	126.0
Eric Crouch, Nebraska	156	75	48.1	7	1101	7.1	11	121.7
Kliff Kingsbury, TT	585	362	61.9	17	3418	5.8	21	117.0

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	YD/G	CT/G	AVG
Quincy Morgan, Kan St	13	64	1166	89.69	4.9	18.2
Robert Ferguson, A&M	10	58	885	88.50	5.8	15.3
Roy Williams, Texas	11	40	809	73.55	3.6	20.2
JJ Moses, Iowa St	11	53	775	70.45	4.8	14.6
Tim Baker, TT	12	69	765	63.75	5.8	11.1
Justin Gage, Missouri	11	44	709	64.45	4.0	16.1
Javon Green, Colorado	11	48	699	63.55	4.4	14.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE
	G CAR YDS YD/G	ATT YDS YD/G	G YDS YD/G
Josh Heupel, Oklahoma	12 70 144	433 3392 282.7	553 3536 294.7
Kliff Kingsbury, TT	12 78 19	585 3418 284.8	663 3437 286.4
Sage Rosenfels, Iowa St	11 78 381	333 2298 208.5	411 2679 239.5
Mark Farris, Texas A&M	11 60 116	347 2551 231.9	457 2667 242.5
Jonathan Beasley, KSU	13 150 499	313 2636 202.8	463 3135 241.2
Major Applewhite, UT	9 28 -73	152 2164 240.4	180 2091 232.3
Dylen Smith, Kansas	11 125 371	306 1963 177.5	431 2334 212.2

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jeff Ferguson, Oklahoma	12	48	2108	43.9
Dan Hadenfeldt, Nebraska	9	39	1708	43.8
Eric Rosiles, TT	10	26	1082	41.6
Cody Scates, Texas A&M	11	52	2089	40.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Victor Ike, Texas	20	495	24.8
Aaron Lockett, Kan St	14	312	22.3
JJ Moses, Iowa St	14	291	20.8

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Aaron Lockett, Kan St	22	501	3	22.8
JT Thatcher, Oklahoma	38	599	2	15.8
Bobby Newcombe, NU	20	291	1	14.6

KICKING

	G	FG	PCT	LONG
Kris Stockton, Texas	11	22	26	84.6
Jamie Rheem, Kansas St	12	17	20	85.0
Terence Kitchens, A&M	11	15	18	83.3
Seth Condeley, Okla St	11	12	20	60.0

TACKLES

	G	UA	TOT	AVG
Lawrence Flugence, TT	12	76	80	156
Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma	12	64	61	125
Kevin Curtis, TT	12	63	58	121
Dorian Pitts, TT	12	75	44	119
Michael Lewis, Colorado	11	75	43	118
Mark Washington, TT	12	53	61	114

SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
Chris Johnson, Kan St	10.5	63	25
Justin Smith, Missouri	9.5	91	23
Monty Beisel, Kan St	9.5	84	22
Mario Fatafeh, Kan St	8.5	61	18
Juqua Thomas, Okla St	8.5	60	18
Algie Atkinson, Kan St	7	58	17

TFL

	G	NO	YDS
Chris Johnson, Kan St	25	103	103
Justin Smith, Missouri	23	126	126
Monty Beisel, Kan St	22	97	97
Monty Beisel, Kan St	18	97	97
Casey Hampton, Texas	18	53	53
Sean Doyle, Missouri	17	84	84

2000 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North								
Kansas St	6	2	278	186	10	3	490	213
Nebraska	6	2	338	163	9	2	456	213
Iowa St	5	3	220	242	8	3	306	293
Colorado	3	5	200	222	3	8	252	284
Kansas	2	6	179	308	4	7	261	359
Missouri	2	6	186	253	3	8	255	348
South								
Oklahoma	8	0	299	133	12	0	441	168
Texas	7	1	301	160	9	2	425	197
Texas A&M	5	3	201	152	7	4	307	196
Texas Tech	3	5	202	212	7	5	303	238
Oklahoma St	1	7	137	249	3	8	202	303
Baylor	0	8	82	343	2	9	139	397

1999 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North								
Nebraska	8	1	304	130	11	1	411	150
Kansas St	7	1	313	137	10	1	433	144
Colorado	5	3	242	176	6	5	343	283
Kansas	3	5	170	242	5	7	294	354
Iowa St	1	7	173	255	4	7	247	272
Missouri	1	7	118	292	4	7	224	371
South								
Texas	6	3	299	194	9	4	444	268
Texas A&M	5	3	196	172	8	3	318	208
Oklahoma	5	3	284	147	7	4	405	202
Texas Tech	5	3	188	213	6	5	253	282
Oklahoma St	3	5	166	229	5	6	267	274
Baylor	0	8	61	347	1	10	137	414

1998 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North								
Kansas St	8	0	375	145	11	2	610	197
Nebraska	5	3	210	139	9	4	403	206
Missouri	5	3	214	156	8	4	334	236
Colorado	4	4	155	169	8	4	302	253
Kansas	2	6	174	283	4	7	280	341
Iowa St	1	7	135	288	3	8	221	328
South								
Texas A&M	7	1	227	145	10	3	335	214
Texas	6	2	243	220	9	3	437	337
Texas Tech	4	4	198	189	7	5	315	255
Oklahoma St	3	5	197	218	5	6	303	296
Oklahoma	3	5	125	198	5	6	184	229
Baylor	1	7	142	239	2	9	195	323

TEXAS LONGHORNS



QB Chris Simms is a Giant among the Heisman contenders and leads a potent attack.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Longhorns have the best QB corps in the country because they are so deep. Major Applewhite is the career passing leader for UT and was 18th in the NCAA last year in pass efficiency and he holds 40 school records. Last year Applewhite threw for 2,164 yards (54.5%) with a super 18-7 ratio. Chris Simms (PS#1) struggled at times but really came on vs Texas A&M and finished with 1,309 yards (56%) with an 8-11 ratio and led the Big 12 in pass efficiency. He threw for 289 ypc over the last 3 with 5 TD's. Chance Mock (6-2 205 rFr) was PS#6 and is the most athletic and mobile of the QB's. Beau Trahan (5-11 200 Jr) was PS#51 in 1998 and hasn't seen much playing time at QB, but has spent plenty of time at DB. This year Matt Nordgren (PS#23) is a top-notch signee. Coach Brown has strongly stated that Simms is the starter and he would like to end the two QB rotation of last season. Since Simms periodically struggled in 2000 and Applewhite was hurt, I look for improved numbers in 2001 from a very deep and talented group and I rate Simms as the top QB in the country this year!

RUNNING BACKS - Hodges Mitchell recorded two straight 1,000 yard seasons to end his career at Texas. After rushing for 1,379 yards (5.1) in '99 he got off to a slow start last year with just 213 yards (3.7) in the first 5 games. However in the last 7 Mitchell rushed for 946 yards (5.2) and finished with 1,159 (4.8). He was 24th in rushing ypc in the NCAA and 8th in the NCAA in all-purpose yards. He will be missed. Kenny Hayter (PS#18) rushed for 220 yards (3.7) with his best outing vs Oklahoma St (122 yards). Victor Ike (PS#20) is a top-notch returnman (see Special Teams) and he rushed for 159 yards (3.9). Ivan Williams (PS#36) had 57 yards (4.4) and has solid speed to go along with his 235 lb frame. Also in the mix at TB is rFr Sneezzy Beltran (PS#13) and true frosh Cedric Benson (PS#5). Mitchell was a small speedy runner and this year the top back will be bigger and more of a power back. It would not surprise me to see Williams emerge as the go-to guy, but they could also use a TB by committee approach. The top 3 FB's from last year return. There are plenty of VHT's on hand but Mitchell had a solid end to the season, so I'll call this unit down a notch.

RECEIVERS - Mack Brown is an extraordinary recruiter and last year had 4 true frosh (BJ Johnson, Roy Williams, Sloan Thomas and Brock Edwards) that were key contributors to this unit and they made this unit one of the best in the country. Johnson (PS#1) led the team with 45 rec's (16.4). Williams

(PS#5) was #2 with 42 rec's (20.3) with a team leading 8 rec TD's plus 2 rush TD's. Montrell Flowers (PS#6) began the year as a starter and had 23 rec's (10.6). Brandon Healy (PS#58) had 26 rec's (17.0). Their projected starting TE, Bo Scalfie (PS#2), was lost to injury prior to the year and then starting TE Mike Jones (PS#30) went down midseason. That forced true frosh Edwards (PS#7) into the starting lineup. In each of Brown's first two seasons here they had to replace a 1,000 yard receiver. The good news is that everyone is back to this unit with the exception of Healy and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Also in the mix could be true frosh Quan Crosby (PS#9DB). Not only is the WR corps loaded, but all 4 TE's are VHT's that have been productive. The key performers of this group now are soph's with a year of college experience and can only get better. This is the best unit in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 this unit had to replace 4 starters and paved the way for just 3.5 ypc while allowing 44 sacks. Last year they had 4 returning starters including super LT Leonard Davis who was 1st Team AA and an Outland Trophy finalist. The ypc rushing improved to 3.8 and they dropped the sack total to 29. This year they must replace their star Davis (#1 DC of ARZ) as well as their #3 OT Cory Quey who alternated with the first string and had 14 starts in 1999 but just one last year. If you check out the 2 deep below you will see that Texas returns 5 players this year who started 7 or more games last season and they have 11 VHT's on hand, although 6 of them are true frosh. I look for the O-line to continue to improve, and this should be one of the better units in the NCAA this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Horns had to replace their starting DE's, one of whom was an NFL draft pick while the other was 2nd Team Big 12, but they did return the top DT combo in the country in Shaun Rogers and Casey Hampton (#1 DC of PIT) was the Big 12 Def POY and leaves #2 in career tfl's here with 54 and was the #1 tackler in 1999 and #2 last year, which is unusual for a DT. Rogers (#2 DC of DET) leaves #3 in career tfl here with 53 despite missing 2 games last year due to injury. The Horns also suffered the tragic loss of DE Cole Pittman (3 sts, 27 tkl's, 5 tfl) who was killed in an auto accident in February and the team will dedicate the 2001 season to him. DC Reese says that for the first time since he came here in 1998 they have two guys that have started that are the type of athletes that he's looking for at the DE position. He also says that overall he thinks they are better in the front line than they have been in his tenure here. I list the 2 deep below and they also add 3 HT true frosh that will contend for time. This is still a very talented group but with the loss of two outstanding DT's, I'll call this unit down a notch in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - This may be the most experienced LB corps in the country with the Horns featuring 3 senior starters, two of whom enter their third season as starters and the other enters his fourth. They also return all 3 backups and get 3 VHT frosh added to the mix. Aurmon Satchell (6-2 220 Fr) was PS#19 in 2000, but didn't join the team until this spring, preserving a year of eligibility. Needless to say, this group is in great shape.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Texas ranked just #88, #95 and #50 in my pass efficiency ratings in the 3 years prior to last season. Last year they returned a veteran unit with 7 players back with starting experience including all 4 starters. Texas not only was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency, but more impressively, #1 in my rankings with a considerable lead over #2 Florida St. Quentin Jammer was a FS in 1998, was injured in 1999, and moved to CB last year. He could be the top CB taken in next year's NFL draft and recorded 20 pbu in 2000! True frosh Nathan Vasher got in 3 starts at nickel back. After losing their DB coach to the Tennessee Titans in March, UT hired Duane Akina who was the new Arizona DC (John Mackovic wasn't happy). Last year's secondary had 18 int's, 5 of which were returned for TD's. This year they must replace FS Greg Brown (12 sts, 1st TM B12, 5 int, 7 pbu) and SS Joe Walker (12 tkl's, 1 int). Once again 7 players return with starting experience and including this year's true frosh, there are an amazing 11 VHT's in the mix. Keep in mind that last year Lee Jackson, who started 14 games in 1999 (#2 tkl'r), had just 3 starts in 2000 due to a hamstring injury and he returns to full health. With only one starter gone, this group has a clear shot at defending its #1 title in the pass efficiency defense rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One area that Mack Brown always had trouble in as a head coach was the special teams unit. His squads finished in the bottom third of my rankings for 4 straight years at N Carolina and here at Texas they were just #109 and #106 in his first 2 years. Last year I said that most of the key returnmen were back and called for massive improvement. Texas did even better than expected, finishing #18 in my special teams rankings. The kicking and punting were handled by Kris Stockton (PS#13) who leaves Texas as the career leader in FG accuracy at 75.3%. He had his best season last year, hitting 22 of 26 with 2 of those misses from 50+. Of the team's 83 KO's, only 26 were returned beyond 20 yards while 26 were TB's. Stockton

TEXAS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Hodges Mitchell	241	-	-	1159	9	4.8				
Kenny Hayter	60	-	-	220	3	3.7				
Victor Ike	41	-	-	159	4	3.9				
Ivan Williams	13	-	-	57	1	4.4				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Major Applewhite	279	152	54.5	2164	18	7				
Chris Simms	150	84	56.0	1309	8	11				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
B.J. Johnson	45	740	16.4	3	71					
Roy Williams	42	853	20.3	8	96					
Hodges Mitchell	38	402	10.6	3	42					
Brandon Healy	26	441	17.0	2	53					
Montrell Flowers	23	244	10.6	2	26					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Kris Stockton	57	2227	39.1	-	36.4	-				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Kris Stockton	7-7	12-13	3-4	0-2	22-26	47				
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D. Lewis	83	4.5	12	6	0	Q. Jammer	49	1	3	20
C. Hampton	80	3.5	14	2	0	Marcus Tubbs	38	5.5	4	0
Everick Rawls	76	4	4	7	1	K. Thornton	35	3.5	5	2
Greg Brown	75	0	5	7	5	Tyrone Jones	28	1	0	3
D. Pearson	57	1	2	5	3	Cole Pittman	27	2	3	0
C. Redding	56	6.5	11	3	0	Ahmad Brooks	24	0	1	5
Shaun Rogers	50	4.5	10	1	0	R. Babers	24	0	1	11
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
H. Mitchell	36	427	11.9	0	Victor Ike	23	625	27.2	1	

also took over the punting duties and averaged 39.1 with a net of 36.4. Brown has a lot of VHT's to plug in at the kicking spots, so they shouldn't lose too much ground in those areas. Victor Ike was 13th in the NCAA in KR's and UT was 10th overall. Ike is back and broke a 265 game UT streak of KR's without a TD when he got one in the bowl game. They do have to replace Hodges Mitchell who averaged 11.9 on PR's which was good enough to rank #29 in the country. UT has a load of VHT talent in the DB/WR and RB areas and should be able to come up with a solid replacement. Prior to Brown's arrival UT blocked 5 kicks in 37 games. In Brown's tenure they have blocked 12 in the same number of games. Last year Texas had 2 punts blocked and blocked one which came in the bowl. They bring in a super JUCO P which will help. This still looks like a solid group but I look for a small step back in the overall rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Things look very promising for the Longhorns. Last year I felt they had the talent and schedule to possibly go unbeaten but they suffered 3 upset losses during the year and finished just 9-3. Only 4 head coaches in the NCAA have had 5 straight years of 9 wins or more and Mack Brown falls into that category. While they lose 12 seniors, only six were starters and they lose just 7 from the two deep. Only Oklahoma, Florida St and Texas made the Top 20 both offensively and defensively last year and 5 UT true frosh ended up as starters, second most in the NCAA behind Nevada. Overall they had 79.5% underclassmen in the two deep. This team clearly underachieved last year, finishing #12 in the final polls, but as mentioned has almost the entire unit back including the deepest QB combo in the country, a veteran offensive line and the nation's top receiving corps. They outscored opponents last year by an average of 18.6 ppg and should improve upon that this year with potentially the #1 offense in the country and my #2 rated defense. While the 3 departures were big on the defensive side of the ball, eight starters are back and just 4 lettermen depart. This is the fastest and most talented defense that DC Carl Reese has had to work with in his tenure here. They allowed just 290.1 ypg last year which was their fewest since 1983. This team also has the potential to be favored in all 11 games once again this year, even vs defending champion Oklahoma in Dallas, and when travelling to Kyle Field in the finale. Those look to be the only 2 question marks on the schedule and I will call for an undefeated season for the Longhorns, a trip to the Big 12 Championship, and then on to the National Title game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CHRIS SIMMS JR. 6-5 222 PS#1, 314 yds as true, 6 sts ly, 1309 yds (56%), 8-11 ratio, #1 pass eff Big 12. **Major Applewhite** (6-1207 Sr) PS#41, 8095 career yds (57%), 57-27 ratio. **RB Victor Ike Jr.** 5-11 195 PS#20, 274 yds (4.0) in 99, 159 yds ly, #1 in Big 12 in KR (27.2). **Kenny Hayter** (5-11215 Jr) PS#18, 358 yds, 2 yrs. **Ivan Williams** (6-1235 So) PS#36. **FB MATT TRISSEL JR.** 6-0 235 PS#78LB, 8 tkl's in 99, 10 sts ly, 6 rec (8.0). **Chad Stevens** (6-2425 Jr) PS#24TE, 3 sts ly, 2 rec (11.5). **Brett Robin** (5-11190 So) PS#17I. **WR BJ JOHNSON SO.** 6-1 190 PS#1, 8 sts as true, #1 w/45 rec (16.4). **Montrell Flowers** (5-9 182 Sr) PS#6, 10 sts, 62 rec (13.8). **L2 Y. Jeffery** (6-2 170 Jr) PS#57QB. **WR ROY WILLIAMS SO.** 6-5 210 PS#5, 7 sts as true, #2 w/42 rec (20.3), 3rd TM B12. **Sloan Thomas** (6-2 195 So) PS#12, 11 rec (21.4) as true. **Kyle Shanahan** (6-3 170 Jr) Duke trans. **TE BROCK EDWARDS SO.** 6-5 265 PS#7, 2 sts, 8 rec as true. **Bo Scalfie** (6-3240 So) PS#2, 5 rec as true. **Artie Ellis** (6-4205 So) PS#7WR, 8 rec. **Mike Jones** (6-4260 Sr) 21 sts, 36 rec. **C MATT ANDERSON SR.** 6-4 300 PS#242, 10 games as rFr, 10 starts in 99, 12 starts in 2000, 3 letters. **Beau Baker** (6-5 275 Jr) PS#231, 2nd string, 14 games, 2 letters. **RG Tillman Holloway So.** 6-3 297 PS#107DL, 7 starts as rFr & #3 w/21 pan-cakes. **Will Allen** is PS#34. **Terrance Young** is PS#39. **Mike Garcia** (6-3 300 Fr) is PS#35. **LG ANTON KIRK-HUGHES SR.** 6-3 310 PS#6, 12 games as true, 14 starts in 1999, HM Big 12, 8 starts last year until shoulder injury. **HM Big 12, Jason Glynn** (6-2 275 rFr) is PS#79. **RT MIKE WILLIAMS SR.** 6-6 339 PS#29, 12 gms as true & lettered, 4 sts, 650 snaps in 99, 11 sts ly, HM Big 12, only 1 sack allowed. **Lionel Garr** (6-7 335 rFr) was PS#19. **LT DERRICK DOCKERY JR.** 6-6 330 PS#22, 14 gms as true. **Best frosh OL I've coached** "MB. St'd L/U at LG. **Robbie Doane** (6-6 305 Jr) PS#13, 2L. **Jonathan Scott** PS#6. **K Matt McFadden rFr.** 5-11 180 PS#15K, 25 FG's in high school including 53 and 55 yarders. **RS in 2000. Justin Smith** (6-5 185 rFr) PS#29, 7 Hl 7 FG's as Sr & 31-31 xp's.

DE KALEN THORNTON SO. 6-3 270 PS#8TE, 9 sts as true, 35 tkl's, 3.5 sks, 5 tfl, 20 pressures. **Maurice Gordon** (6-1246 Sr) PS#161RB, 16 tkl's, 5.5 sks, 14 pressures in L2 years. **DT Stevie Lee rFr.** 6-4 300 PS#17DL, 5 tkl's as true till injury and redshirted. **Adam Doiron** (6-4 260 So) PS#25, 7 tkl's, 2 tfl last 5 games as true. **Miguel McKay** (6-1 275 Jr). **DT Marcus Tubbs So.** 6-4 280 PS#51TE, 3 starts as rFr, 38 tkl's, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl. **Ryan Haywood** (6-5 260 So) PS#49, 5 tkl's, 2 tfl last year until injury. **Corey Bradford** PS#135OL. **DE CORY REDDING JR.** 6-5 260 PS#2LB, 1st start in 99, 30 tkl's, 3 sks, 11 sts ly, 56 tkl's, 6.5 sks, 1 tfl, 1st TM Big 12. **Jermain Anderson** (6-3 232 Sr) PS#12, Adam McConathy PS#18LB. **SLB TYRONE JONES SR.** 6-4 235 PS#83DB, 5 sts, 20 tkl's, 3 tfl in 99, 7 sts, 28 tkl's, 1 scky. **QJ McClintock** (6-2232 Jr) PS#41QB, 19 tkl's, 2 int till injury. **Rashad Thomas** (6-2235 Fr) PS#183. **MLB DEANDRE (DD) LEWIS SR.** 6-1 245 PS#108RB, 12 sts in 98, 83 tkl's, 14 sts in 99, 84 tkl's, 14 tfl, 12 sts ly, 2nd TM Big 12, 83 tkl's, 16.5 tfl. **Reed Boyd** (6-3 230 So) PS#112, 22 sts ly, 15 s k. **WLB EVERICK RAWLS SR.** 6-1 235 PS#100, 14 sts in 99, 83 tkl's, 9 tfl, 11 sts ly, 76 tkl's, 8 tfl. **Marcus Wilkins** (6-2 225 Sr) PS#124, 47 tkl's, 3 yrs. **Austin Sendleir** (6-3 240 rFr) PS#21. **CB QUENTIN JAMMER SR.** 6-1 198 PS#31, 3 sts as true, 12 sts at FS in 98, #2 tkl's, 11 pbu. **RJ in 99, 12 sts, 1st TM B12 ly, 3 int, 20 pbu. Ervis Hill** (5-9 185 Sr) 16 sts, 7 tkl's, 3 yrs. **CB RODERICK BABERS JR.** 5-10 183 PS#25, 2 sts as true, 32 tkl's, 5 tfl, 12 starts last year, 24 tkl's, 2 int, 11 pbu. **Nathan Vasher** (5-11 170 So) PS#54, 3 sts, 22 tkl's, 5 pbu, 3 tfl ly. **SS Lee Jackson Sr.** 6-3 205 PS#20, 12 tkl's as true, 14 sts in 99, #2 w/91 tkl's, 3 sts ly (in 98 tkl's. **Ahmad Brooks** (5-8 180 Sr) PS#83, 14 sts, 15 pbu in 99, 2 sts ly. **Mont Collier** is PS#17. **FS DAKARAI PEARSON SO.** 5-10 180 PS#32QB, 10 starts as rFr, 57 tkl's, 3 int, 3 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **Phillip Geiggar** (5-11 205 So) was PS#39, 1 int, 2 pbu as a true. **Kendal Briles** is PS#22QB. **P Brian Bradford Jr.** 6-2 215 PS#104JUCO. In for the spring, 44.3 avg at JC last year with 60% inside the 20! 16 of 21 passing at QB. **Justin Smith** PS#29, 41.6 avg in HS.

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QB Matt Nordgren 6-5 215 PS#23
OL William Winston 6-7 350 PS#26
DB Cedric Griffin 6-2 185 PS#24
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The home team has covered 7 of 8 in the Rice series.
UT is 12-6 ATS as a home dog since 1988.
Horns are 27-18 ATS in their last 45 home games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TX Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	New Mexico St	G												
Sep. 8	N Carolina	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	at Houston	G												
Sep. 29	Texas Tech	G												
Oct. 6	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G												
Oct. 13	at Oklahoma St	A												
Oct. 20	Colorado (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Missouri	G												
Nov. 3	at Baylor	G												
Nov. 10	Kansas	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 23	at Texas A&M (Fri)	G												

Longhorns are 15-30 ATS in September since 1986.
Texas is 3-13 ATS in season openers.

UT is 4-12 ATS their L/16 vs non-Big 12 opponents pending LW.
Longhorns are 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.

† Bonus: UT Coach Brown coached the Tar Heels for 10 yrs from '88 til '97.
‡ Another Bonus: UT is 4-0-1 ATS their last 5 vs the Cougars.

Texas is 7-12 ATS as an away favorite the last 5 years.
UT is 22-3 SUS/ '91 vs non-Big 12 TX tms (10-2-1 ATS home, 6-5 ATS away).

Pending earlier results, UT is 34-26-1 ATS after a SU win.
The Horns are 8-3 ATS prior to taking on the Sooners.

The underdog is 10-3 ATS in the L/13 series meetings, UT 9-4 ATS.
This will mark the 79th time these 2 rivals have met in the Cotton Bowl.

Pending L2W results, UT is 28-14 SU & 24-18 ATS in their L/42 conf gms.
Longhorns are 15-8 ATS their last 23 on artificial turf.

The home team is 1-4 SU & 2-3 ATS in this matchup.
Texas is 5-2 SU but 2-5 ATS in their last 7 sandwiched HG's.

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The underdog is 13-5 ATS in this matchup.
Texas is 22-9 ATS in November & December since 1993.

The Horns came into 2001 with a 7-4 ATS mark their L/11 as a DD fav.
Pending the NC result, UT is 10-4 ATS the week prior to a bye.

Bonus: Texas is 13-4-1 ATS the week after a bye.

Longhorns are 9-3 ATS in their road finale.
UT is 6-2 ATS the last 8 vs their arch rival.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,082) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-1-1	8-4	4-7	8-3	9-4	9-2	55-25-1
ATS	7-4	9-3	8-4	2-9	5-6	6-7	7-4	44-37
Home Fav	3-0	3-2	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	4-2	18-15
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-2
Away Fav	1-3	3-0	1-1	0-5	1-1	3-3	2-2	11-15
Away Dog	2-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	10-5
Favorite	4-3	6-2	4-3	1-8	3-4	5-6	6-4	29-30
Dog	3-1	3-1	4-1	1-1	2-2	1-1	1-0	15-7
Grass	2-0	2-1	4-4	2-6	4-4	5-6	5-4	24-25
Artificial	5-4	7-2	4-0	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	20-12
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	7-2	2-6	4-4	5-4	6-2	34-22
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-2	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	10-15
Off SU Win	4-2	6-3	5-2	1-3	3-4	4-5	5-3	28-22
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-0	2-2	1-5	2-1	2-1	2-0	13-10

Coach: MACK BROWN (Career 113-85-1) Brown's records AT TEXAS

4th Year at Texas	8-8	Home Favorite
27-11 Straight Up	2-0	Home Underdog
18-17 Vs The Spread	6-6	Away Favorite
6-2 Off A/S/U Loss	2-3	Away Underdog
15-10 Vs Conference	3-7	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Sugar	-3	Virginia Tech	10-28	L
96	Fiesta	-1	Penn St	15-38	L
98	Cotton	-6	Mississippi St	38-11	W
99	Cotton	-5	Arkansas	6-27	L
00	Holiday	-7	Oregon	30-35	L

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OFFENSE: 9* Returning: 48 (24,24,0)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 12 (6,4,2)

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TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
7*	37.9	21	138	3.8	290	55.1	11.3	+5	2000	8	19.3	17	97	2.7
4*	32.1	21	124	3.5	271	57.8	12.3	+13	1999	7	21.1	16	112	2.9
8	36.4	23	207	5.1	263	59.0	12.9	-1	1998	10	28.1	19	139	3.4
6*	25.7	21	200	5.3	197	50.7	15.4	-20	1997	6	33.3	19	242	4.7
7*	34.4	23	199	5.0	253	57.7	13.2	-5	1996	7	23.5	21	213	4.6
6*	30.0	21	197	4.9	220	49.0	13.9	+6	1995	7	19.6	21	168	3.9

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
Louisiana-Lft	25	23-87	3.8	25-40	403	0	19	42-68	1.6	17-34	183	8	0
at Stanford	16	28-13	0.5	21-46	330	5	18	37-60	1.6	15-37	255	1	-2
Houston	19	32-96	3.0	22-37	257	2	13	33-13	0.4	16-38	185	8	+1
Oklahoma St	23	44-205	4.7	18-33	299	3	12	36-168	4.7	8-23	101	4	+2
† Oklahoma	10	17-(-7)	-0.4	20-41	161	4	28	56-245	4.4	18-28	289	1	-1
at Colorado	22	41-166	4.0	23-40	308	1	13	36-55	1.5	12-36	78	6	-1
Missouri	23	36-212	5.9	21-32	282	2	17	38-145	3.8	12-33	176	5	-1
Baylor	24	36-90	2.5	23-50	383	2	9	32-57	1.8	9-33	77	4	+3
at Texas Tech	26	53-233	4.4	20-35	182	1	20	14-17	1.2	28-49	282	3	+3
at Kansas	30	61-396	6.5	11-19	241	2	12	36-125	3.5	10-25	111	2	0
Texas A&M	16	35-109	3.1	16-24	383	3	18	28-81	2.9	25-43	290	1	+4
Oregon (Bowl)	19	31-54	1.7	17-33	245	3	21	40-129	3.2	20-32	291	2	-3
TOTALS	253	437-1654	3.8	237-430	3474	28	200	428-1163	2.7	190-411	2318	45	+5
AVERAGES	21.1	36-138	3.8	20-36	290	2.3	16.7	36-97	2.7	16-34	193	3.8	0.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Missouri	-21	40-10	W
N Mexico St	-39	41-7	L
Notre Dame	+3	24-27	W
at Virginia	+4	13-37	L
Oklahoma St	-17	71-14	W
† Oklahoma	-21	27-30	L
at Colorado	+10	24-28	W
Baylor	-12	28-23	L
at Texas Tech	+7	38-32	W
at Kansas	-6	38-17	W
Texas A&M	-3	51-15	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-38	48-14	L
UCLA	-10	3-66	L
at Rice	-11	38-31	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	16-42	L
† Oklahoma	-4	27-24	L
at Missouri	-3	29-37	L
Colorado	+5	30-47	L
at Baylor	-9	21-23	L
Texas Tech	-1	10-24	L
Kansas	-6	45-31	W
at Texas A&M	+16	16-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-37	66-36	L
at UCLA	+9	31-49	L
at Kansas St	+23	7-48	L
Rice	-6	59-21	W
Iowa St	-14	54-33	W
† Oklahoma	-8	34-3	W
Baylor	-17	30-20	L
at Nebraska	+16	20-16	W
Oklahoma St	-11	37-34	L
at Texas Tech	-2	35-42	L
Texas A&M	+2	26-24	W

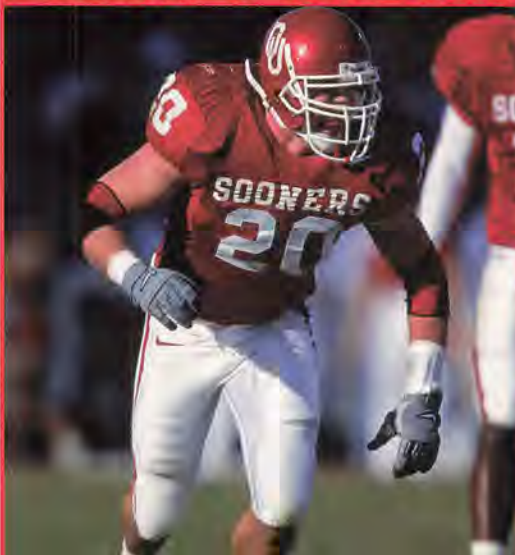
1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina St	-9	20-23	L
Stanford	-10	69-17	W
at Rutgers	-23	38-21	L
Rice	-27	18-13	L
at Baylor	-16	62-0	W
Kansas St	-6	17-35	L
† Oklahoma	-5	38-28	W
Nebraska	+9	24-20	W
at Iowa St	-10	44-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-8	34-21	W
Texas Tech	-16	58-7	W
at Texas A&M	-2	16-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-46	52-10	L
at Stanford	-13	24-27	L
Houston	-24	48-0	W
Oklahoma St	-20	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-2	14-63	L
at Colorado	+1	28-14	W
Missouri	-23	46-12	W
Baylor	-41	48-14	L
at Texas Tech	-10	29-17	W
at Kansas	-11	51-16	W
Texas A&M	-5	43-17	W

OKLAHOMA SOONERS



LB Rocky Calmus earned 1st Team All American honors in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Heupel benefitted from an installation of a wide open passing offense at a school that predominantly relied on the run in the past, and he set almost every school record in just 2 years. He nearly won the Heisman Trophy last year and has some excellent intangibles. He was like a coach on the field and will be missed. He read defenses and handled blitzes, often holding the ball until the last second and delivering the pass just as he was hit. Heupel's numbers were actually down a little last year as they ran the ball more but still were outstanding as he had 3,606 passing yards (64.6%) with a 20-15 ratio. He led his team to the National Title and was the #6 DC of MIA. Nate Hybl is a transfer from Georgia who saw action in 5 games as a backup, throwing just 16 passes with 2 TD's and 2 int's. He should do well in this offense, and has a stronger arm than Heupel in addition to having more mobility with 4.6 speed. Jason White (6-2 220 So) was PS#40 and was impressive in the spring. He will battle Hybl into August for the starting job and has a decent shot at winning it. Hunter Wall (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#47 and has good size and was a basketball AA in high school, showing his athleticism. This year Stoops signed Brent Rawls (PS#8). In the spring game WR Antwone Savage took 4 snaps at QB and rushed for 13 yards so they may add that wrinkle. There is plenty of talent in this group and they will put up outstanding stats. However, I doubt they will come close to matching Heupel's tremendous success. It may take them a year to learn the system.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 the Sooners had an inexperienced group at RB and Quentin Griffin only emerged as a starter at the end of the year. He has a nice combination of strength (465 squat) and speed (4.36) and he finished with 371 yards and 6.6 ypc. Last year he led the team in rushing with 823 yards (4.1) and was also the #1 receiver with 51 rec's (8.4). He's back for his junior season. The backup FB last year was VHT Renaldo Works (PS#38) who rushed for 393 yards and had 15 rec's as a true frosh. The Sooners use a FB and HB, as is common in this Kentucky-style attack, with the FB being the main rusher and the HB functioning more as a blocker and receiver. The Oklahoma HB's do have more carries than a traditional "H-back" would, however. They list 2 HB's as starters and Seth Littrell led them with 78 yards rushing (3.3) and also had 10 rec's (10.9). He was a tremendous blocker, but now departs. I list 3 HB's below who were all very productive with Josh Norman being the top receiver with 9 starts after winning the job from Damian Mackey (4 starts). Lamar Mozee tore his ACL in bowl practices in 1999 and was not 100% last year. At FB Jerad Estus (6-1 180 rFr) was impressive in the spring and will gain time as second VHT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). The team rushed for just 104 ypg in 1999 but had more of a reliance on the running game last year with 128.5 ypg and 33 rushing TD's including Griffin's 6 vs Texas. The WR's, rec's and HB's accounted for 266 yards rushing (9.2). With

a new QB in the system you might see even more reliance on the rush attack. **RECEIVERS** - When Bob Stoops took over and implemented the pass attack the majority of the receivers were athletes from different positions like RB, QB and DB who moved to the WR spot and had to learn the position. Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers and had a receiving corps dominated by underclassmen. Naturally everyone is back and Stoops was able to redshirt all of his top-notch true frosh signees last year and they will all be added to the mix this season. I list the very talented two deep below. That freshman class could very well steal some jobs. Heupel did a great job of spreading the wealth, with 7 players grabbing 30 or more receptions, and the top guy had just 51. This group is back in its entirety, has added a year of experience and has a solid infusion of talent which should make it even stronger this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Two years ago OL coach Mark Mangino inherited a veteran group with 4 of 5 starters having more than 5 starts under their belts in 1999 but he had to teach them the brand-new offensive blocking schemes. He did a great job as OU allowed just 17 sacks despite 566 pass attempts and Stoops was so impressed he made him the OC after Leach departed. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st round draft pick but got the return of Scott Kempenich who had 11 starts in 1997 and after 2 injury plagued seasons was healthy enough to start again last year. They also added PS#8JUCO Howard Duncan who started immediately. OU averaged 3.7 ypc rushing but more importantly allowed just 19 sacks in 489 pass attempts. This year they must replace C Bubba Burcham (13 sts, 3 yr sFr, HM B12), RT Kempenich (12 sts, 2nd Tm B12) and LG Al Baysinger (3 sts). Three full-time starters return with 5 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. OU allowed sacks on only 3.0% of their pass attempts in 1999 and 3.9% in 2000. Despite the losses the talent level is still very high and could be close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing in 1998 and had 3 starters back in 1999 but DE Rocky Bright was bothered by a back injury and had just 8 tackles. The unit slipped a little, allowing 3.4 ypc. Last year their only loss was one player who had a total of 6 starts and 13 tackles so basically 4 starters returned to the front with 7 players having starting experience. OU dropped the ypc allowed back to 3.1 and registered 33 sacks as a team. This year the losses are much heavier as DE Corey Callens (13 sts, 4 yr sFr, 37 tkl's, 5 sks, HM B12), DT Ryan Fisher (13 sts, 37 tkl's, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm B12), DT Ramon Richardson (2 sts, 33 tkl's, 4 sks, HM B12), DT Jeremy Wilson-Guest (15 tkl's, 2 tfl), and DE Eric Thunander (5 tkl's) all depart. Three players do return with starting experience and thanks to the great year they had last season, Stoops was able to land 3 VHT true frosh. This looks like a quality unit once again, but it is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Sooners returned everyone from a solid LB unit and simply had the best LB corps in the country. This year they suffer some major losses. Gone are MLB Torrence Marshall (12 sts, #2 tkl'r, 17 tfl, 3rd Tm AA, #3DC of GB), SLB Roger Steffen (6 sts, 38 tkl's) and SLB Ontei Jones (5 sts, 51 tkl's, 5 int, 10 pbu). They return 1st Team AA Rocky Calmus and the bad news for opponents is that for the first time in 3 years he will be playing without a cast on his hand (broken thumb last year) which means he has an opportunity to actually improve upon his performance. I list the 2 deep below and it is loaded with VHT's. This has the makings of a very good group, but is less experienced and clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When the Sooners played the "46" defense they were traditionally poor against the pass but did finish a respectable #51 in 1998. They had to replace 4 starters in 1999 but again finished #51. Last year they once again had to replace 4 starters including their #1 tackler and a second round draft pick, but they returned a group that was loaded with VHT's and 2 players did have starting experience. Overall OU finished #8, allowing just 49.2% with a 9-24 ratio despite having an inexperienced group. This year they are in much better shape as the only loss is FS JT Thatcher (11 sts, 2nd Tm AA, 66 tkl's, 8 int, 18 pbu). While he will be missed 3 full-time starters are back and Brandon Evergot in 2 starts at FS last year. Including true frosh, they have 4 VHT's available and I list the 2 deep below. The returnees include SS Roy Williams (1st Team Big 12), CB Derrick Strait (12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year) and CB Michael Thompson, who is one of the team's fastest and yet stands 6-1 196. Tragically, Thompson was in a severe car crash in May and his return to football is questionable. Even with the uncertainty of Thompson's return, this should be one of the best secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of the big reasons for OU's turnaround has been the vast improvement of the special teams play which has gone from among the weakest in the NCAA in past years to a strength under Stoops. Stoops says they spend a great amount of time on special teams and even P Jeff Ferguson, who averaged a solid 41.5 under John Blake, improved to 43.5 last year. If not for extremely poor special teams play, former coach Blake may have had a winning record here. They finished #110 and #101 in my rankings in 1996 and 1997 but since Ferguson's arrival at punter, this unit has improved

OKLAHOMA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quentin Griffin	200	889	66	823	17	4.1
Renaldo Works	89	448	55	393	5	4.4
Josh Heupel	83	306	139	167	7	2.0
Antwone Savage	12	160	0	160	1	13.3
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Heupel	472	305	64.6	3606	20	15
Nate Hybl	16	9	56.3	144	2	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Quentin Griffin	51	429	8.4	0	36	
Antwone Savage	50	621	12.4	3	74	
Andre Woolfolk	42	614	14.6	5	57	
Curtis Fagan	41	606	14.8	7	51	
Josh Norman	34	518	15.2	1	55	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK
Jeff Ferguson	56	2437	43.5	10	37.1	3
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tim Duncan	7-9	5-8	3-6	0-1	15-24	46
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	
R. Calmus	128	4	13	7	1	10
T. Marshall	105	5	12	7	3	8
R. Williams	99	4	9	10	2	1
J.T. Thatcher	66	0	3	18	8	0
D. Strait	65	2	3	15	2	0
M. Thompson	61	0	2	13	1	0
B. Everage	51	0	3	9	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO
J.T. Thatcher	43	634	14.7	2	J.T. Thatcher	11

greatly and in 1999, Stoops' first year, finished #2. Last year they had to replace their top KR and PR but did have both K's returning. Surprisingly, Ferguson's net dropped a little although he raised his average. He still holds OU's career record for punting average. He had a 43.5 average with a net of 37.1 which is solid. JT Thatcher filled the shoes of the top returnman as he averaged 24.0 on KR's and was #9 in the NCAA with a 14.7 average with 2 TD's on PR's. He will be missed. Antonio Perkins has 4.35 speed and could take over on returns. K Tim Duncan is adequate, hitting 15 of 24 FG's with a long of 46 last year and he returns. Duncan handles the kickoffs and they allowed just 18.5 per KR. Overall the special teams still finished a lofty #11 last year and while I expect Ferguson's punting numbers to continue to impress, the return units will probably be weaker with the loss of Thatcher. It will be tough for the Sooners to crack the top 10 this year, but this is clearly still a top-notch unit.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In my 1999 magazine I said that Oklahoma would be a surprise team in the Big 12 and they went 7-4 in the regular season and earned their first bowl bid since 1993. While I have used Oklahoma as a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep 7 times the last 2 years and they've delivered 6 victories, they even caught me by surprise last year by winning the National Title with a tremendous season. OU did benefit from +7 turnovers on the year and amazingly not one of their 22 starters missed a start due to injury. This team has been absolutely dominant at home under Stoops as they have a perfect 11-0 SU record and have won their games by an average of 42.5-9.2 including a 17 point upset of then #1 ranked Nebraska. They were the first team in NCAA history to defeat the #1 and #2 teams in back-to-back games and won their first conference title since 1987. They had 23 frosh and soph's in the 2 deep for the title game, so they will not be a one year wonder and look to be at the top annually. Thirty-three out of 44 players on the 2 deep chart including 19 of the 22 offensive players return. They had to replace their OC last year but Mark Mangino did a fine job guiding the team to 37.0 ppg thanks in part to QB Josh Heupel. Two things concern me about the offense. They have 7 offensive starters back, but must break in a new signal caller and opponents adapted to the Oklahoma offense down the stretch last year holding them to just 330 ypg the last 5 after they had averaged 471 ypg the first 8. The offense will be less potent this season. They return 6 starters on defense including their stars LB Rocky Calmus and SS Roy Williams. Don't forget this is the defense that held powerful Florida St to just 12 FD's. They have one of the top defenses in the country again but are less experienced than they were heading into last year and may be down just a notch. Stoops has said they can improve

upon last year's record as they have an additional game this year and should they win them all, they would be 14-0. They figure to be favored in every game this year with the possible exception of two, that being a trip to Dallas to face Texas and an Oct 27th re-match against the mighty Huskers. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call for the Sooners to go 12-0 in the regular season. I give OU a decent shot at running the table and repeating as national champs, but this squad looks a little weaker than last season and probably won't be lucky enough to stay as healthy as they did last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Tommie Harris 6-3 275 PS#2	QB Brent Rawls 6-5 190 PS#8
RB Dante Hickson 5-10 185 PS#12	WR Brandon Jones 6-3 205 PS#13
RB Seymore Shaw 6-0 210 PS#14	LB Jonathan Jackson 6-4 220 PS#12
LB Kejuan Jones 5-10 190 PS#22	DB Bobby Klinek 5-11 190 PS#25
TE James Moses 6-3 225 PS#6	DL Brent Rayl 6-7 270 PS#43
LB Gabe Toomey 6-3 215 PS#70	OL Vince Carter 6-3 265 PS#58
DB Eric Bassey 6-1 175 PS#62	TE Chris Wirth 6-4 245 PS#25
OL Clint Burch 6-6 275 PS#34JC	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Nate Hybl Jr. 6-3 217 PS#27, signed at Georgia. Scout tm MVP here after trans. 5 gms ly, 144 yds (56%), 2-2 ratio. **Jason White** (6-2 220 So) PS#40. **Hunter Wall** (6-2 220 rFr) PS#47. **FB** QUENTIN GRIFFIN JR. 5-6 187 4.36 spd. 4 sts in 99, 371 yds (6.6), 13 sts ly, 823 yds (4.1), #1 rec w/51 rec (8.4). **Renaldo Works** (6-1 208 So) PS#38, 393 yds (4.4), 15 rec (6.9) as true. **HB** JOSH NORMAN SR. 6-2 233 PS#42, 2 sts in 99, 17 rec (10.6), 9 sts ly, 34 rec (15.2). **Damian Mackey** (5-11 185 Jr) PS#108, 30 rec (9.9), 4 sts. **Jamar Mozee** (5-10 216 So) PS#19. **SE** CURTIS FAGAN JR. 6-0 175 PS#39DB, 32 rec (12.3) in 99, #4 w/41 rec (14.8). **LY** Antwone Savage (6-0 190 Jr) 4.35 spd. 6 sts as true. #3 w/37 rec (13.6), 7 sts ly, #2 w/50 rec (12.4). **FL** ANDRE WOOLFORK JR. 6-1 175 1st in 99, 11 rec (11.7), 42 rec (14.6) in 2000, 13 sts. **Ataleo Ford** (6-1 178 rFr) PS#41. **Will Peoples** (6-1 190 rFr) PS#46. **Brandon Jones** is PS#13. **TE** TRENT SMITH JR. 6-5 229 PS#2, 4 sts in 99, 21 rec (9.7), 12 sts ly, 31 rec (10.4). **Lance Donley** (6-4 225 So) PS#43TE, 3 rec (10.3) as true. **Big Spring** James Moses is PS#6. **C** Josh Smith Jr. 6-1 281 PS#269OL in '98, 2nd string in '99. **DNL**, 2nd string C/G in 2000, lettered. **Josh Tucker** (6-3 250 So) was PS#9TE, lettered as rFr, +16 lbs. **RG** MIKE SKINNER JR. 6-4 298 PS#128OL, 8 games as rFr, did not letter. 13 starts at RG in 2000, Trimmed 11 lbs. **Clint Werth** (6-6 275 So) PS#34JUCO, in for spring. **LG** HOWARD DUNCAN SR. 6-3 299 PS#8JC, in for spring last year and had 11 starts here (10 starts at LG, 1 start at RT). **Cliff Takawana** (6-3 300 rFr) PS#92OL, RS last year. **RT** Wes Sims rFr. 6-5 310 PS#20L in 2000! **Jon Hawk** (6-6 315 Jr) PS#57JUCO. Was PS#49DL in 1998. **Jerod Fields** (6-7 280 rFr) was late qualifier last year. **LT** FRANK ROMERO SR. 6-4 286 PS#16DL, 19 tkl's, 2 tfl, 3 pbu as true, 4 sts on OL in 1999. 13 sts at LT in 2000, 1st Tm B12. **Will Mathis** (6-5 303 Sr) 2nd string ly, 11 tkl's. **K** TIM DUNCAN SR. 6-2 198 Hit 11 of 16 FG's in 99, long of 43. Hit 15 of 24 in 2000, long of 46, 3 of 7 from 40+. Also handles KO's. **Michael Northen** (6-1 185 Fr) is PS#15.

DE CORY HEINECKE SR. 6-1 242 Last 5 sts in '99, 30 tkl's, 7 tfl, 13 sts ly, 50 tkl's, 4 tfl, 8 pbu. **Dan Cody** (6-4 230 So) PS#77QB, 11 tkl's, 2 sks as true. **Marcus Chretien** PS#147JC. **DT** BARRY HOLLEYMAN SR. 6-4 284 PS#171DL, 2 tkl's, 1 sack as rFr, 10 starts in 1999, 29 tkl's, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 4 starts in 2000, 17 tackles, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. **Tommie Harris** is PS#2DL. **DT** KORY KLEIN SO. 6-2 270 PS#103, 7 sts as rFr, 31 tkl's, 4 sks, 2 tfl. **Jamal Brown** (6-3 10 rFr) PS#68, acad questionable & inj ly. **Juan Priskher** (6-2 272 Jr) PS#72JC, RS ly. **DE** JIMMY WILKERSON SO. 6-4 230 PS#62LB, 18 tackles, 5 tfl, 2 pbu as true. **Jonathan Jackson** is PS#12LB. **David Jones** (6-2 231 So) PS#199LB, **Bret Rayl** is PS#43DL. **WLB** ROCKY CALMUS SR. 6-3 234 PS#21LB, 7 sts, 11 tfl as true, 119 tkl's, 18 tfl, 7 pbu in 1999. 1st Tm AA ly, 128 tkl's, 17 tfl, 7 pbu. **AP Big 12 Def POY**, **Brandon Pryor** (5-11 229 Jr) PS#69. **MLB** TEDDY LEHMAN SO. 6-1 232 PS#66LB, 11 tkl's, 1 tfl as true. **Brandon Moore** (6-1 232 Sr) PS#35, 5 sts in '98, #4 w/67 tkl's, 5 starts in '99, 20 tkl's, 3 tfl, **Me** RS last year. **SLB** ROMBROSE JONES SR. 6-2 225 PS#10LB, RS last year. **Gabe Toomey** is PS#20LB. **Brian Jimerson** (6-2 228 So) PS#132TE, **Gayron Allen** (5-10 195 Fr) PS#131LB. **CB** BRANDON SHELBY rFr. 5-10 185 PS#21, **Michael Thompson** (6-1 196 Jr) PS#58, 26 tkl's, 2 tfl as true, 13 sts, 61 tkl's, 1 int, 13 pbu. **Status?** for fall (car accident). **Bobby Klinek** is PS#25. **CB** DERRICK STRAIT SO. 5-11 194 PS#99, **AP Big 12 Def Newcomer** of Yr, 65 tkl's, 2 int, 15 pbu. **Terrance Simms** (6-1 185 Jr) PS#57JC, **Me** RS ly. **Antonio Perkins** (6-0 178 Fr) PS#44WR, 4.35 spd. **SS** ROY WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 221 PS#17, 6 sts as rFr, 81 tkl's, 8 tfl, 2 int, 12 pbu, 13 sts ly, 1st Tm Big 12, 99 tkl's, 13 tfl, 2 int, 10 pbu. **Matt McCoy** (5-11 195 So) PS#79WR, 11 tkl's ly. **FS** BRANDON EVERAGE SO. 5-11 192 PS#57QB, **Scout Tm Def POY** in 1999, 2 starts in 1999, 2 int, 9 pbu, 3 tfl. **Darren Stephens** (6-3 185 rFr) PS#16, **Sadiki Wilson** PS#133QB ly. **P** JEFF FERGUSON SR. 5-10 190 PS#11, 61 punts as rFr (41.5), 55 punts in 99, #8 in NCAA with net of 39.9 (41.9 avg). 56 punts in 2000, 43.5 avg but net of 37.1, 18 inside the 20.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

OU is 15-1-1 SU vs OSU at Lewis Field, but 3-7 ATS last 10. Sooners are just 2-9 ATS their last 11 vs Colorado. Oklahoma is 13-1 SU last 14 & 14-7-1 ATS last 22 vs Mizzou. OU owns a 63-5-2 SU mark vs Iowa St, including 7 in a row. LY was OU's 1st season with a positive turnover ratio in 6 years. OU is 3-1 ATS when favored by 28 or more.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Aug. 25	N Carolina	G													Sooners are 4-1 ATS in non-Big 12 games under Stoops. This is the inaugural Hispanic Fund Classic.
Sep. 1	at Air Force	G													Oklahoma is 13-7 ATS since 1980 in their 1st away game. Counting title games, OU is 4-11-1 ATS their L/16 as away chalk.
Sep. 8	N Texas	G													Oklahoma is 4-0 SU & 2-0 ATS vs North Texas. OU has won the L4 series meetings by a combined score of 197-35.
Sep. 15	Tulsa	G													Sooners are 2-7-1 ATSS/93 in the 2nd of B2B HG's, but 2-1 ATS for Stoops. Oklahoma is 7-1 SU but 3-5 ATS their L/8 vs current WAC schools.
Sep. 22															
Sep. 29	Kansas St	G													Sooners are 1-4 ATS since '89 in their 3rd straight home game. OU is 2-10-2 ATS vs KSU since 1986, dog 8-3-2 ATS in series.
Oct. 6	† Texas (Dallas)	G													Despite a 5-2 ATS mark the L2Y, OU is 17-38-1 ATS their L/56 Oct gms. Oklahoma Sooners are 4-9 ATS the last 13 in this series.
Oct. 13	at Kansas	A													Sooners are 4-12-1 ATS the week after playing Texas. OU has covered just 1 of the last 7 vs the Jayhawks.
Oct. 20	Baylor (HC)	G													Oklahoma is 7-0 SU vs Baylor, 4-0 at home. Sooners are 4-2 SU but 1-5 ATS when playing the week before Nebraska.
Oct. 27	at Nebraska	A													Could apply: OU is 12-8 ATS as an away dog since 1996. Or this could apply: OU came into 2001 w/a 4-11-1 ATS mark their L/16 as an AF.
Nov. 3															Bonus: Pending earlier results, OU is 13-27-1 ATS L/41 as a HF but 5-3 ATS the L2Y.
Nov. 10	Texas A&M	G													OU is 5-8 ATS their L/13 but 4-1 ATS their L/5 the week after a bye. The home team has covered 5 of the last 6 in this series.
Nov. 17	at Texas Tech	A													Including a bowl game, OU is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS vs TT. TT Coach Mike Leach served as Stoops' OC at Oklahoma in '99.
Nov. 24	Oklahoma St	G													Oklahoma leads the all time series 75-13-7 SU. The Sooner Schooner has ridden to a 16-9 ATS mark in home finales.

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (75,004)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-5-1	3-8	4-8	5-6	7-4	12-0	42-36-1
ATS	3-7-1	2-9	5-6	5-7	5-6	7-3	6-5-1	33-43-2
Home Fav	0-2-1	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-3	9-13-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-3	2-0	1-0	1-0	7-7
Away Fav	1-2	0-3	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2-1	4-11-1
Away Dog	1-2	0-2	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-1	2-0	13-12
Favorite	1-4-1	2-6	1-2	1-2	1-3	4-2	3-5-1	13-24-2
Dog	2-3	0-3	4-4	4-5	4-3	3-1	3-0	20-19
Grass	1-4-1	2-5	2-6	4-5	5-5	7-2	5-4-1	26-26-2
Artificial	2-3	0-4	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	7-12
vs Conf	3-3-1	0-7	5-3	2-6	4-4	5-3	4-4-1	23-30-2
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	10-13
Off SU Win	2-4	1-4	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-2	5-5-1	18-21-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	0-4	3-4	4-4	3-3	3-1	0-0	14-18

Coch: BOB STOOPS (Career 20-5)
Stoops' record AT OKLAHOMA

3rd Year at Oklahoma	5-3	Home Favorite
20-5 Straight Up	2-0	Home Underdog
13-8-1 Vs The Spread	2-4-1	Away Favorite
3-1 Off A S/U Loss	4-1	Away Underdog
9-7-1 Vs Conference	4-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Gator	+2	Virginia	48-14	W
93	John Hancock	-6'	Texas Tech	41-10	W
94	Copper	+1	BYU	6-31	L
99	Independence	-4	Mississippi	25-27	L
00	Orange	+10	Florida St	13-2	W

OKLAHOMA (13-0)

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RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7 Returning: **45 (24,18,3)**
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: **22 (11,11,0)**

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OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE												
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH
6*	37.0	21	129	3.7	288	64.2	11.3	+7	2000	7	14.9	15
7*	35.8	24	104	3.9	327	63.7	12.0	-6	1999	7	19.1	18
6*	16.7	14	184	3.8	110	43.2	17.6	-6	1998	7	20.8	15
6*	19.3	17	208	4.2	128	49.3	17.3	-22	1997	6	31.6	19
3*	23.2	19	199	4.7	183	44.3	16.5	-8	1996	6	35.6	19
8*	21.2	18	198	4.5	174	46.4	17.6	-9	1995	10	25.0	16
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OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UTEP	18	33-122	3.7	19-39	287	1	19	38-125	3.3	21-42	217	0	+4
Arkansas St	23	35-208	5.9	26-34	325	0	10	21-84	4.0	21-33	191	3	0
Rice	24	33-189	5.7	28-36	343	2	14	51-145	2.8	6-12	117	3	-1
Kansas	22	28-98	3.5	29-43	346	1	18	46-119	2.6	12-29	258	8	+5
† Texas	28	56-245	4.4	18-28	289	1	10	17-(-7)	-0.4	20-41	161	4	+1
at Kansas St	23	36-11	0.3	29-38	374	4	18	33-144	4.4	14-36	211	2	+1
Nebraska	20	35-118	3.4	20-34	300	3	16	43-195	4.5	12-27	133	3	+1
at Baylor	30	39-129	3.3	25-38	387	1	7	28-69	2.5	9-30	25	3	0
at Texas A&M	18	28-105	3.8	28-42	263	1	18	37-97	2.6	18-37	219	2	-1
Texas Tech	20	25-136	5.4	24-38	248	0	22	23-21	0.9	42-62	309	3	-2
at Oklahoma St	18	34-155	4.6	19-36	154	1	13	38-173	4.6	9-20	102	0	0
Kansas St (B12Title)	15	28-99	3.5	24-44	220	2	14	38-133	3.5	12-28	106	1	-2
Florida St (Bowl)	12	36-56	1.6	25-39	214	2	14	16-27	1.7	25-52	274	1	+1
TOTALS	271	446-1671	3.7	314-489	3750	19	193	429-1325	3.1	221-449	2323	33	+7
AVERAGES	20.8	34-129	3.7	24-38	288	1.5	14.8	33-102	3.1	17-35	179	2.5	0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-9'	7-20	L
at San Diego St	+6	31-51	L
Tulsa	-9'	24-31	L
Kansas	+11	24-52	L
† Texas	+21	30-27	W
at Baylor	+6'	28-24	W
at Kansas St	+19'	35-42	W
Nebraska	+35'	21-73	L
at Oklahoma St	-2	27-17	W
at Texas A&M	+15'	16-33	L
Texas Tech	+10'	12-22	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Northwestern	+4'	0-24	L
Syracuse	+11	36-34	W
at California	+4'	36-40	W
Louisville	-7'	35-14	W
at Kansas	-3'	17-20	L
† Texas	+4'	24-27	W
Baylor	-15'	24-23	L
Kansas St	+10	7-26	L
at Nebraska	+37	7-69	L
Oklahoma St	+6	7-30	L
Texas A&M	+15	7-51	L
at Texas Tech	+24	32-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-18	37-9	W
at TCU	-5'	10-9	L
California	-3	12-13	L
Colorado	-4	25-27	W
† Texas	+8	3-34	L
at Missouri	+16'	6-20	W
at Oklahoma St	+8'	26-41	L
Iowa St	-7	17-14	L
at Texas A&M	+19	0-29	L
at Baylor	+4	28-16	W
Texas Tech	+7	20-17	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	49-0	-
Baylor	-12'	41-10	W
at Louisville	E	42-21	W
at Notre Dame	+6	30-34	W
† Texas	+5	28-38	L
Texas A&M	+3'	51-6	W
at Colorado	-4'	24-38	L
Missouri	-11	37-0	W
at Iowa St	-7	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-13	28-38	L
Oklahoma St	-13'	44-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-27	55-14	W
Arkansas St	-32	45-7	W
Rice	-33	42-14	W
Kansas	-24'	34-16	L
† Texas	+2'	63-14	W
at Kansas St	+8'	41-31	W
Nebraska	+2'	31-14	W
at Baylor	-39	56-7	W
at Texas A&M	-10	35-31	L
Texas Tech	-24'	27-13	L
at Oklahoma St	-26	12-7	L



QB Mark Farris is the main wheel of an A&M offense that wants to stop at the top of the Big 12.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Aggies had to replace their starting QB and Slocum left the starting job open until just days before the opener when he awarded it to Mark Farris (PS#29) after a three horse race. Farris is like a Chris Weinke due to the fact that he took off 5 years to play baseball following high school and actually put up better stats than Weinke did as a first year starting "sophomore." Weinke threw for 2,487 yards (50.7%) in 1998 and last year Farris simply set the Aggie school record, throwing for 2,684 yards (61%) with a 12-10 ratio while also rushing for 198 yards. Vance Smith (PS#25) had the strongest arm of the 3 combatants for the job but saw little action with just 3 pass attempts in 3 games. He will be the backup. Colby Freeman (PS#10) was the best runner of the 3 and after seeing action in 9 games with 3 pass attempts and 65 yards rushing decided to transfer. The new 3rd stringer will be Dustin Long (6-3 190 rF) who was PS#38. They also signed PS#34 Jason Carter. In Weinke's 2nd season he threw for 3,432 yards (61%) with a 29-15 ratio and the Aggies will be hoping for similar improvement now that Farris has experience.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 the Aggies seemed to be in great shape but lost 2 returning starters early in the year and used 3 different RB's with Ja'Mar Toombs leading the team with 653 yards (3.9). Toombs led the team in rushing again in 2000 from his TB slot. Four different players led the team in rushing in different games throughout last year. Richard Whitaker became just the 4th frosh in Aggie history to lead the team in rushing during the regular season, finishing with 471 yards (5.1). FB Joe Weber (PS#7) had 264 yards as a true frosh and added 446 (4.3) last year. Toombs was the #3 rusher until the bowl when he snowballed his way to 193 yards and he finished with 548 (3.6) but opted to leave early for the NFL. Maurice Harris had 88 yards and he departs. Keith Joseph (6-2 221 -r) was PS#39. He was impressive on the scout team and had good speed for his big frame. Backup FB Stacy Jones was awarded a scholarship during the year and played in 10 games. This year they signed PS#38 Derek Farmer. This unit should have better health and even with the loss of Toombs, could improve upon last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies returned their top 2 receivers and added

a super JUCO transfer in Robert Ferguson who simply became the 1st Aggie to lead the conference in receptions per game in 14 years with 61 rec/s (15.4). He was Offensive Newcomer of the Year for the Big 12 but opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#2 DC of GB). Bethel Johnson was the #2 man and is back but they must also replace Chris Taylor (8 sts, 33 rec, 12.3, #77 DC of PIT) and TE RoDerrick Broughton (8 sts, 5 rec, 9.4). Dwain Gonyea is the fastest player on the team and will battle Greg Porter (6-4, possession receiver) for the other spot. They do add ND transfer Jamaar Taylor (PS#36) as well as 3 HT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). TE is 4 deep in HT's with Joey Perot (6-2 255 fr, PS#52) not listed below. This unit does have potential but with the loss of their star, is clearly weaker in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies had to replace two starters last year including a 2nd Team Big 12 RB and a backup who had 3 starts. Then prior to the season 3 backups were injured. Billy Yates missed the first 3 games with a broken leg but ended up playing in 9 games with a start in the bowl. Mike Mahan had heart surgery prior to the season but started 8 of the first 9 games until the problem flared up again. He left the team temporarily but was back for the bowl game. Despite the turmoil, the line did a solid job, increasing the offensive ypc rushing from 3.3 to 3.9 and the unit allowed just 11 sacks last year despite the most pass attempts in school history. This year they lose LG Chris Valletta (12 sts, 2 yr str, HMB12), backup C/OG Toby McCarthy (12 gms) and during the spring lost RT Tang McCauley (12 sts, PS#31DL) who was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons. Five players return with starting experience including their star, C Seth McKinney who was 3rd Tm AA and is back for his 4th year as a starter. This unit could match last year's productivity (as long as Mahan continues to play) and that means it will be top-notch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies started 3 soph's on the D-line in 1998 after losing all 3 starters and last year they were supposed to be in their 3rd year of starting together. Unfortunately DE Rocky Bernard was lost for the year prior to the season as were 3 players who were 3rd teamers. The defense as a whole allowed just 3.3 ypc but the 28 sacks were down from 40 in the 1999 season. This year they must replace DE Ronald Flemons (11 sts, 7 tfl, 42 tkls, 3 yr str, #7 DC of ATL), NG Ronald Edwards (12 sts, 3 yr str, 38 tkls, 3 tfl, #3 DC of BUF) and backup NG Stephen Young (16 tkls, 1 tfl). They get Bernard back and Ty Warren was sensational in his second year leading the team with 16 tfl, and could be an AA candidate this season. They have 5 players who were PS#60 or better in the 2 deep but I project true frosh Lawrence Hooper into the mix come fall and it's possible Donny Stringer (PS#128) may see playing time as well. This group is just as experienced as it was heading into last year and should be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aggies had their most experienced LB corps in the Slocum era with 4 starters back, only having to replace a couple of backups who combined for 63 tackles and 6 tfl. This year the unit was hit hard. Gone are Jason Glenn (10 sts, 67 tkls, 16 tfl, 15 pbu, 2nd Tm AA, #6 DC of DET), Roylin Bradley (11 sts, 57 tkls, 4 sks), Cornelius Anthony (12 sts, 87 tkls, 7 tfl) and Damien West (3 sts). Anthony was the #2 tackler in each of the last 3 years. Slocum has a couple of VHT's who I project as starters but needs Penright to be 100% healthy. There is solid talent in this group and the Aggies are known for their "Wrecking Crew" defense with excellent LB's. This year's group will be very good once again but clearly weaker than the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies traditionally finish high in my pass defense rankings with the exception of 1997 (#52). After ranking #21 in 1999, they were decimated by graduation losing 3 full-time starters and promptly succumbed to say "I've been here 28 years and this is the youngest secondary we've had." They also were hit hard by injuries as FS Michael Jameson missed 2 games and Wes Bautovich, a walk-on QB from Texas A&M Kingsville, had 3 starts and was the #2 tackler off the bench, earning a scholarship. CB's Davis and Weston were just a soph and fresh but combined for 27 pbu which was the 3rd best combo in Aggie history. Despite their youth, they finished #21 in my pass defense rankings, allowing just 52.7% with a solid 15-18 ratio. This year the only loss is FS Jameson (10 sts, 71 tks, 2 int's, 6 pbu, .66 DC of CLE). Along with the 3 returning starters is Jay Brooks, a VHT who has 12 career starts and there are 3 VHT's backing up the excellent CB combo. This group should be among the very best in the entire country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their "12th Man" special teams unit and have always treated this group as a priority. They've had FOUR top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings and were #20 in 1998 and #11 in 1999. Last year they slipped to #42 as they had a true frosh punter and had some unusual breakdowns. Cody Scates (PS#21) handled kickoffs as well as punting and did a solid job with a 39.5 avg but a net of

OFFENSE

QB MARK FARRIS JR. 6-2 206 PS#29 in 94. 5 yrs baseball. 12 sts as Sr. A&M pass record with 2684 yds (61%), 12-10 ratio, 198 rush, Vance Smith (6-226 Jr) RB **RICHARD WHITAKER SO.** 5-10 197 PS#113, #2 in 2000 w/471 yds (51.5%). Oschlor Flemming (5-10 211 So) PS#53. 48 yds ly Keith Joseph (6-2 221 rF) FB **Joe Weber Jr.** 6-0 233 PS#7. 264 yards (5.3) as true. 1st yr, 446 yards (4.3), 12 rec (8.3). Stacy Jones (5-11 229 Jr) has 33 yards in 2 years. WR **BETHEL JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 188 PS#99. 2 sts in '99, 27 rec (19.0), 8 sts 43 rec (11.0). Mickey Jones (5-9 178 Sr) PS#39. 9 rec (13.4) ly. Jamaar Taylor (6-2 200 So) WR **Dwain Goynes Jr.** 5-10 179 PS#49, fastest on team. 6 sts ly (L) (25.7). **Greg Porter** (6-2 228 Jr) 3 sts, 22 rec (12.1). Ellison Collins (6-3 206 So) TE **Lonnie Madison Sr.** 6-3 236 PS#45DL. 34 lbs, 2 tfl as rF. 1 st, 3 sts at TE ly. 2 rec. Michael de la Torre (6-5 244 Jr) 6 sts in '99 til inj. Fred Spiller PS# C **SETH MCKINNEY SR.** 6-3 302 PS#14. 14 sts as rF. 12 starts in '99. last year, 1st Tm B12, 3rd Team AA, top OL here, added 12 pounds. John Kirk (6-4 198 TAYLOR WHITLEY JR. 6-4 305 PS#105. 12 gms as rF, lettered, 12 quick for size. Alan Reuber (6-6 289 So) PS#33OL in '99. Brkn leg in Aug, bkup OT LG **Billy Yates Jr.** 6-1 292 PS#142OL. 12 games, 1 st as rF. 1 st after miss 1st w/broken leg. James Milkovich (6-2 278 So) PS#369. Geoff Hangerstar RT **Andre Brooks So.** 6-4 298 PS#133OL in 1999. Started last 3 2000 after his move from LG. Britt Lively (6-5 311 So) PS#77. 2nd string last year & LT **MIKE MAHAN JR.** 6-6 299 PS#135 in '98. Started 6 of last 7 yr games. 8 sts ly after heart surgery but back this year. Kasey Cheshire (6-4 279 rF) K **Chris Sims Jr.** 6-0 163 PS#33. 19 of 21 FG's as Sr in HS, 64 of 65 on x's. **Timm Geraeni** (5-9 159 So) PS#30. hit 8 of 11 FG's as Sr in HS.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

ph. 'Set	OLB Christian Rodriguez Sr.	6-2 230	PS#22.	16 tkls as rFr. 2 sts
PS#25.	2 sts ly, 13 tkls, 1 pbu. Ricky Cardoza (6-2 233) rFr	AS#113.	Jesse Hunt	
11 rec	DT TY WARREN JR.	6-4 300	PS#13DL, 15 tkls,	1 sack as
PS#39.	9 games last year, 41 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl, 6 press, added 14 pounds. Lawrence			
start last	NR Marcus Jasmin rFr.	6-4 323	PS#60.	DL & Scout TM
blocker.	Perroni (6-2 265) Sr PS#42.	12 tkls as rFr.	11 tkls, 2 tfl in 99, 3 sacks, 26 tkls, 3	
ly, #2 w/	DE ROCKY BERNARD SR.	6-3 294	PS#21.	4 tfl as true, 13 star
PS#36.	tfl. 9 sts in '99, 8 tfl, 29 tkls. In'y'd in 2000. Linnis Smith (6-4 250) SO PS#42,			
5) 6 rec	OLB Jarrod Penpright Jr.	6-3 238	PS#18.	13 tkls, 1 sk as true,
#67DB.	3 press. Toron Woodbridge (6-0 220) SO PS#45,			add ineligible ly. John Br
in 99, 2	OLB Harold Robertson Sr.	6-2 223	PS#191.	5 tkls as rFr, 2 sts, 1
4 in 99,	99, 30 tkls, 5 pbu. Brian Thompson (6-0 213) rFr	PS#35.	LeBrandon Shepard (6-	
2 starts	ILB BRIAN GAMBLE JR.	6-2 227	PS#36.	15 tkls as rFr, 61 Bf 12
#82) SO.	tfl, 12 sts ly, 2nd TM B12 #1 w/19 tkls, 4 sks, 3 int. Jared Morris (6-3 237) SO			
ly and ly	CB SEAN WESTON SO.	5-9 170	PS#73.	11 tkls as rFr, 34 t
2 gms.	Jonte Buhl (5-9 163) SO PS#30,	22 tkls,	2 pbu as true, Mike Pinesette (5-	
(bowl) ly	CB SAMMY DAVIS JR.	6-0 180	PS#6,	2 starts as true, 13 tk
ly #42 ly	tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu, HM Big 12. Adam Black (5-10 173) SO PS#7,	3 tkls, 9 gms		
at LT in	SS TERENCE KIEL JR.	5-11 196	PS#50,	10 tkls as true, 11 star
attered.	4 int, 6 pbu. Dawson Gentry (5-11 189) SO PS#51,	5 tkls as true.	Everett Smith	
99, 12	FJ Jay Brooks Sr.	5-9 190	PS#22,	7 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 5
PS#60.	19 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu, 2 sts ly, 4 tfls, 5 pbu, 6 tfl. Wes Bautovich (6-2 210) Sr	3 st		
of 51,	P CODY SACKS SO.	6-2 180	PS#21K,	44 average as S
Also p.	here as true, 39.5 avn & net of 33.8 Also did KO's in 2000 and 15 tkls as rFr			

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sh of Yr, 63 kls/10	OL	Jami Hightower 6-5 305 PS#5	
#20, 17 knts as Fr.	DB	Byron Jones 5-10 180 PS#17	
1 int, 15 pbu .	DL	Lawrence Hooper 6-3 185 PS#38	
155 Sn 9 kls/1y	WR	Treasure Thomas 5-11 260 PS#37	
12 starts 1y, 40	BR	Derek Fappel 6-0 190 PS#38	
es as a true frosh.	DB	Jaxson Appel 5-11 195 PS#37	
HM 6B 12, 63 kls,	DB	Jarvis Mays 6-3 185 PS#39	
was PS#57 in WR	QB	Jason Carter 6-0 190 PS#34	
4 kps, 3 sts in WR	OL	Cole Smith 6-4 280 PS#15	
4 kps, 1 knt, 7 pbu/1y	JR	John Robinson 5-10 175 PS#46	
in HS, 58 punts	DB	Bryant Singleton 6-0 175 PS#70	
the coverage unit	TE	John Buegle 6-2 215 PS#26	
	QB	Johnny Strickland 6-0 190 PS#128	
	OL	Domonic Stearns 5-3 300 PS#142	
	OL	Quentrell Coleman Jr 2-3 210 PS#142	

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TEXAS A&M 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ja'Mar Toombs	152	566	18	548	17	3.6					
Richard Whitaker	92	514	42	471	7	5.1					
Joe Weber	103	476	30	446	2	4.3					
Mark Farris	62	198	84	114	2	1.8					
Maurice Harris	20	92	4	88	0	4.4					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Mark Farris	358	217	60.6	2684	12	10					
Vance Smith	3	1	33.3	11	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Robert Ferguson	61	939	15.4	7	93						
Bethel Johnson	43	475	11.0	1	35						
Chris Taylor	33	405	12.3	1	29						
Greg Porter	22	267	12.1	0	31						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK In20					
Cody Scates	59	2329	39.5	7	33.8	1 19					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Terrence Kitchens	8-8	3-3	3-5	1-2	15-18	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TKL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TKL	PBU	INT
Brian Gamble	119	4	3	2	3	W. Bautovich	46	0	2	7	1
C. Anthony	87	2	5	4	0	R. Flemmons	42	2	5	1	0
M. Jameson	71	0	1	6	2	Ty Warren	41	5	11	0	0
Jason Glenn	67	5	11	15	3	S. Davis	40	0	1	12	4
Terrence Kiel	63	0	1	6	4	Ron Edwards	38	2	1	1	0
Raylin Bradley	57	4	2	0	0	Sean Weston	34	0	1	1	0
Jay Brooks	47	2	4	5	0	H. Robertson	30	1	0	5	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Chris Taylor	17	125	7.4	0	R. Whitaker	11	216	19.6	0		

only 33.8. The Aggies allowed just 19.6 per KR. Scates had some large shots to fill as 1999's punter, Shane Lechler, set the NCAA record for career punting average. K Terence Kitchens lost his job in 1999 after having 7 FG's blocked but hit 15 of 18 last year including 14 of 16 inside the 40 and leaves with 5 career FG's of 50+. He will be missed. Jay Brooks lost his starting CB job but was very productive on special teams with 4 of the team's 5 blocked punts. He is back. Shockingly, the Aggies gave up a 57 yard PR for a TD to OSU, the first PR TD that a Slocum team has given up in 12 years, and that contributed to the 10.8 they allowed on PR's. After 702 straight accurate snaps on xp's, FG's and punts they had 2 bad snaps vs Colorado, another anomaly. Chris Taylor only had a 7.4 avg as the leading PR and Whitaker a 19.6 avg as the top KR. With most of the key performers back (special teams rankings do not account for FG's which will be weaker), and with an experienced punter, this looks like another top 20 contending unit for the Aggies.

PHIL'S FORECAST

RC Slocum continues to do a fine job here, guiding the Aggies to 10 bowl games in 12 years and while they have been undefeated at Kyle Field 8 times in that span, they actually lost 2 home games last year, snapping a 22 game home winning streak. They had their 18th consecutive non-losing season last year with just three 5th year senior starters total while this year they have 8. Last season they set a single season attendance record with 77,579 average attendance and have scored 300 plus points in all 12 of Slocum's years. The Aggies started last season 7-2 but ended up losing their last 3 games. There were more losses in the offseason as Slocum has to replace 5 assistants including his OC Steve Kravtchouk who departs for the NFL. Dino Babers, who was the OC at Arizona, takes over. Not only do some assistants depart but the Aggies also lose six players to the NFL draft and have just 10 starters returning, the second fewest in the Big 12. While that's a lot of starters departing, they only lose 17 lettermen and return 49 and unlike last year A&M has an experienced QB. The offense could top 30 ppg for the first time since 1997. Even with just 5 starters back on defense the Wrecking Crew is strong once again. The Aggies draw Notre Dame as well as road trips to Colorado and Kansas St in their non-division schedule which is difficult. Talent-wise I rank the Aggies in the Top 20 and while a very tough schedule may keep them from reaching that at the end of the year, they should get back to the postseason and have another successful year.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

sh of Yr, 63 kls/10	OL	Jami Hightower 6-5 305 PS#5	
#20, 17 knts as Fr.	DB	Byron Jones 5-10 180 PS#17	
1 int, 15 pbu .	DL	Lawrence Hooper 6-3 185 PS#38	
155 Sn 9 kls/1y	WR	Treasure Thomas 5-11 260 PS#37	
12 starts 1y, 40	BR	Derek Fappel 6-0 190 PS#38	
es as a true frosh.	DB	Jaxson Appel 5-11 195 PS#37	
HM 6B 12, 63 kls,	DB	Jarvis Mays 6-3 185 PS#39	
was PS#57 in WR	QB	Jason Carter 6-0 190 PS#34	
4 kps, 3 sts in WR	OL	Cole Smith 6-4 280 PS#15	
4 kps, 1 knt, 7 pbu/1y	JR	John Robinson 5-10 175 PS#46	
in HS, 58 punts	DB	Bryant Singleton 6-0 175 PS#70	
the coverage unit	TE	John Buegle 6-2 215 PS#26	
	QB	Johnny Strickland 6-0 190 PS#128	
	OL	Domonic Stearns 5-3 300 PS#142	
	OL	Quentrell Coleman Jr 2-3 210 PS#142	

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TEXAS A&M AGGIES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

A&M is 6-0 SU, 5-1 ATS vs S Miss, 7-0 SU, 2-1 ATS vs La Tech.
Aggies are a perfect 12-0 SU in "NL" games.
Wrecking Crew is 5-0 SU but 3-2 ATS vs Oklahoma St.
A&M is 15-10 ATS as a favorite of 21 or more since 1992.
Aggies are 10-2 ATS at home over the past 2 seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score A&M Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	McNeese St	G												
Sep. 6	at Wyoming (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	Oklahoma St	G												
Sep. 29	Notre Dame	G												
Oct. 6	Baylor	G												
Oct. 13	at Colorado	G												
Oct. 20	at Kansas St	A												
Oct. 27	Iowa St	G												
Nov. 3	at Texas Tech	A												
Nov. 10	at Oklahoma	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 23	Texas (Fri)	G												

McNeese St finished 8-4 SU overall LY & lost in Rd 1 of the IAA playoffs.
The Aggies last "NL" game was a 59-6 win over Sam Houston St in '97.
Texas A&M is 9-3 SU, 8-4 ATS in their first lined game but...
Aggies are just 2-8 ATS in their last 10 road openers.
Bonus: Texas A&M is 6-1 ATS prior to a bye.
Aggies are 11-2 ATS in their first lined home game the last 14 yrs.
Texas A&M is 4-7 ATS in their 1st conf game of the season.
Pending the 9/4 result: A&M is 22-13 ATS in their L/35 non-conf gms.
Could apply: A&M is 6-1 ATS as a HD under Slocum.
Lots of kissing at Kyle Field today, as A&M avg's 33.1 vs Baylor the L8Y.
The visiting team is 7-4 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Texas A&M & the home team are 1-3 SU & ATS in this short series.
Pending LW's result, Aggies are 12-18 ATS in October since '94.
The dog is 4-0 ATS in the last 4 series meetings.
Aggies are 11-4 ATS since 1989 in their 2nd straight away game.
Texas A&M is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS vs ISU since the inception of the Big 12.
Wrecking Crew & Co are 21-10 ATS in sandwiched HG's S/'81.
The visitor is 7-4 ATS in this Texas tussle, Tech is 15-6 ATS in the series.
Aggies are 33-5 SU & 21-16 ATS in their last 38 Nov games.
Texas A&M is 5-1 ATS & 4-2 SU their last 6 meetings vs OU.
Pending possible earlier results: A&M is 3-7 ATS as an AD S/'93.
Bonus: Wrecking Crew has paved the way for a 9-3 ATS mark in road finales.
Aggies have been hooked by the Horns ATS 5 of the last 6 yrs.
These schools have played each other since 1894, 107 overall meetings.

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (80,650)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-0-1	8-3	6-6	9-3	11-2	8-3	7-4	59-21-1
ATS	5-5	4-6	5-7	5-6	7-6	7-4	6-5	39-39
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	1-4	4-1	3-1	19-16
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	4-1
Away Fav	2-2	2-2	2-3	1-3	3-2	2-2	1-2	13-16
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-2	3-6
Favorite	5-5	4-5	5-5	4-5	4-6	6-3	4-3	32-32
Dog	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	7-7
Grass	0-2	1-0	3-7	4-2	4-5	7-2	6-4	25-22
Artificial	5-3	3-6	2-0	1-4	3-1	0-2	0-1	14-17
vs Conf	2-4	2-5	3-5	4-5	5-4	4-4	4-4	24-31
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-0	2-1	15-8
Off SU Win	4-4	3-4	2-4	5-4	5-5	3-4	5-2	27-27
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-2	3-2	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	8-9

Coach: R.C. SLOCUM (Career 109-37-2)
Slocum's records AT TEXAS A&M

13th Year at Texas A&M	35-27	Home Favorite
109-37-2 Straight Up	6-1	Home Underdog
71-63 Vs The Spread	25-26	Away Favorite
12-12 Off A S/U Loss	5-9	Away Underdog
45-45 Vs Conference	26-18	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	95	Alamo	+5'	Michigan	22-20	W
	97	Cotton	+14	UCLA	23-29	W
	98	Sugar	+12'	Ohio St	14-24	W
	99	Alamo	+7	Penn St	0-24	L
	00	Independence	-1'	Mississippi St	41-43	L

TEXAS A&M (7-5) BIG 12 CONFERENCE:
SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 49 (23,21,5)
Lost: 17 (8,7,2)



TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	ST	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	TOTAL	TURN	RET	ST	DEF	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
6	29.0	20	152	3.9	227	60.1	13.0	+5	2000	7	19.9	17	118	3.3	203	52.7	16.1						
8*	26.5	20	140	3.3	220	50.1	13.6	0	1999	8	19.3	17	119	3.2	183	55.5	15.7						
7*	23.9	17	151	3.4	161	52.8	13.1	+15	1998	6	15.3	17	130	3.4	172	55.6	19.8						
8*	34.2	18	204	5.0	161	55.7	10.7	+18	1997	6	18.2	18	164	3.5	157	52.6	17.7						
5	32.0	19	230	4.9	174	48.0	13.8	-4	1996	8	23.4	16	107	2.8	222	52.5	15.3						
5*	27.2	20	173	4.1	195	53.4	13.5	-2	1995	7	14.0	17	108	2.7	154	45.2	18.7						

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS BY	TURN
at Notre Dame	17	37-90	2.4	16-28	165	2	21	49-194	4.0	10-16	133	2	-1
Wyoming	23	37-191	5.2	16-25	299	1	14	42-83	2.0	17-32	130	4	+1
UTEP	25	40-236	5.9	18-29	178	0	19	37-82	2.2	19-31	218	3	0
Texas Tech	18	36-159	4.4	16-23	186	0	19	28-23	0.8	29-52	322	4	+2
Colorado	25	36-71	2.0	28-45	291	2	19	42-112	2.7	15-25	239	1	+2
at Baylor	23	30-103	3.4	22-41	311	0	16	33-74	2.2	14-36	162	3	+1
at Iowa St	21	50-221	4.4	16-27	248	1	11	26-102	3.9	16-35	137	1	+1
Kansas St	20	53-171	3.2	12-20	155	0	21	34-118	3.5	14-40	227	1	+3
at Oklahoma St	25	37-190	5.1	24-37	246	1	17	35-167	4.8	16-33	155	3	0
Oklahoma	16	37-97	2.6	18-37	219	2	18	28-105	3.8	28-42	263	2	+1
at Texas	18	28-81	2.9	25-43	290	1	16	35-109	3.1	16-24	383	3	-4
Miss St (Bowl)	14	47-209	4.4	9-11	133	1	16	40-246	6.2	9-19	71	1	-1
TOTALS	245	468-1819	3.9	220-366	2721	11	207	429-1415	3.3	203-385	2440	28	+5
AVERAGES	20.4	39-152	3.9	18-31	227	0.9	17.3	36-118	3.3	17-32	203	2.3	0.4

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	-7	37-41	L	Sam Houston St	NL	59-6	-	† Florida St	+15'	14-23	W	at Louisiana Tech	-14'	37-17	W	at Notre Dame	+3	10-24	L
at SW Louisiana	-20	22-29	L	SW Louisiana	-38	66-0	W	Louisiana Tech	-22	28-7	L	Tulsa	-31'	62-13	W	Wyoming	-14	51-3	W
N Texas	-37	55-0	W	at N Texas	-31'	36-10	L	at S Mississippi	-2'	24-6	W	S Mississippi	-11	23-6	W	UTEP	-26	45-17	W
Colorado	+3'	10-24	L	at Colorado	+3	16-10	W	N Texas	-34'	28-9	L	at Texas Tech	-16	19-21	L	Texas Tech	-14'	33-15	W
Louisiana Tech	-24	63-13	W	at Iowa St	-33	56-17	W	at Kansas	-13'	24-21	L	Baylor	-30	45-13	W	Colorado	-8	19-26	L
at Iowa St	-13	24-21	L	at Kansas St	E/-1	17-36	L	at Nebraska	+11'	28-21	W	Kansas	-32	34-17	L	at Baylor	-27	24-0	L
Kansas St	E/-1	20-23	L	at Texas Tech	-5	13-16	L	at Baylor	-7	35-14	W	at Oklahoma	-3'	6-51	L	at Iowa St	-3	30-7	W
Texas Tech	-1'	10-13	L	Oklahoma St	-9'	28-25	L	Texas Tech	-9	17-10	L	Oklahoma St	-11	21-3	W	Kansas St	+5'	26-10	W
at Oklahoma St	-13	38-19	W	Baylor	-21	38-10	W	at Oklahoma St	-5'	17-6	W	at Nebraska	+13'	0-37	L	at Oklahoma St	-15'	21-16	L
at Baylor	-5	24-7	W	at Oklahoma	-15	51-7	W	Oklahoma	-19	29-0	W	at Missouri	-7	51-14	W	Oklahoma	+10	31-35	W
Oklahoma	-15'	33-16	W	Texas	-16'	27-16	L	Missouri	-6	17-14	L	Texas	+2'	20-16	W	at Texas	+5'	17-43	L
at Texas	+3'	15-51	L					at Texas	-2'	24-26	L								

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS



QB Kliff Kingsbury is now in his second season piloting the high powered Raider attack.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Tech had to replace their starting QB and were also switching to a brand-new offense. Despite having four cupcakes on the schedule early on, Kliff Kingsbury struggled a little early. He rebounded to set a Tech single season passing record and surprisingly led the nation in completions but a lot of his success was due to the new pass offense. Kingsbury threw for 3,725 yards (62%) but only had a 25-19 ratio and averaged just 9.5 yards per completion in the short passing game. He showed some mobility, rushing for 271 yards, and weathered many hits during the year. He should improve with an extra year of the offense under his belt. BJ Symons was PS#77 and attempted 25 passes but completed just 8 for 56 yards. He received extra reps in the spring to develop as the backup QB. Jason Winn (6-2 185 rFr) was PS#108 and is a Leach recruit, so he will contend for the backup spot as well. I look for even better numbers this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 Ricky Williams rushed for 1,667 yards (5.1) and began 1999 as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Unfortunately, he had to redshirt after being injured in the opener. Shaud Williams rushed for 658 yards (5.9) in his place. Both backs returned last year and keep in mind in the Mike Leach Kentucky-style offense, they use 2 RB's with one as mostly a ball carrier and the other mostly a receiver. Ricky was forced to wear a brace early, suffered numerous injuries and never recovered 100% from his injury in 1999 and rushed for just 476 yards (3.5). Shaud rushed for 241 yards (4.2) in an underachieving rush attack. He did not like the new offense and quit the team after this year's spring practice. The ground game was also hurt by the constant injuries and resultant juggling of the O-line. The two did combine for over 100 rec's but averaged just 4.9 ypc. Ricky was granted a 5th year medical hardship and returns this season. Foy Munlin (6-0 218 So, PS#170) was forced to play as a true freshman and had 60 yards rushing (4.0). Loliki Bongo-Wanga is PS#144JC and rushed for 1,264 yards and 16 TD's at JC last year. At IR is exciting sophomore Wes Welker (PS#65WR) who is a dangerous player on returns and had 704 return yards and 72 yards rushing with a nifty 12.0 ypc. Welker also had 29 rec's, averaging 12.0. This unit has added talent and should be more of a force.

RECEIVERS - Last year was the 3rd straight year that Tech returned 2 of 3 starters to this unit but they of course had to learn a new offense. This year they again must replace two starters. Gone are WR Tim Baker who led the team with 73 rec's (11.1) and was 2nd Team Big 12, and WR Derek Dorris (HM Big 12, 63 rec's, 10.0). The #3 WR was actually 5th on the team in rec's in Carlos Francis who had 43 (12.4). He is the fastest player on the team with 4.28 speed. They get three big time additions this year and all 3 will vie for starting spots. Nehemiah Glover (5-8 165 rFr) was only PS#167 but has 4.36 speed (2nd fastest). Anton Paige is PS#5JC this year. He is 6-5 and speedy and of course draws comparisons to Randy Moss (as do all tall WR's with speed). Armon Dorough is PS#17 and also has 4.4 speed. Cole Roberts was listed #1 TE out of spring and is the best TE type on the team but I get the feeling that Leach will be going with more WR types and less with the TE which means Glover could win a starting job. While they lose their top two WR's, this group has more talent and speed than last year's version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last season Tech not only had to work in a new offense, they also had to replace 3 OL starters who were lost to graduation. This unit was then devastated by injuries throughout the year and by season's end had just 7 healthy OL's and had used 8 different lineups. Returning starting RG Jason May missed most of the year due to injury and no player ended up starting all 13 games at one position. This year they must replace C/LG Kyle Sanders (8 sts) and LT John DePasquale (3 sts). The injury bug followed the team into spring practice as 3 starters, C Toby Cecil, RT Rex Richards and T Paul Erickson were forced to miss spring after undergoing offseason surgery. All 3 are expected back healthy for fall and they also get the return of Jason May who they hope can finally have his first healthy season in an injury plagued career. In the first year of the pass offense Tech went from averaging 3.5 ypc rushing down to 2.6 and from allowing 38 sacks to giving up 35 last year. As long as the injury bug does not continue into the fall, I look for big time improvement from a much more experienced group now in its second year of the new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech had to replace one starter who was 2nd Team Big 12 last year but had 3 starters returning to the front and 5 players overall with starting experience. They lost DT Lamont Anderson to a broken leg after 4 games and ended up allowing 3.9 ypc rushing and 163.9 ypg rushing which was their worst performance in rush defense in 5 years. They also recorded just 21 sacks as a defense. This year they must replace DE Devin Lemons (13 sts, 50 tks, 5 sks, HM B12), DT Kris Kocurek (13 sts, 89 tks, 2nd Tm B12, 7 tfl, #7 DC of SEA), and backup Zeno McCoy (21 tks) who quit the team for personal reasons. Two starters return and they get some big time additions as Anderson (PS#37) returns from injury and they also add PS#50JUCO Josh Ratliff, VHT true frosh Clayton Harmon (PS#49) and HT true frosh Fred Threault. They also bring in Beau Radney, a big letterman over from the OL, to add depth at DT. This unit does have good size inside and should help Tech to be tougher vs the run this year.

LINEBACKERS - Tech had to replace all 3 starters from this position last year but moved FS John Norman to an LB spot and he was the #5 tackler with 15 tfl and 6 pbu and made the HM Big 12 team. He departs as does Dorian Pitts (#2 tklr, 7 sks, 12 tfl, 11 pbu, HM B12). Everyone else returns. Jonathan Hawkins moved from FB in 1999 and had 66 tackles and was a projected starter last year, but played in just 2 games before a broken ankle. Rusty Bucy was a projected starter last year but missed the first 4 games last year with a hamstring injury and was never quite 100%. Lawrence Flugence was the #1 tackler by far with 169, earned 2nd Team Big 12 honors, and is back to lead the corps. Despite the loss of Pitts and Norman, this group has equal talent and experience to last year and could even be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech finished #52 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace 3 starters including a 5th round draft pick. They did have one star returning in SS Kevin Curtis who earned 1st Team Big 12 honors. Last year they finished #34, allowing 52.4% with only 8 TD's and 17 int's. This year they lose 3 starters again as CB Antwan Alexander (13 sts, 71 tks, 4 int, 13 pbu, 3rd Tm B12), FS Mark Washington (13 sts, 122 tks, 3 int's, 7 pbu) and CB Derrick Briggs (13 sts, 86 tks, 2 int's, 11 pbu, HM B12) all graduate. While the losses appear heavy, this unit has 3 top newcomers provided they all find the field in the fall. Tony Mitchell was PS#14 and originally signed with Miami, Fla. DeWayne Brandon is PS#18 this year and CB Ricky Sailor is PS#10JUCO

TEXAS TECH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ricky Williams	136	511	35	476	5	3.5					
Shaud Williams	57	265	24	241	2	4.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Kliff Kingsbury	634	393	62.0	3725	25	19					
Bj Symons	25	8	32.0	56	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Tim Baker	73	817	11.2	7	71						
Derek Dorris	63	627	10.0	11	41						
Ricky Williams	54	233	4.3	2	24						
Shaud Williams	52	292	5.6	0	23						
Carlos Francis	43	532	12.4	2	67						
Darrell Jones	33	508	15.4	2	65						
Wes Welker	29	347	12.0	0	44						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+ NET	BLK	INT					
C. Greathouse	42	1669	39.7	- 34.8	1	9					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Chris Birkholz	6-6	1-3	4-9	1-2	12-20	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
L. Flugence	169	4	7	4	0	Derrick Briggs	86	0	0	11	2
Dorian Pitts	132	7	12	11	0	Aaron Hunt	73	8	3	4	0
Kevin Curtis	128	2	13	2	0	A. Alexander	71	0	1	13	4
M. Washington	122	1	0	7	3	P. McClendon	36	0	0	2	1
John Norman	114	0	15	6	3	Robert Wyatt	33	2	3	0	0
Devin Lemons	90	5	3	3	0	Rusty Bucy	21	0	3	0	0
Kris Kocurek	89	3	4	0	0	Zeno McCoy	21	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Wes Welker	29	347	12.0	0	Wes Welker	18	320	17.8	0		

who had 8 int's and 11 pbu at JC last year. If these 3 all play this fall, this unit will have a significant upgrade in talent and with the fact that their star, Kevin Curtis, is back for his senior season, this unit is in better shape than it was heading into last year and should continue to improve in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Spike Dykes had the special teams unit finish in my top 25 two out of his last four seasons but they did slip to #95 and #65 in his final 2 seasons. In the first year under Mike Leach they finished just #70. Eric Rosiles was the punter for all of 1999 and half of last year and was #22 in the NCAA averaging 41.6 per punt but was benched at midseason for Clinton Greathouse as he had the stronger leg and could provide booming punts. In Greathouse's first two games he was instructed to kick the ball OOB away from the Kan St and Nebraska PR's and did not have a great average but finished the year with a 39.7 average. TT did have 3 kicks blocked, 2 vs Rosiles and 1 vs Greathouse, while Tech did not block any punts. They did have a super true frosh newcomer in the return unit in Wes Welker who was voted HM Big 12 as he averaged 13.3 on 29 PR's and 17.8 on 18 KR's. Speedy Carlos Francis also had 8 KR's for a 21.3 average. The return game should improve. At midseason they also began using more starters from the defense on the special teams and their overall play did improve. A big loss is kicker Chris Birkholz who hit 12 of 20 FG's with a long of 50 and he was a Groza semifinalist in 1998. They do return their kickoff man Wich Brenner but he has some injury concerns as of this writing. I look for a good year from Greathouse and since they have some dangerous returners I see Tech improving in this underrated category.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I think Spike Dykes did a great job here and in his 13 year tenure had the team bowl eligible 8 times despite not being able to out-recruit state powers Texas and Texas A&M. Last year Mike Leach came in from Oklahoma and inherited a team with just 10 returning starters, but an extremely soft non-conf slate allowed them to open up 4-0 and when the dust cleared, Tech was in a bowl game and finished the season 7-6. Leach agreed to a one year contract extension through the year 2005. The offense figures to be much more potent in the second year of Leach's new passing system, especially with an experienced QB and a veteran offensive line. This is the second year for defensive coordinator Greg McMackin, who helped turn the Hawaii program around 2 years ago. McMackin had just 4 returning starters to work with last year but they allowed 7.0 less ypg than 1999 (keep in mind they played the 2nd easiest schedule of all Big 12 teams) with 333 ypg. They led the NCAA with 3 shutouts while a 4th opponent, N Texas, did not score an offensive point. He has just 4 returning starters to work with again but could show improvement. The non-conf slate is soft and while they draw both Nebraska and Kan St out of the North, they took the Wildcats down to the wire last year and this season get them at home. Tech figures to be a stronger team in Leach's second season and has the schedule to make it back to a bowl game.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Armon Dorough	6-1 170 PS#17
DB DeWayne Brandon	6-4 202 PS#18
WR Anton Paige	6-5 205 PS#5JC
DL Clayton Harmon	6-5 270 PS#49
DB Ricky Sailor	5-11 190 PS#10JC
LB E.J. Whitley	6-3 300 PS#68
RB Ivory McCann	5-9 170 PS#92
DL Josh Ratliff	6-3 240 PS#50JC
DB Quincy Butler	6-2 180 PS#98
WR Taurean Henderson	5-10 170 PS#92
OL Bryan Kegans	6-5 303 PS#117
DL Fred Threault	6-3 215 PS#137
LB Loliki Bongo-Wanga	6-0 200 PS#144JC
LB John Saldi	6-4 205 PS#148
LB Randall Cherry	6-3 220 PS#155

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB KLIFF KINGSBURY JR. 6-4 200 1 st in 99, 492 yds (44%) 4-1 ratio. 13 sts in 2000, 3725 yds (TT record) 62% with 25-19 ratio and 271 rush. BJ Symons (6-2 204 So) PS#77.
RB RICKY WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 195 948 yds (4.4), 10 rec in 11 sts as true, 1667 yds (5.1) in 98. Inj'd in 99. Not 100% ly, 476 yds (3.5), 54 rec (4.3). Loliki Bongo-Wanga PS#144JC.
IR Wes Welker So. 5-9 185 PS#65, 704 return yards, 72 yards rush, 347 yards rec. King Scovell (5-11 184 Sr), Nehemiah Glover (5-8 165 rFr) PS#167, 4.36 speed.
WR Carlos Francis So. 5-9 188 4.28 spd/RS in 99. #5 ly with 43 rec (12.4). Armon Dorough (6-1 170 Fr) is PS#17. Jamall Broussard (5-9 168 So) had 10 catches ly.
WR ANTON PAIGE JR. 6-5 205 PS#5JUCO. Great size & 4.48 speed. 64 rec (19.3) at JC last year. Darrell Jones (6-3 195 Sr) 16 rec (14.6) in 99. 8 sts ly, #6 w/33 rec (15.4).
TE Cole Roberts Sr. 6-6 245 PS#45TE. 1 st in 97 & 98. 2 sts ly, 14 rec (10.9). Mickey Peters (6-3 194 So) 3 rec (8.3) ly. Clay McGuire (6-3 210 Fr) PS#100QB. Will play TE/FL.
C TOBY CECIL So. 6-4 225 PS#338OL. 11 starts as rFr, 9 at C, 1 at RG, 1 at LT. Honorable Mention Big 12. Missed spring (injury). Dylan Gandy (6-4 260 rFr) PS#435OL.
RG Casey Keck So. 6-3 247 PS#316OL. 7 sts as rFr (6 at RG, 1 at LT). Lance Williams (6-2 306 Sr) PS#491OL. 1st as rFr. Lettered in 99. 3 sts at LG ly, 3 letters.
LG MATT HEIDER SR. 6-5 305 9 games as rFr & lettered. 2 starts in 99. 8 games (int) 10 sts ly (6 at LG, 4 at RG) HM Big 12. Cody Campbell (6-4 290 rFr) PS#435.
RT REX RICHARDS JR. 6-4 299 PS#93. Started last as true. 12 starts in 2000 (10 at RT, 2 at RG) HM Big 12. Jason May (6-4 295 Sr) PS#212. 6 starts in inj plagued year.
LT PAUL ERICKSON SR. 6-5 284 2 sts in 99 & lettered (injured in 98). 11 starts last year (3 at RT, 8 at LT). Missed spring (ankle). Daniel Loper (6-7 280 rFr) was PS#435OL.
K Wich Brenner So. 6-2 225 PS#89K. Invited walk with strong leg & handled KO's as true. Clinton Greathouse (5-11 201 Jr) handled KO's in 3 games in 2000.

DE AARON HUNT JR. 6-3 239 1 start as rFr, 36 tks, 5 sks. 13 sts in 2000, HM Big 12, 73 tks, 8 sks, 3 tfl, 4 pbu, added 14 lbs. Rashon Rasberry (6-3 235 Sr) JC trans ly, 5 tks.
DT ROBERT WYATT JR. 6-1 301 PS#83. 7 sts as rFr, 31 tks, 1 tfl, 12 sts ly, 33 tks, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Josh Page (6-2 277 Jr) PS#158OL. 32 tks, 2Y. Clayton Harmon is PS#49.
DT Lamont Anderson Jr. 6-1 283 PS#37. 2 sts as true, 27 tks, 10 tks, 3 tfl in 4 games till inj. Rodney McKinnay is PS#231JC. Beau Radney (6-3 304 So) PS#221OL. Lettered at OG ly.
DE Josh Ratliff Jr. 6-3 240 PS#50JC in for spring. Enrolled at 225 lbs & should be 260 lbs by fall. Adell Duckett (6-4 230 Fr), Jeremy Milam (6-2 260 So) 3 tks in 4 games in 2000.
OLB Rusty Bucy Jr. 6-1 226 PS#77. 11 tks, 5 games as rFr till injury. Miss 1st 4 w/hamstring inj ly, 21 tks, 3 tfl, 9 games. Marquis Turner (6-0 210 So) PS#212, 5 tks as true.
MLB LAWRENCE FLUGENCE JR. 6-1 221 6 tks as rFr. Surprise of spring ly & then #1 w/169 tks, 4 sks, 7 tfl, 4 pbu, 13 sts, 2nd Tm Big 12. Toby Shain (5-11 241 Jr) PS#292RB. 17 tks, 3 tfl ly.
OLB Jonathan Hawkins Sr. 5-11 224 PS#129DB. 5 sts, 308 tfl yds as rFr, 33 yds, 314 tfl yds in '98, 66 tks at LB in '99. 8 tks ly then inj & RS. Jeremy Woods (6-3 235 rFr) PS#88.
CB Tory Mitchell So. 6-1 180 4.2 spd. PS#14DB & orig at Miami, Fla. CJ Johnson (5-10 190 Sr) PS#80JC, 4 tks ly. Eric Cooper (5-11 194 So) was PS#338, 4 tks ly.
CB Ricky Sailor Jr. 5-11 190 PS#10JC. 8 int, 11 pbu at JC ly. Anthony Terrell (5-11 174 Sr) PS#63. 23 tks as true, RS in 98, 20 tks in 99. 6 tackles last year, 1 sack.
SS KEVIN CURTIS SR. 6-3 209 1 start as true, 49 tks, 1 int, 4 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 153 tks, 3 int, 6 pbu. 1st Tm Big 12 in 2000, 128 tks, 2 sks, 13 tfl, 2 int, 13 pbu, 9 QB hurries.
FS Paul McClendon Sr. 5-10 178 1 tkl as rFr, 15 tks in 99, big hitter, 36 tks, 1 int, 2 pbu as NB last year. Added 13 pounds in spg. DeWayne Brandon (6-4 202 Fr) is PS#18.
P CLINTON GREATHOUSE JR. 5-11 201 Big leg. Took over as punter at midyear and had 42 punts with 39.7 average, 1 blocked. Team net was 34.1. Had 9 of 42 punts inside the 20.

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

Lubbock, Texas
Weather (806) 748-1313

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Raiders are 23-13-1 ATS as an away dog since 1990 & 3-1 LY.
Red Raiders are 45-22-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1993.
Texas Tech is 28-15 ATS their last 43 as a home favorite.
TT is 5-0 SU, but only 3-2 ATS vs Louisiana-Lafayette.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	New Mexico	A												
Sep. 15	at UTEP	A												
Sep. 22	at N Texas	A												
Sep. 29	at Texas	G												
Oct. 6	Kansas (HC)	A												
Oct. 13	Kansas St	A												
Oct. 20	at Nebraska	A												
Oct. 27	at Baylor	G												
Nov. 3	Texas A&M	A												
Nov. 10	at Oklahoma St	A												
Nov. 17	Oklahoma	A												
Nov. 24														

Bonus: TT is 14-8 ATS as a DD HF & was 4-2 ATS in that role LY.
Texas Tech is 28-14 ATS in Jones Stadium the last 7 years.
Red Raiders have won & covered 7 of their last 8 home openers.
TT is 4-2 ATS the L4Y as away chalk, but this is the 1st AF role under Leach.
Tech is 5-8 ATS the last 4 years vs non-conference foes.
Raiders are 3-8 ATS in their 2nd straight away from Lubbock.
TT is 8-0 SU & 5-3 ATS as a double digit away favorite.
The road team is 8-4 ATS in the L12 meetings but only 4-3 ATS L7.
Texas Tech is 41-20-1 ATS in their last 62 conference contests.
Red Raiders are 8-1 ATS in their last 9 Homecoming games.
Tech is 23-7 ATS in their last 30 October contests.
Raiders are 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
Techsters are 9-4 ATS their last 13 (but 0-2 LY) as a home dog.
Pending the 9/29 result, TT is 23-13-1 ATS as an AD since 1990.
Huskers have outscored Tech 85-3 in the last 2 series meetings.
Barring a major upset, note that TT came into 2001 w/a 24-3 ATS mark off a SU loss.
Raiders are 8-2 ATS their last 10 games vs Baylor.
Pending earlier results, TT is 17-8 ATS in their last 25 Big 12 HG's.
Tech is 14-6 & 9-3 ATS vs the Aggies.
The home team is 4-2 ATS in the last 6 series meetings.
TT is 6-16 SU after playing Texas A&M.
Red Raiders are an amazing 15-1 ATS in their L16 home finales.
Texas Tech is 3-5 ATS their L8 vs OU but have covered 2 in a row.
Bonus: The underdog is 6-0 ATS the last 6 in the OU/TT series.

STADIUM: JONES STADIUM (50,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	7-4	6-5	7-4	6-5	7-5	47-31
ATS	8-3	7-4	7-3-1	7-4	7-4	5-6	7-5	48-29-1
Home Fav	3-0	3-1	4-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	4-2	19-10
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	9-4
Away Fav	1-2	2-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	7-7
Away Dog	2-0	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	13-8-1
Favorite	4-2	5-2	4-3	3-2	4-4	2-2	4-2	26-17
Dog	4-1	2-2	3-0-1	4-2	3-0	3-4	3-3	22-12-1
Grass	1-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	2-1	1-4	1-1	9-10
Artificial	7-2	4-4	7-1-1	6-3	5-3	4-2	6-4	39-19-1
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	5-2-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	5-3	34-19-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-2	14-10
Off SU Win	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	4-3	1-4	2-5	20-24
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-0	4-0	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	24-3

Coach: MIKE LEACH (Career 7-6)

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

2nd Year at Texas Tech	4-2	Home Favorite
7-6 Straight Up	0-2	Home Underdog
7-5 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
4-0 Off A S/U Loss	3-1	Away Underdog
5-3 Vs Conference	2-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Cotton	+6'	USC	14-55	L
95	Copper	-4	Air Force	55-41	W
96	Alamo	-3'	Iowa	0-27	L
98	Independence	-9'	Mississippi	18-35	L
00	gallienfurniture.com	-1	E Carolina	27-40	L

TEXAS TECH (7-6) BIG 12 SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 48 (21,25,2)
Lost: 22 (8,11,3)



TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	25.4	20	66	2.6	297	60.9	14.3	+6	2000	4	21.4	19	164	3.9	169	52.4	15.6
7*	23.0	17	149	3.5	175	48.1	14.1	-2	1999	6	25.6	18	145	3.6	195	53.9	13.3
6	27.7	22	192	4.0	203	52.8	14.3	-6	1998	5	19.8	15	121	2.9	170	49.8	14.7
4*	22.3	18	150	3.6	159	51.3	13.9	+13	1997	6	19.7	19	137	3.2	185	53.4	16.4
8*	26.9	21	256	5.1	156	43.8	15.3	+9	1996	6	19.3	19	148	3.8	200	45.3	18.0
7*	32.1	21	218	4.9	186	48.8	12.6	+8	1995	5	20.6	18	171	3.9	175	41.6	16.8

OFFENSE												2000 STATS BY GAME											
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
New Mexico	13	24-69	2.9	21-47	186	4	1	13	52-115	2.2	6-18	52	3	+2		13	52-115	2.2	6-18	52	3	+2	
Utah St	25	28-77	2.8	37-57	505	1	1	18	28-147	5.3	16-35	153	2	+2		18	28-147	5.3	16-35	153	2	+2	
N Texas	19	29-80	2.8	42-55	238	1	7	7	33-49	1.5	6-13	107	2	-2		7	33-49	1.5	6-13	107	2	-2	
Louisiana-Lft	15	31-101	3.3	24-37	240	4	11	11	34-94	2.8	11-22	85	3	+1		11	34-94	2.8	11-22	85	3	+1	
at Texas A&M	19	28-23	0.8	29-52	322	4	18	18	36-159	4.4	16-23	186	0	-2		18	36-159	4.4	16-23	186	0	-2	
Baylor	24	27-129	4.8	33-50	322	0	16	16	30-100	3.3	13-40	148	3	+2		16	30-100	3.3	13-40	148	3	+2	
Nebraska	11	12-19	1.6	22-48	181	2	30	30	77-442	5.7	7-14	98	0	0		30	77-442	5.7	7-14	98	0	0	
at Kansas St	22	28-35	1.3	29-60	302	5	18	18	44-125	2.8	13-25	160	1	0		18	44-125	2.8	13-25	160	1	0	
at Kansas	28	32-80	2.5	33-49	409	0	27	27	44-172	3.9	23-41	327	3	0		27	44-172	3.9	23-41	327	3	0	
Texas	20	14-17	1.2	28-49	282	3	26	26	53-233	4.4	20-35	182	2	-4		26	53-233	4.4	20-35	182	2	-4	
Oklahoma St	29	28-146	5.2	33-48	258	3	21	21	39-107	2.7	22-39	223	0	+2		21	39-107	2.7	22-39	223	0	+2	
at Oklahoma	22	23-21	0.9	42-62	309	3	20	20	25-136	5.4	24-38	248	0	+2		20	25-136	5.4	24-38	248	0	+2	
E Carolina (Bowl)	18	23-62	2.7	31-49	307	5	25	25	52-252	4.8	17-27	229	2	+3		25	52-252	4.8	17-27	229	2	+3	
TOTALS	265	327-859	2.6	404-663	3861	35	250	250	547-2131	3.9	194-370	2198	21	+6		250	547-2131	3.9	194-370	2198	21	+6	
AVERAGES	20.4	25-66	2.6	31-51	297	2.7	19.2	19.2	42-164	3.9	15-28	169	1.6	0.5		19.2	42-164	3.9	15-28	169	1.6	0.5	

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas St	+7	14-21	T	at Tennessee	+25	17-52	L	UTEP	-17'	35-3	W	at Arizona St	+6'	13-31	L	New Mexico	-16'	24-3	W
Oklahoma St	-14	31-3	W	SW Louisiana	-28	59-14	W	at N Texas	-22	30-0	W	at Louisiana-Lft	-22	38-17	L	Utah St	-21	38-16	W
at Georgia	-2'	12-15	L	N Texas	-32	27-30	L	Fresno St	-13'	34-28	L	N Texas	-31	14-21	L	N Texas	-30'	13-7	L
Utah St	-22	58-20	W	at Baylor	-5	35-14	W	at Iowa St	-6	31-24	W	Texas A&M	+16	21-19	W	Louisiana-Lft	-32	26-0	L
Baylor	-7	45-24	W	Kansas	-9'	17-7	W	Baylor	-12'	31-29	W	at Oklahoma St	+3'	21-41	L	at Texas A&M	+14'	15-33	L
at Kansas	+1	30-17	W	at Nebraska	+36'	0-29	W	Oklahoma St	-3'	24-17	W	Colorado	+5	31-10	W	Baylor	-20	28-0	W
Nebraska	+22	10-24	W	Texas A&M	+5	16-13	W	at Colorado	+5	17-19	W	at Baylor	-8'	35-7	W	Nebraska	+20	3-56	L
at Texas A&M	+1'	13-10	W	Kansas St	+6'	2-13	L	at Texas A&M	+9	10-17	W	at Missouri	+1	7-34	L	at Kansas St	+31'	23-28	W
Texas	-7	32-38	L	at Texas	+1	24-10	W	Missouri	-1'	26-28	L	Iowa St	-2'	28-16	W	at Kansas	+3	45-39	W
SW Louisiana	-28	56-21	W	at Oklahoma St	+5	27-3	W	Texas	+2'	42-35	W	at Texas	+16	7-58	L	Texas	+10	17-29	L
at Oklahoma	-10'	22-12	L	Oklahoma	-24	21-32	L	at Oklahoma	-7'	17-20	L	Oklahoma	+13	38-28	W	Oklahoma St	-10	58-0	W
																at Oklahoma	+24'	13-27	W

OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS



WR Rashaun Woods is the leading returning receiver in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1997 Tony Lindsay started 10 games as a rFr and completed 60% with a 10-7 ratio while also rushing for 811 yards and he was named Big 12 Fresh of the Year. Big things were expected of his career but he struggled in 1998 and was injured in 1999 and started just 6 games. Last year he injured his shoulder in August and that made him ineffective. He ended up having shoulder surgery after 5 starts and missed the rest of the year. He threw for just 621 yards (50%) with a 3-3 ratio while rushing for 206 yards. Ryan Bivin was a walk-on from SW Missouri St who hit 2 of 8 passes for 4 yards in 3 games last year, and he departs as well. Aso Pogi (6-3 225 So) has a powerful arm and is a much better passer than Lindsay. He was competing with Lindsay for the starting job and then ended up starting the last 6, throwing for 1,550 yards (56%) with a 6-1 ratio while also rushing for 295 yards. He set OSU's frosh passing record and was Big 12 Player of the Week vs Baylor with 4 rushing TD's. He had 328 yards passing in his first start against Iowa St. Andre McGill (6-0 180 rFr) was PS#64 and threw for 1,700+ yards with a 25-5 ratio his senior year in HS. No backup QB emerged in the spring and the backup could be true frosh Josh Fields (PS#83). I expect Pogi to be solidly improved with a year of seasoning.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Cowboys returned Jamaal Fobbs, their leading rusher from 1999, who led the team with just 544 yards (4.9) that year. Fobbs had 966 yards as a rFr in 1997 but never recaptured that performance level and last year missed spring practice with an injury and moved to FB. He got in 8 starts and had just 48 yards rushing but had 31 rec's (10.8) to lead the team. Reggie White was the star of spring practice in both 1999 and last year. He finally lived up to his potential in the regular season gaining 11 starts and rushing for 1,049 yards (5.0) to earn 2nd Team Big 12 honors. He got some bad advice (told he would go as high as 2nd round) and decided to leave early for the NFL (but was not drafted). Tatum Bell wanted to redshirt last year to get bigger but was forced to play and rushed for 251 yards (5.1). He has a 4.34 speed and is remembered for his 60 yard TD run vs Oklahoma. Two FB's return with starting experience and I list them below. Bell is backed by a couple of HT's in Richard Schwarz, who had 9 yards as a rFr, and D.D. Cox (5-10 200 rFr) who is PS#73 and has 4.43 speed. True frosh Erick McCown is also in the mix. Also at FB is Reggie Promise (5-9 265

rFr) who was PS#317. I think Bell will have a solid season but with the loss of their two starters including a 1,000 yard rusher, this unit looks weaker.

RECEIVERS - The Cowboys had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers last year but returning starting TE Marcellus Rivers was thought to be a top-notch NFL prospect. Surprisingly Rivers was asked to play WR and only had 5 starts. The leading receiver turned out to be FB Fobbs. This year almost everyone returns but they lose their top 2 TE's. Gone are Bryan Blackwood (5 sts, 9 rec), Khary Jackson (5 sts, 13 rec) and Rivers (19 rec's). Gabriel Lindsay is Tony's younger brother and had 7 starts and was #3 receiver with 28 grabs (12.8). Rashaun Woods (PS#69) was the #2 receiver with 8 starts and 29 rec (11.3). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and they bring in a JUCO and some top-notch frosh plus have some HT rFr TE's. With practically everyone back this unit looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year OSU had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation. They had 4 players returning who had 3 or more starts including 3 full-time starters. They went from gaining just 3.3 ypc in 1999 to 4.1 and decreased the amount of sacks allowed from 44 to 29. The only loss is RT Joshua Lind (10 sts, HM B12, 3 yr st) so 9 of the top 10 are back. They also get some solid additions in JUCO Jed Newkirk and some frosh who redshirted last year. Even in the new offense it's interesting to note that Les Miles, the new coach, recruited quite a few of the OL's that are on hand and despite the fact that none of the projected starting 5 are HT's, they do work well together. This should be a solidly improved line and one of the better groups in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup last year and had 4 players back who started 5 or more games in 1999. Surprisingly, even after holding S Miss to (-7) yards rushing early, the defense took a step backwards, going from allowing 3.3 ypc rushing to 3.7. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Juqua Thomas (11 sts, 57 tkl, 10 sks, 11 tfl, HM B12), DT Zachary Akin (11 sts, 24 tkl, 3 sks), DT Zac Warner (7 sts, 24 tkl, 6 tfl) and DT Sean Barry (6 sts, 19 tkl). I list the 3 deep below. They have a JUCO and 3 solid rFr added to the mix with good size overall as the projected starting front four averages 271 pounds. This has the makings of a decent group but it will take some time to gel. Clearly the D-line looks weaker and is the big question mark on this side of the ball for 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cowboys had to replace 4 players who combined for 32 starts plus a pair of backup LB's. This gave them very little experience at this position with only 1 player having starting experience. This year they are in much better shape but must replace WLB Chris Carter (10 sts, 62 tkl, 5 sks). Five of the top 6 are back including Dwayne Levels who was the #1 tackler last year and added 9 tfl and OLB Terrence Robinson who was the #6 tackler. I list the 2 deep below and clearly this year's group is more experienced. While not an overwhelming group, it will be much stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cowboys ran the "46" defense here for years, which is always susceptible to the pass, and in 1998 they ranked #89 in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they had to replace 2 starting safeties but surprisingly moved up to #30. Last season they had to replace 4 players who combined for 28 starts and 2 more backups. They then lost their star CB Alvin Porter to academics. Paul Jones moved from WR in August and almost won one of the starting jobs. The 4 starters last year had only 4 career starts combined heading into the season. The top 4 CB's were a converted safety, a WR and 2 short CB's more suited for nickel packages. The Cowboys' ranking dropped as they finished #62 allowing 56.7% with a 20-10 ratio. They were #110 in the NCAA in pass efficiency defense but keep in mind they took on some potent pass attacks and my rankings take into account strength of opponents played. This year they are in much better shape as basically everyone returns and they get some solid additions like JUCO Kobina Amoo. I list the 2 deep below and naturally this unit looks much stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area was always a strength for Coach Simmons as they ranked #13, #23, #22, #39, #21 and #35 in the last six years in my special teams rankings. P Scott Elder returned for his 3rd year last season and was actually last in the Big 12 in punting average but still managed a respectable 34.0 net and should improve in his senior season. They also bring in Ryan Wimberly who averaged 49.2 yards per punt in HS. They have to replace their top 2 KR's but Fobbs averaged just 17.0 so they have room for improvement. Their top PR, Gabe Lindsay, is back. The Cowboys blocked an amazing 6 punts in 2000 which helped them finish in the upper level of the rankings. K Seth Condeley was a walk-on who hit his first 6 FG's and was one of 20 Groza nominees but hit just 7 of 15 FG's down the stretch with a long of 42. It'll be tough for OSU to get as many blocked punts this year and I'll call the unit a little weaker in 2001.

OKLAHOMA ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Reggie White	210	1112	63	1049	4	5.0					
Tatum Bell	49	271	20	251	1	5.1					
Aso Pogi	85	295	136	159	6	1.9					
Tony Lindsay	39	206	67	139	1	3.6					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Aso Pogi	247	139	56.3	1550	6	11					
Tony Lindsay	94	47	50.0	621	3	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Jamaal Fobbs	31	334	10.8	1	47						
Rashaun Woods	29	329	11.3	0	24						
Gabe Lindsay	28	359	12.8	1	35						
T. Davis-Bryant	24	287	12.0	1	44						
Marcellus Rivers	19	292	15.4	2	32						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Scott Elder	56	2107	37.6	5	34.0	1	20				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Seth Condeley	2-5	8-12	2-3	0-0	12-20	42					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT
D. Levels	95	1	8	3	0	M. Jones	36	3	1	5	1
Elbert Craig	81	2	1	8	3	K. Williams	35	4	3	6	0
Chris Carter	62	5	2	5	1	M. Cooper	31	0	0	16	1
C. Massey	61	0	1	6	2	Zac Akin	24	3	1	2	0
J. Thomas	57	10	11	5	0	Zac Warner	24	4	4	1	0
T. Robinson	55	3	2	1	0	G. Richmond	21	0	0	0	0
R. Gillem	47	1	1	4	0	Sean Barry	19	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD			
G. Lindsay	25	229	9.2	1	Jamaal Fobbs	22	374	17.0	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cowboys have had just one winning season since 1989 and that came in 1997. In 1999 a lot was expected as they had 28 seniors back but disappointed with a 5-6 season. Last year they had just 9 starters returning which was the lowest amount in the Big 12 and then lost their starting QB and were forced to go with rFr Aso Pogi. Pogi improved as the season went on. They suffered 3 extremely tough losses as Iowa St scored a TD with :18 left, there were a couple of questionable calls vs Texas A&M and they lost by 5, and they nearly upset National Champion Oklahoma in the season finale. Les Miles is the new head coach and was the OC here from '95-'97 and in 1997 the team averaged 27.5 ppg. He's been the Dallas Cowboys' TE coach the last 3 years. He also recruited Darrell Wyatt who was the assistant head coach at Kansas last year to become OSU's new Passing Game Coordinator. They inherit a wealth of talent on offense including an experienced QB. There were 19 underclassmen on last year's 2 deep on offense so almost the entire unit is back. They bring in a new DC in Bill Clay who has been at UAB the last 4 years and did a fine job there with less talent. Last year OSU held Oklahoma to just 12 points, the season low for the National Champs. The defense welcomes back 7 starters with just 6 departing lettermen which means they should be stronger on both sides of the ball. The Cowboys benefit from the fact that they avoid both Nebraska and Kansas St in league play and they get division rival Texas Tech at home. Should the team quickly adjust to the new schemes on both sides of the ball, they should easily improve upon last year's 3-8 record and that Nov 10th vs Texas Tech game may be the difference between a winning and losing season.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Brandon Verrett 6-3 205 PS#85
WR Leonard Jones 6-0 180 PS#94
WR John Lewis 5-11 185 PS#63JC
QB Josh Fields 6-2 210 PS#83
DL Kyle Hix 6-5 250 PS#167
QB Paul Duren 6-2 210 PS#107
DL Ele Mowran 6-2 285 PS#171
DL Billy Bajema 6-5 240 PS#148
DL Kobina Amoo 5-10 180 PS#148JC
OL Kellen Davis 6-5 260 PS#175
DL Brandon York 6-5 230 PS#219
WR Erick McCown 5-11 170 PS#219
WR Andre Johnson 5-10 180 PS#192
DL Corey Curtis 6-4 250 PS#251
K Ryan Wimberly 6-0 190 PS#33

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OFFENSE

QB ASO POGI SO. 6-3 225 PS#137LB. Powerful arm. 6 starts as rFr, 1550 yds (56%), 11-1 ratio, 295 rush yards, mobile. Andre McGill (6-0 180 rFr) is PS#64.

RB TATUM BELL SO. 5-11 190 PS#37. 9gms as true, 251 yds (5.1), 5 rec (8.4). 4.34 spd. Richard Schwarz (5-11 190 So) PS#104. DD Cox (5-10 200rFr) PS#73, 4.43 speed.

FB TIM BURROUGH SO. 6-3 250 PS#189. 10 yds as true but RS. 2 sts ly, 69 yds (3.1), added 15 lbs. Michael Denard (5-11 240 Jr) PS#334DB. 1 start last year, 13 yds rec.

WR GABE LINDSAY JR. 5-8 180 PS#115. 8 rec (10.8) as rFr. 7 sts ly, #3 w/28 rec (12.8). Willie Young (6-1 210 Jr) PS#51, 2 sts, 9 rec (20.6) ly. John Lewis is PS#63JC.

WR RASHAUN WOODS SO. 6-2 185 PS#69. 8 sts as rFr, #2 w/29 rec (11.3). Solid speed. Terrance Davis-Bryant (5-9 185 Jr) PS#130, 1 st, 24 rec (12.0). Brandon Verrett is PS#85.

TE MARK MILOSEVICH JR. 6-5 240 PS#44. Kyle Williams (6-4 260 rFr) PS#49, +15 lbs. Dennis Whitehead (6-2 270 rFr) was PS#25. Tarrick McGuire (6-3 255 Sr) 1 rec, 2 gms ly.

C JON VANDRELL SR. 6-0 285 JUCO transfer in '99 & redshirted. 11 sts here at C ly. DJ Grissom (6-3 345 Sr) PS#208. 2nd string LB 3 years. Derek LaFargue (6-4 255 So).

RG BRYAN PHILLIPS SR. 6-4 335 2nd string as rFr. 4 sts in '99 (inj). 10 sts ly & added 35 lbs. Clint Gillispie (6-2 325 rFr) PS#57, 465 bench. Chris Akin was PS#226 ly.

LG JEFF MACHADO SR. 6-3 300 PS#369. 2nd string in '98. 8 starts in '99. 11 sts in 2000, 3 letters. Jason Johnson (6-2 305 Sr) 2nd string the last 2 years, 14 games.

RT JASON RUSSELL JR. 6-5 310 PS#143OL. 4 tkl, 1 sk at DL in 1999. 2 sts at RT in 2000 & added 30 lbs. Jed Newkirk (6-4 305 Jr) PS#190JUCO last year and redshirted.

LT KYLE EATON JR. 6-8 305 Good size. 5 starts as rFr, 8 games. 11 starts at LT in 2000, added 25 lbs. Doug Koenig (6-4 275 So) was PS#224, 2nd string as rFr last year.

K COLE FARDEN JR. 5-11 180 True frosh will be given shot at starting job. Matthew Goldstein (5-8 175 rFr), Chris Calcagni (5-10 180 Sr), Josh Thompson (6-0 170 rFr).

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE GREG RICHMOND SO. 6-2 230 PS#145LB. 1 st, 21 tkl ly. Thomas Glapion (6-2 250 Jr) PS#62TE. 1 game as rFr. 1 game last year (inj). 1 tkl. Khreem Smith is PS#470JUCO.

DT LAWAYLON BROWN JR. 6-5 290 PS#219DL. 7 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. 19 tkl ly, 3 tfl.

SHANE KENNON (6-3 275 Jr) PS#177. 1 tkl, 2 yrs. Richard Murphy (6-2 340 rFr) was PS#317.

DT CHRIS TYLER SR. 6-2 290 1 tkl in '98. 17 tkl in '99. 2 tfl, 1 start ly, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. Mike Williams (6-0 305 So). Ben Buie (6-1 315 rFr) PS#93. Marcus Craig PS#149 last year.

DE KEVIN WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 275 PS#78. 28 tkl, 2 sks, 4 tfl as rFr. 8 starts last year, 35 tkl, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Jake Riffe (6-3 235 Sr) 14 tkl, 2Y. Andre Butler (6-2 260 Sr) PS#137DL.

SLB TERRENCE ROBINSON JR. 6-0 215 PS#145. 7 tkl as rFr, 1 tfl, 11 starts ly, 55 tkl, 3 sks, 2 tfl. Fathi Carter (6-2 210 So) PS#286WR. 6 tkl as true. Paul Duren is PS#107QB.

MLB DWAYNE LEVELS SR. 6-2 250 2 starts as rFr, 37 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 sts in '99, 44 tkl, 11 sts ly, #1 w/95 tkl, 9 tfl, HM B12, added 15 lbs. Kyle Beck (6-2 240 Jr), 10 tkl last year.

WLB RON ABLER SR. 6-0 240 PS#78JUCO. 4.6 speed. 110 tkl at JC in '98.

CB CHRIS MASSEY JR. 6-0 205 PS#4QB. 2 sts as true, 29 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. 11 sts ly, 61 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Marcus Jones (5-8 195 Sr) PS#73. 5 sts, 74 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu, 3 yrs.

CB MICHAEL COOPER SR. 5-9 195 PS#348JC. 4.3 speed. 11 sts here ly, 31 tkl, 1 int, 16 pbu. Kobina Amoo (5-10 180 Jr) PS#148JC in for spg. Ricklan Holmes PS#192 in '98.

SS ELBERT CRAIG SO. 6-1 210 PS#32DB. 11 starts last year as rFr. #2 w/81 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 int, 8 pbu. Paul Jones (6-1 200 Sr) PS#148JUCO. 17 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu here last year.

FS ROBBIE GILLEM SR. 5-11 210 7 tkl in '98. 12 tkl, 4 tfl in '99. L7 starts last year, 47 tkl, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. Roger Bombach (5-11 190 Sr) 18 tkl, 3Y. Cashan Clark PS#198 ly.

P SCOTT ELDER SR. 6-1 190 PS#17. 63 punts as true, 41.9 avg. 36.8 net. 67 punts in '99, 39.3 average net of 35.0. 56 punts ly, 37.6 average (20 inside the 20) 34.0 net.

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cowboys are 4-7 ATS last 11 but 2-0 last 2 vs Nebraska.
OSU is 2-8 SU, 2-7-1 ATS vs Kansas St.
Okie St is 11-3-1 ATS their last 15 vs Kansas.
OSU is 36-28-5 SU vs Tulsa, 2-5 SU their last 7 at Tulsa.
The home team is 12-2 ATS in that series, dog is 6-2 ATS.
Cowboys are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 sandwiched home games.

OSU is 2-6 ATS in non-Big 12 games the last 3 years.
Cowboys are 0-6-1 ATS the last 2 years on grass.

Okie St is 6-13 ATS in the 1st of back to back home games.
Could apply: OSU is 2-7-2 ATS their last 11 as a DD favorite.

The NAU Lumberjacks finished 3-8 SU LY & compete in the Big Sky Conf.
OSU is 11-0 SU S/85 in "NL" gms but 4 of those wins were by 3 or less.

Cowboys have been a dog to the Aggies each of the L5Y, 2-3 ATS.
OSU is 9-3 ATS prior to a bye week.

The home team is 8-3 ATS & the dog is 7-4 ATS in the L/11 series meetings.
OSU is 4-8-1 ATS their L/13 as a Big 12 HF but 3-0 ATS in that role the L2Y.

Cowboys were 0-3 ATS LY & are 12-20 ATS in October since '93.
OSU is 4-2-1 ATS since '97 in their 2nd straight Stillwater struggle.

Should apply: OSU is 20-14 ATS off their last 34 SU losses.
Cowpokes are 2-6 ATS in sandwiched away games since 1993.

Pending prior results, OSU is 2-5 ATS as a home dog since 1998.
Okie St is 8-4 ATS in their last 12 vs Colorado.

OSU is 1-4 ATS after their 2nd bye of the season.
The home team is 4-1 SU & ATS in the last 5 series meetings.

OSU is 5-1 SU & 4-0-2 ATS vs Baylor since 1994.
Cowboys are 4-2-1 ATS but only 2-5 SU before Oklahoma the L7Y.

Cowboys are 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 years in road finales.
Oklahoma St is 13-6 ATS in this "Bedlam Battle".

Bonus: OSU is 7-14-3 ATS in their last 24 season finales.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at S Mississippi	G												
Sep. 8	Louisiana Tech	A												
Sep. 15	N Arizona	A												
Sep. 22	at Texas A&M	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Missouri	A												
Oct. 13	Texas	A												
Oct. 20	at Iowa St	G												
Oct. 27	Colorado (HC)	A												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	Texas Tech	A												
Nov. 17	at Baylor	G												
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	G												

STADIUM: LEWIS FIELD (50,614)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-7-1	4-8	5-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	3-8	33-44-1
ATS	4-5-1	6-5	5-5	9-2	5-5-1	4-6-1	3-7	36-35-3
Home Fav	0-3	0-0	2-0	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	1-0	10-7-1
Home Dog	0-1	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	2-2	9-9
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-0-1	0-1	5-4-1
Away Dog	3-1-1	3-2	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-3	0-4	12-15-1
Favorite	1-3	0-2	2-0	5-2	3-2-1	3-1-1	1-1	15-11-2
Dog	3-2-1	6-3	3-5	4-0	2-3	1-5	2-6	21-24-1
Grass	0-0	3-1	0-2	4-0	2-0	0-3-1	0-3	9-9-1
Artificial	4-5-1	3-4	5-3	5-2	3-5-1	4-3	3-4	27-26-2
vs Conf	2-4-1	5-2	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	3-4-1	3-5	26-25-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	10-10
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	2-2	5-2	1-3-1	1-3-1	1-1	12-14-2
Off SU Loss	1-4	5-2	4-2	3-0	3-3	3-2	2-5	21-18

Coach: LES MILES (Career 0-0)

Miles' record AT OKLAHOMA STATE

1st Year at Oklahoma St	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	84	Gator	-1	S Carolina	21-14	W
	85	Gator	+7	Florida St	23-34	L
	87	Sun	E	W Virginia	35-33	W
	88	Holiday	-2'	Wyoming	62-14	W
	97	Alamo	+4'	Purdue	20-33	L

OKLAHOMA ST (3-8) BIG 12 SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (20,20,1)
Lost: 16 (8,6,2)



OKLAHOMA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	ST	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	ST	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
5*	18.4	20	161	4.1	199	53.4	19.6	-4	2000	4	27.5	21	126	3.7	253	56.7	13.8												
6*	24.3	17	153	3.4	158	52.7	12.8	-5	1999	6	24.9	16	113	3.3	185	47.2	11.9												
8*	27.5	18	204	4.1	162	50.4	13.3	+4	1998	7	26.9	17	120	3.2	211	51.6	12.3												
7	29.3	20	221	4.2	154	55.5	12.8	+12	1997	5	19.4	16	115	3.5	201	48.4	16.2												
8*	22.1	22	223	4.6	167	52.3	17.7	-3	1996	6	29.7	20	225	5.3	182	50.6	13.7												
6*	20.7	16	199	4.6	111	47.5	14.9	-9	1995	8	28.8	22	203	4.7	208	54.4	14.3												

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Tulsa	16	38-247	6.5	11-20	166	0		21	30-62	2.1	28-49	373	5	+2	
SW Texas St	20	41-169	4.1	10-21	222	1		10	29-36	1.2	14-27	105	6	0	
S Mississippi	16	38-157	4.1	16-35	146	4		17	32-(-7)	-0.2	20-37	257	6	-2	
at Texas	12	36-168	4.7	8-23	101	6		23	44-205	4.7	18-33	299	4	-2	
at Missouri	23	39-102	2.6	26-44	257	4		17	39-182	4.7	14-28	191	3	-2	
Iowa St	27	37-132	3.6	26-46	328	4		27	40-210	5.3	19-38	290	2	-2	
at Colorado	30	38-114	3.0	30-49	313	8		28	29-135	4.7	24-37	389	2	0	
Texas A&M	17	35-167	4.8	16-33	155	4		25	37-190	5.1	24-37	246	1	0	
at Texas Tech	21	39-106	2.7	22-39	223	3		29	29-152	5.2	32-47	252	0	-3	
Baylor	25	51-240	4.7	15-24	171	2		15	31-66	2.1	17-35	227	7	+5	
Oklahoma	13	38-173	4.6	9-20	102	0		18	34-155	4.6	19-36	154	1	0	
TOTALS	220	430-1775	4.1	189-354	2184	36		230	374-1386	3.7	229-404	2783	37	-4	
AVERAGES	20.0	39-161	4.1	17-32	199	3.3		20.9	34-126	3.7	21-37	253	3.4	-0.4	

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	23-20	-	at Iowa St	+6	21-14	W	at Kansas	-8'	38-28	W	Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-7	L	at Tulsa	-14	36-26	L
at Texas Tech	+14	3-31	L	at SW Louisiana	-5'	31-7	W	at Tulsa	-8'	20-35	L	Tulsa	-9	46-9	W	SW Texas St	NL	23-0	-
Tulsa	-3	30-9	W	Fresno St	-8'	35-0	W	Mississippi St	-1	42-23	W	at Mississippi St	+3	11-29	L	S Mississippi	+6	6-28	L
Utah St	-6'	31-17	W	NE Louisiana	-20	38-7	W	† Nebraska	+26	17-24	W	at Nebraska	+27	14-38	W	at Texas	+20'	7-42	L
at Texas	+17	14-71	L	Texas	+6	42-16	W	at Texas Tech	+3'	17-24	L	Texas Tech	-3'	41-21	W	at Missouri	+3	10-24	L
at Colorado	+32'	13-35	W	Colorado	+3	33-29	W	at Kansas St	+21'	20-52	L	Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L	Iowa St	+6	26-33	L
Iowa St	E	28-27	W	Missouri	-10	50-51	L	Oklahoma	-8'	41-26	W	at Texas A&M	+11	3-21	L	at Colorado	+11	21-37	L
at Missouri	+4	28-35	L	at Texas A&M	+9'	25-28	W	Texas A&M	+5'	6-17	L	Texas	+8	21-34	L	Texas A&M	+15'	16-21	W
Texas A&M	+13	19-38	L	at Oklahoma	-6	30-7	W	at Texas	+11'	34-37	W	Kansas	-7	45-13	W	at Texas Tech	+10	0-58	L
Oklahoma	+2	17-27	L	Texas Tech	-5	3-27	L	SW Louisiana	-35	44-20	L	at Baylor	-20	34-14	T	Baylor	-16'	50-22	W
Baylor	+2'	37-17	W	at Baylor	-9'	24-14	W	Baylor	-14	24-10	T	at Oklahoma	+13'	7-44	L	Oklahoma	+26	7-12	W

BAYLOR BEARS



FS Samir Al-Amin looks to help Baylor snap their 21 game Big 12 losing streak in his senior season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Bears have not had consistent QB play for a few years. After throwing for just 120 ypg and completing 46% as a team in 1999, things appeared in much better shape last year with the addition of Greg Cicero (PS#10JC). Cicero, who was originally PS#24, signed at Texas in 1997. He does not have a powerful arm but he is a take-charge QB with a great grasp of the offense. Cicero easily emerged as the starter and big things were expected. He completed 63.3% in the first 2 games but broke his collarbone and was lost for the year. Overall, Baylor had 5 QB's play including 4 different starters. Guy Tomcheck (6-4 227 So) threw for 602 yards (36.8%) with a 6-2 ratio. Tomcheck has a stronger arm than Cicero but is not as mobile and suffered an ankle injury in the Iowa St game that slowed him down. His first year as a HS QB was with a brand-new program and they went 0-10 but by his 3rd year he had guided them to the playoffs. Last year he led Baylor to a solid victory over S Florida and after the game he had a 149.4 pass efficiency which would have ranked him 13th in the NCAA. Unfortunately, with all of Baylor's offensive problems, he struggled in his next 3 games, completing just 12 of 45 and lost his job. Kerry Dixon (6-1 190 So) was PS#98. He is a pure option QB and threw for just 203 yards (30.8%) with a horrid 0-9 ratio. He also rushed for 80 yards in his 3 starts. Josh Zachry (6-3 183 So) is the son of a former major league pitcher and was on the scout team a week prior to their game vs Missouri. He was elevated to the starting job for the final two games and threw for 195 and 227 yards. In the spring game he hit 13 of 19 for 102 yards. Another contender for the job could be rFr Aaron Karas (6-2 195) who was PS#45. I look for Cicero to hold on to the job but even if he does not, this unit has added talent, has a lot more experience and after completing just 40.4% with a 10-20 ratio and 149 ypg as a group last year, I look for significant improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - The Bears have had plenty of VHT's at TB over the last few years but have struggled to establish the rush. They averaged a lofty 4.7 ypc rushing in 1997 but have fallen to 2.8, 3.1 and 2.2 over the past 3 years. They lose their top rusher in Darrell Bush (PS#6) who had 517 yards (3.9) and RB Eli Burkins (PS#11) who had 88 yards (4.9). This unit took a big hit prior

to last season when FB Derek Lagway was injured and missed the season. Steele said that Lagway has TB speed and FB size and would be the best fit when they went to a one back set, and he was clearly missed. He returns this year with 17 career starts and 679 career rush yards to go with 56 receptions and 468 receiving yards. He was HM B12 in 1998. I expect Jonathan Golden (PS#44) to become the feature TB and he is backed by Chedrick Ricks (see 2 deep below). This year they signed 3 true frosh RB's. While the talent level is about the same as last year, I look for better numbers. **RECEIVERS** - Baylor hasn't gotten a lot of production out of this unit the last couple of years but looks to be in solid shape this year. They lose WR Martin Dossett (6 sts, 9 rec, 10.9) and also surprisingly lost Andra Fuller (PS#50) who led the team in rec's in 1999 with 26 and was Cicero's favorite target last spring. Unfortunately he did not gain the same rapport with the myriad of QB's that took Cicero's place and had just 15 grabs. Reggie Newhouse had 2 starts as a true frosh in 1999 and last year led the team with 40 catches and a surprising (for here) 15.7 ypc. He was PS#236 out of HS but his team ran the wishbone attack so he probably would have been graded higher had he played in a passing offense. Lanny O'Steen (5-11 187 Jr) has been the #2 receiver the last 2 years with 2 starts and 37 career catches. They have some speed in Robert Quiroga (6-2 185 So) who was PS#115 and had 17 rec's (11.7). He was a member of the National Champ mile relay team in HS. JUCO transfer Ray Harrington originally signed with Hawaii and should contribute. Their top 4 TE's are back and I list 3 of them below. Even with the loss of Fuller and Dossett, this unit looks stronger in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Baylor had 3 returning starters but only averaged 3.1 ypc while allowing 25 sacks in just 265 pass attempts. Last year 4 starters returned but RG Tyshaun Whitson broke his ankle in the second game and missed the rest of the year. The unit struggled even more, as they averaged a paltry 2.2 ypc rushing and gave up 42 sacks. This year all 5 starters return. In fact, 7 players with starting experience are back. The only losses are Whitson (2 sts before inj), Everett Fraser (5 gms), Chad Crady (8 gms) and Eric South (10 gms). I list the 2 deep below and Steele has brought in 3 top-notch JUCO's who I list in the mix. In addition, if you check the list of incoming frosh, you will see a couple of VHT OL's. This line looks to be bigger, more experienced, has added talent (so much added talent that 2 year starter Ethan Kelley moved to DT at the end of spring) and should vastly improve production in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A major factor in a team's success is line play. As I mentioned above, the O-line was weak in 2000 but the D-line may have been even weaker. After showing improvement, allowing 4.4 ypc rushing in '99, the team regressed last year as they gave up 4.9 ypc. The front 4 has been able to put very little pressure on opposing QB's. The team as a whole had 15 sacks in 1999 and that dropped to 9 sacks with the defensive front providing just 5. Last year's DL was young as they had to replace 3 starters and a backup who had 2 starts. This year's group is in much better shape as 7 of the top 8 players return including 6 with starting experience. Steele also brings in 3 top-notch JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below that should aid them in forming a stronger pass rush. They also moved starting OG Ethan Kelley and TE Luke Groth (6-5 254 Jr, PS#122TE) to the unit in the spring. The only loss is DE Eric Clay (2 sts, 47 tkl, 2 flt). This is not an overwhelming group but I look for significant improvement in both the ypc and sack totals this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Bears had to replace 3 players who combined for 17 starts last year and while they had 3 players returning with starting experience, Steele had an eye for the future. Versus Texas, three frosh started at the LB positions. This year they must replace Kris Micheaux (10 sts, 11 tkl, 5 flt), McKinley Bowie (8 sts, 50 tkl, 9 flt), Kyle Williams (30 tkl, 2 flt) and Jason Lary (22 tkl). Three players return with starting experience and they bring in JUCO Greg Wade. John Garrett (25 lbs heavier this year) is a VHT that got his feet wet as a true frosh, starting 5 games, and should be the star of this unit. While this group won't be compared to the "Wrecking Crew" of Texas A&M, they will be much stronger than 2000.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 Baylor finished #56 in my pass D rankings but fell to #92 in 1999. Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 8 but still returned 2.5 starters and 4 players with starting experience. Baylor climbed to #83, allowing just 56.9% with a 17-9 ratio. This year they must replace CB Gary Baxter (11 sts, 96 tkl, 11 pbu) who was #2 DC of BAL, CB Daniel Willturner (11 sts, 41 tkl, 2 int, 19 pbu) and FS Odell James (3 sts, 46 tkl, 2 pbu). Overall 7 players return with starting experience and a lot of frosh saw action last season. While this year's group has plenty of experience, I do not see an NFL caliber DB like Baxter, so even though they have 3 HT's in the 2 deep, I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2001.

BAYLOR 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darrell Bush	133	569	52	517	2	3.9
Chedrick Ricks	38	136	14	122	0	3.2
Jonathan Golden	35	107	17	90	0	2.6
Elijah Burkins	18	96	8	88	1	4.9
Melvin Barnett	29	81	2	79	2	2.7
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Guy Tomcheck	144	53	36.8	602	6	2
Josh Zachry	66	34	51.5	428	4	5
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Reggie Newhouse	40	629	15.7	4	56	
Lanny O'Steen	21	279	13.3	1	43	
Robert Quiroga	17	199	11.7	3	42	
Andra Fuller	15	106	7.1	1	13	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK
Adam Stiles	81	3248	40.1	-	30.9	3
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Stiles	1-1	0-2	2-2	0-1	3-6	46
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	TD
K. Micheaux	96	0	5	2	0	0
Gary Baxter	96	1	2	11	0	0
A. Simmons	71	0	3	1	0	0
S. Al-Amin	68	0	3	7	2	2
K. Stevenson	67	1	3	1	0	0
John Garrett	54	1	5	0	0	1
M. Bowie	50	1	8	0	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG
Bobby Hart	18	151	8.4	0	22	446
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	AVG
M. Dossett	22	446	20.3	0	20.3	0

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Coach Reedy this unit had two top 10 finishes in my rankings. After a coaching change in 1997 they dropped to #89 and while they rose to #46 in 1998 they have been poor under Coach Steele. They plummeted to #112 in 1999 and finished just #105 last year. They allowed 4 blocked punts and 3 returns for TD's although they did block their first punt since 1994 and in fact had two for the year. Steele brought in JUCO Adam Stiles (PS#20) and he was decent in his first year, averaging 40.1 per punt but the coverage teams were poor so the net was just 30.9. I look for marked improvement in that area. They lose their top KR but were not strong in that spot last season and their top PR is back. You won't find this group in my top 20 special teams rankings and while they're likely to again be ranked in the bottom half of the special teams, I do see improvement in 2001 (it can only get better).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Stability has finally come to Waco. Even after suffering through a miserable 2 years under Kevin Steele, they extended his contract at the end of the season, trying to make up for the mistakes they made by showing no patience in releasing their previous head coaches. In Steele's first season Baylor was not even competitive in league play, setting Big 12 records for most points allowed in conference games in a season (347) and the fewest amount of points scored (61) and their average defeat was by 36 ppg! Last year they opened 2-1 and started Big 12 play with their closest loss in conference action under Steele, a 14 point loss to Iowa St. The rest of the season was horrible as QB Cicero was lost early on and they were dominated once again in Big 12 play, scoring just 82 points and they were shut out in 3 consecutive league games while allowing 343. That 2000 contingent returned 13 starters and this year has 16 back up if Cicero remains healthy the entire year, they should be much more of a force offensively. The Bears did face two #1 ranked teams within a stretch of 14 days, the first team to do so in 22 years, and in the final game had as many freshmen starters as senior starters. They also led the Big 12 with 22 underclassmen in the 2 deep. The Bears have lost 21 consecutive Big 12 games. Steele is the first Baylor head coach to enter a third year since 1996 and for the first time in 11 years, the coaching staff returns intact. They expanded the lockerroom and the weight room in the offseason and have 13 seniors and 14 juniors this year. No doubt this is a much stronger Baylor team this season, especially if Cicero stays healthy, but they have a massive gap to close IN on the rest of the Big 12. While they should be much more competitive, it will be tough to improve much on last season's 2-9 record.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB GREG CICERO JR. 6-4 213 PS#10JC. 33-11 ratio at JC. 2 sts here ly. 228 yds (63%), inf'd. Josh Zachry (6-3 183 So) 2 sts, 428 yds (51.5%) ly. Kerry Dixon (6-1 190) PS#98. **RB Jonathan Golden So.** 6-0 208 PS#44RB. 90 yds (2.6) as true. Chedrick Ricks (5-8 200 Jr) PS#336. 15 gms, 182 yds rush (3.3), 2 yrs. Jonathan Evans (6-1 250 Jr) PS#57TE. **FB DEREK LAGWAY SR.** 6-1 265 PS#110. 11 sts in 98, HM Big 12, 335 yds (3.6), 37 rec (7.2), 215 yds (4.2), 5 sts in 99, Inf ly. **Melvin Barnett** (6-0 243 Sr) 11 sts, 160 yds 3Y. **WR REGGIE NEWHOUSE JR.** 6-1 197 PS#236. 2 sts as true, 7 rec (11.0), 10 starts ly. #1 w/40 rec (15.7). Lanny O'Steen (5-11 187 Jr), #2 rec last 2 years with 37 rec (11.8). **WR Robert Quiroga So.** 6-2 185 PS#115. AAU mile relay Nat'l Champ in HS. 17 rec (11.7) as true ly. Ray Harrington (6-3 195 Jr) PS#234JUCO was originally at Hawaii. **TE ANDREW OBRIOTTI SR.** 6-3 238 14 sts, 9 rec in first 2Y. 10 sts ly, 10 rec. Anthony Dozier (6-5 261 Sr) 21 sts, 34 rec at ULL. 3 sts here ly, 5 rec. Shane Williams (6-3 240 So) PS#20. **C JOE JACKSON SR.** 6-3 277 7 sts as rFr (3 at G, 4 at C), 11 sts at C in '99. 400 lb bench. 11 sts ly. **Cedric Fields** (6-2 295 So) PS#173. 6 sts at RG as a redshirt frosh. **RG ANTOINE MURPHY JR.** 6-4 325 PS#8JUCO. **Derek Long** (6-6 296 So) PS#112OL. in '99. 4 sts ly and lettered. **Matt Bickel** (6-4 355 Jr) PS#153JC was in for spring. **LG DERRICK PEARCY JR.** 6-3 220 PS#154. 1 start ly, 9 games as 2nd string. Ethan Kelley (6-2 321 Jr) PS#293DL. 11 sts as rFr at LG. 7 sts at LT, 3 sts at LG ly. DL in spg. **RT GREG JERMAN SR.** 6-5 292 Started 6 of last 7 as rFr. 11 sts at LT in '99. 5 sts at RT, 5 sts at LG ly. **Charles Bunter** (6-3 350 Jr) PS#303JC. Quintin Outland is PS#56. **LT JON ERICKSON SR.** 6-5 299 PS#371OL in '97, walk-on. Backup in 1998 & '99. 11 sts ly (2 @ LG, 5 @ RT, 3 @ RG, 1 @ LT). Ryan McDaniel (6-5 288 Jr), Abe Robinson is PS#16. **K ADAM STILES SR.** 6-5 236 PS#20JUCO. 12 of 15 on FG's, long of 50 at JUCO. 3 of 6 FG's here last year, long of 46. Daniel Andino (6-0 230 Jr) #1 K out of spring.

DE CHARLES MANN JR. 6-4 252 PS#65. 20 tkl, 6 flt in '99. 9 sts last year, 35 tkl, +12 lbs. AC Collier (6-3 235 Jr) PS#202JC. 12 sts at JC last year! Billy Crawford (6-2 229 rFr). **DT KEVIN STEVENSON JR.** 6-2 274 PS#109. 4 sts as rFr. 32 tkl, 2 flt. 10 sts ly, 67 tkl, 4 flt. **Demetrio Gillenwater** (6-4 285 Sr) PS#225. 17 tkl ly. Jason Geter (6-3 306 Jr) PS#149JC. **NT RYAN GILLENWATER SR.** 6-1 263 PS#82. 11 tkl as true. 6 sts in 99, 20 tkl, 10 sts ly, 39 tkl, 5 flt, 2 pbu. 800 lb squat. **Travis Hicks** (6-3 303 Jr) PS#52. 3 sts, 68 tkl, 5 flt, 2 yrs. **DE AARON LARD SO.** 6-1 266 10 sts as rFr, 50 tkl, 2 sks, 2 flt. **Shaun Jackson** (6-3 238 Jr) PS#58JUCO. **SLB STEPHEN SEPULVEDA SO.** 6-2 218 10 tkl as true. Kelvin Chaisson (6-1 243 Jr). PS#182. 3 starts as a true, 49 tackles, 1 sack until injury. 3 tkl ly. Justin Crooks is PS#118. **MLB JOHN GARRETT SO.** 6-1 235 PS#39LB. 5 starts as a true, 54 tackles, 6 flt, added 25 pounds this year. **Michael Tolbert** (6-0 238 Jr) PS#269. Jamaal Harper is PS#150. **WR Anthony Simmons So.** 5-11 201 PS#175. 1 tkl as true but RS. 5 starts last year (susp in 3) 71 tkl, 3 flt, 1 pbu. **Greg Wade** (6-3 330 Jr) PS#254JC. **Jack Wallace** (6-3 205 rFr). **CB Eric Giddens So.** 5-11 189 PS#69. 4 sts as rFr, 36 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **Randy Davis** (5-9 173 Jr) PS#79RB. Track mt 100m. 159 rec yds, 2 sts in 99. 4 tkl, 114 total yds ly. **CB Bobby Hart So.** 5-11 183 PS#209. 2 starts as a true, 22 tkl, 2 flt, 2 pbu. **Matt Johnson** (5-8 182 So) PS#177. 12 tkl as true. **Marcus Stenix** (6-0 185 Jr) PS#272. **SS KYLE STAUDT SR.** 6-3 212 PS#208. 2 rec in '98 & '99 at WR. 3 sts at SS last year, 33 tkl, **Derrick Cash** (5-11 206 So). 1 start, 50 tkl, 4 flt as rFr. **Danielle McLean** PS#149. **FS SAMIR AL-AMIN SR.** 6-1 219 PS#37. 3 sts as true, 28 tkl, 1 pbu. 5 tkl in 98, med RS. 6 sts in 99, 91 tkl, 8 pbu. 8 sts ly, 68 tkl, 7 pbu. **Matt Amendola** (5-11 194 So) 6 sts, 40 tkl ly. **P ADAM STILES SR.** 6-5 236 PS#20JUCO. 39.9 average at JC in 99. 81 punts here last year, 40.1 avg & net of 30.9. (Poor coverage). **Ryan Chapdelaine** (6-1 205 Sr).

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BAYLOR BEARS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bears have finished last in the Big 12 South Division for 5 consecutive seasons.

Baylor is 10-5 ATS prior to a bye week.

Bears are 3-9 ATS the week after a bye.

Baylor is 3-8-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since 1991.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BAY Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Arkansas St	G												
Sep. 15	at Minnesota	A												
Sep. 22	New Mexico	G												
Sep. 29	at Iowa St	G												
Oct. 6	at Texas A&M	G												
Oct. 13	Nebraska	G												
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma	G												
Oct. 27	Texas Tech (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	Texas	G												
Nov. 10	at Missouri	G												
Nov. 17	Oklahoma St	G												
Nov. 24														

BU is 2-1 ATS as chalk under Steele, with 2 straight covers. This is the 1st ever meeting for these 2 schools.

Baylor is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1982. The combined score of these gms is Big 10 tms 93 Baylor 26 (31-9 avg).

Only series meeting was a 38-2 Baylor win as a 14 pt home favorite in 1984. Mike Singletary's alma mater is 8-3 ATS in sandwiched HG's.

Baylor is 3-7 ATS in the first of back to back away games. Bears are 2-15-2 ATS in their last 19 Big 12 games.

Baylor is 2-5 ATS in their 2nd straight away from Waco. Bears are 2-8 ATS L/10 & 1-7 L/8 vs A&M & covered LY despite being shut out.

Baylor is 5-18-1 ATS as a home dog since 1990. Bears are 2-7 ATS S/80 if a dog of 28 or more, 2-6 ATS if +30 or more.

Pending the 10/6 result, Bears are 4-8 ATS in October AG's. Baylor came into 2001 with a 5-21-2 ATS mark vs former Big 8 schools (0-9-1 L2Y).

Tech has raided the Bears with an 8-2 ATS mark last 10 games. Strange but true: Bears are 1-13 ATS L/14 in the 1st of 2 (+) HG's.

Bears are 6-17-1 ATS in their last 24 November home games. The underdog is 13-5 ATS L/18 meetings, Baylor has been the dog 14 of 18.

Baylor is 4-12-1 ATS in their final away game. Missouri has won & covered all 3 meetings since 1995.

Bears are 0-5-2 ATS their last 7, overall vs the Cowboys (1-6 SU). Baylor is 1-8 SU & 0-7-2 ATS the last 9 years in season finales.



STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	4-7	2-9	2-9	1-10	2-9	25-52
ATS	7-4	6-5	4-7	4-7	5-5-1	2-8-1	3-7	31-43-2
Home Fav	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	9-8
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-2	0-3-1	1-4	4-14-1
Away Fav	3-1	3-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	7-4
Away Dog	1-1	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2-1	1-4	1-3	11-17-1
Favorite	6-3	5-2	2-4	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	16-12
Dog	1-1	1-3	2-3	4-6	4-4-1	1-7-1	2-7	15-31-2
Grass	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-4	3-4	1-6-1	2-4	14-20-1
Artificial	4-4	4-4	3-6	2-3	2-1-1	1-2	1-3	17-23-1
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	2-6	3-5	4-3-1	0-7-1	2-6	19-33-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	12-10
Off SU Win	4-3	3-4	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	11-14
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	1-5	4-4	4-3-1	1-7-1	2-5	16-26-2

BAYLOR (2-9) BIG 12 SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 44 (22,19,3)

Lost: 21 (9,12,0)

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	2000	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	12.6	14	73	2.2	149	40.4	17.6	-9	2000	5	36.1	22	209	4.9	232	56.9	12.2
7*	12.5	13	110	3.1	120	46.0	18.5	-5	1999	10	37.6	24	219	4.4	202	60.8	11.2
6	17.7	16	110	2.8	167	51.7	15.6	+3	1998	7	29.0	22	214	4.8	227	50.5	15.2
7*	18.2	18	185	4.7	151	54.3	18.5	-5	1997	5	34.1	22	274	5.8	164	56.7	12.8
8	24.2	18	150	3.8	182	50.5	13.7	-4	1996	7	29.5	24	287	5.6	181	48.6	16.1
7*	24.8	19	210	4.3	173	51.4	15.4	0	1995	8	15.1	14	113	3.1	151	47.7	17.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Texas	19	36-107	3.0	18-30	218	2	11	37-106	2.9	11-20	159	0	+4
Minnesota	14	26-56	2.2	15-40	123	2	22	55-289	5.3	14-20	172	0	0
S Florida	20	39-147	3.8	20-29	223	2	19	27-173	6.4	22-42	236	1	+3
Iowa St	20	37-108	2.9	8-27	161	5	22	53-308	5.8	12-23	167	0	-1
at Texas Tech	16	30-100	3.3	13-40	148	4	24	27-129	4.8	33-50	322	0	-2
Texas A&M	16	33-74	2.2	14-36	162	3	23	30-103	3.4	22-41	311	0	-1
at Nebraska	7	27-5	0.2	7-29	79	3	23	67-459	6.9	5-12	49	0	-2
at Texas	9	32-57	1.8	9-33	77	4	24	36-90	2.5	23-50	383	2	-3
Oklahoma	7	28-69	2.5	9-30	25	2	30	39-129	3.3	25-38	387	1	0
Missouri	14	41-13	0.3	15-30	195	10	22	52-273	5.3	16-28	199	3	-2
at Oklahoma St	15	31-66	2.1	17-35	227	5	25	51-240	4.7	15-24	171	2	-5
TOTALS	157	360-802	2.2	145-359	1638	42	245	474-2299	4.9	198-348	2556	9	-9
AVERAGES	14.3	33-73	2.2	13-33	149	3.8	22.3	43-209	4.9	18-32	232	0.8	-0.8

Coach: KEVIN STEELE (Career 3-19)
Steele's records AT BAYLOR

3rd Year at Baylor	1-1	Home Favorite
3-19	Straight Up	1-7-1
5-15-1	Vs The Spread	1-0
3-12-1	Off A S/U Loss	2-7
2-13-1	Vs Conference	3-2

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Liberty	E	LSU	21-7	W
86	Bluebonnet	-5'	Colorado	21-9	W
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24	L
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona	20-15	W
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St	3-10	L

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	-20	24-16	L
at Louisville	+1	14-13	W
Oregon St	-18	42-10	W
at Texas Tech	+7	24-45	L
at Nebraska	+38	0-49	L
Oklahoma	-7	24-28	L
Iowa St	-7	49-21	W
at Texas	+12	23-28	W
Texas A&M	+5	7-24	L
Missouri	-10	42-49	L
at Oklahoma St	-2'	17-37	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Fla)	+15'	14-45	L
at Fresno St	+1'	37-35	W
at Michigan	+28	3-38	L
Texas Tech	+5	14-35	L
Nebraska	+39	21-49	W
at Oklahoma	+15'	23-24	W
at Iowa St	-3'	17-24	L
Texas	+9	23-21	W
at Texas A&M	+21	10-38	L
at Missouri	+16'	24-42	L
at Oklahoma St	+9'	14-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon St	+7	17-27	L
N Carolina St	+3'	33-30	W
at Colorado	+15'	16-18	W
at Texas Tech	+12'	29-31	W
Kansas	-6	31-24	W
Texas A&M	+7	14-35	L
at Texas	+17'	20-30	W
at Notre Dame	+14'	3-27	L
Kansas St	+30'	6-49	L
Oklahoma	-4	16-28	L
at Oklahoma St	+14	10-24	T

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+4'	29-30	W
UNLV	-10	24-27	L
at Oklahoma	+12'	10-41	L
Texas	+16	0-62	L
N Texas	-11'	23-10	W
at Texas A&M	+30	13-45	L
Texas Tech	+8'	7-35	L
at Kansas St	+38	7-48	L
at Kansas	+14	10-45	L
Colorado	+21'	0-37	L
Oklahoma St	+20	14-34	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-6	20-7	W
Minnesota	+8	9-34	L
S Florida	NL	28-13	-
Iowa St	+13'	17-31	L
at Texas Tech	+20	0-28	L
Texas A&M	+27	0-24	W
at Nebraska	+47	0-59	L
at Texas	+41	14-48	W
Oklahoma	+39	7-56	L
Missouri	+12	22-47	L
at Oklahoma St	+16'	22-50	L

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS



The NU faithful hope this season isn't a sequel to "Crouching Husker, Hidden Shoulder Injury."

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year preseason Heisman candidate Eric Crouch notched 35 TD's (combined rushing and passing). He was in the mix for the trophy until injuring his shoulder in October and then suffering through a couple of tough games including a 2 for 13 performance vs Kansas St. He missed all of spring practice in 2000 after having shoulder surgery and once again underwent shoulder surgery this offseason and was not able to throw in spring. Crouch is the #1 QB rusher all-time at Nebraska and in 1999 was the first QB to lead the team in rushing since 1955. Last year Crouch threw for 1,192 yards with a 13-8 ratio and has a career 27-16 ratio but his completion % dropped from 53 to 47%. He also rushed for 1,237 gross yards (6.7) with an amazing 22 TD's and took only 3 sacks all year. He has 4.47 speed and keeps getting bigger each season. Jammal Lord (6-215 So) was PS#52. He was strictly a running QB in high school but has worked on his passing game since arriving in Lincoln and improves each year. Last season he played in 7 games, rushing for 154 yards and passing for 116. He got the bulk of the snaps in the spring as Crouch sat out. Walk-on Joe Chrisman (5-11 190 Jr) has played in 7 games the last 2 years with 4 career passing attempts and 11 yards rushing. Solich signed 2 top-notch QB's this year (see Top Newcomers). As long as Crouch is 100% healthy this season, I look for improved numbers and list him as a clear Heisman contender.

RUNNING BACKS - The Huskers were very deep at the I-back position last year and Dan Alexander (#6DC of TEN) and Correll Buckhalter (#4DC of PHI) depart after each topping 2,500 yards in their careers. In 1999 Nebraska suffered a lot of fumbles and Solich put an emphasis on avoiding turnovers last year and it worked. The Huskers went on to become the #1 rushing team in the NCAA, which was their 14th rushing title. Dan Alexander rushed for 1,394 yards with a super 6.9 ypc and Buckhalter had 805 yards, averaging 6.8 per tote. Also gone this year is FB Willie Miller who had 6 starts and 235 yards (4.9) which means the top 3 RB's all depart. There is plenty of talent available and I list the 2 deep below. Alexander and Buckhalter were bigger backs and were straight North to South runners. While this year's backs are smaller, they probably have a little more speed. Not listed in my two deep below are this year's top true frosh signees Marques Simmons (PS#29) and Cory Ross (PS#33DB) as well as Robin Miller (5-11 225 So) who was PS#54. Naturally with this year's group being much less experienced than last year, I look for a dropoff from last year's tremendous production.

RECEIVERS - The Huskers always have the best blocking WR's in the NCAA and they usually have good speed. Last year all 3 starters returned at this position including TE Tracey Wistrom who had a very good year (19 rec, 16.5 ypc) and was named 1st Team Big 12 for the second straight year and 3rd Team AA. He now returns for his senior season. WR Bobby Newcombe (#6DC of ARZ) was an explosive former QB who had 20 rec's (15.4) last year. He departs along with leading receiver Matt Davison who had 24 grabs and a super 19.8 ypc. They hopefully return John Gibson (PS#9DB) who had 3 starts at WR last year but suffered a knee injury in the bowl which makes his availability for fall questionable. He suffered a similar knee injury in 1997 and was granted a 6th year of eligibility by the NCAA. I list the 2 deep below and have a JUCO and some HT's listed in contention for spots. Also in the mix at TE is Chris Septak (6-4 230, PS#6). Wistrom will contend for AA honors and they are very deep at the TE slot but the unit clearly does not look as strong at SE and WB as it did last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Huskers are famous for the "Pipeline" which is the nickname for their O-line. They produced dominating fronts in the '90's with the highlights being rushing ypc's of 7.1 (1995) and 6.2 (1997) and they were impressive with 6.1 ypc last season. That was a marked improvement from the 1999 version which only had a 5.1 ypc. The Huskers allowed 10 sacks, but of course don't throw very much. The last 2 bowl games the O-line has blown Tennessee and Northwestern off the ball, showing their power. Last year they had 3 starters returning plus a '98 starter who missed '99 due to injury. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are C Dominic Raiola (12 sts, 2 yr str, 1st Tm AA, #2DC of DET), RG Russ Hochstein (12 sts, 1st Tm Big 12, 2 yr str, #5DC of TB) and RT Jason Schwab (12 sts, 2 yr str). Two starters are back in addition to Jon Rutherford who was the first OL off the bench last year and has seen significant playing time. There are plenty of VHT's listed in the 2 deep below and while this will once again be one of the top OL's in the country, it clearly looks a little weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Huskers had to replace two starters including a 3rd round DC due to graduation but had 3 players back with starting experience including their star DE Kyle Vanden Bosch. He departs (12 sts, 61 tkl, 6.5 sks, 13 tfl) as the #2 DC of ARZ. Also gone is DT Loran Kaiser (8 sts, 29 tkl, 1.5 tfl). Six of the top 8 players are back. Vanden Bosch was Lifer of the Year in his final 2 years and this year Jon Clanton had excellent winter workouts and is a strong contender for that award this season. I list the 3 deep below and it does not even include two VHT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). While they lose their star, four players are back with starting experience and keep in mind last year was an off year for the Huskers as they went from 56 sacks and 2.1 ypc allowed in 1999 to just 28 sacks as a team and 3.9 ypc. I look for the Huskers' DL to be much tougher this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers had to replace four players last year who combined for 26 of the unit's 33 starts. The inexperienced Husker defense struggled to put pressure on opposing QB's at times. This year they must replace MLB Carlos Polk (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, #1 tkl, 8.5 tfl, #4DC of SD) and backup LB Rod Baker (2 gms, 1 tkl). Five of the top 6 LB's are back and I list the 2 deep below. Solich also has 2 VHT redshirt frosh to plug in and they should have a solid impact. This group clearly has more experience than it did last year and should make the defense much tougher.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers ranked #4 in my pass defense rankings in 1996 and returned to the top 5 in 1999 with a #2 finish, allowing just 43.7%. Last year they had 2 returning starters plus a 1998 starter that was back and finished at #9, allowing 45% with just an 11-15 ratio although they did give up 204 ypg, the most since 1995. This year they must replace ROV Joe Walker (11 sts, 11 pbu, 46 tkl), ROV Clint Finley (1 st, 22 tkl, 4 pbu) and FS Troy Watchorn (5 sts, 30 tkl, 5 int, 8 pbu). Four players return with starting experience including 4 VHT's. This group looks just as talented as last year and has 3 very experienced CB's which should mean yet another top 10 finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength for the Huskers. Over 5 years prior to last year their weakest finish had been #28 in 1997 and they've had 3 top 10 finishes and 4 top 20 finishes in that span. Last season they surprisingly dropped to #64 in the rankings. Special teams almost cost them the Notre Dame game as they allowed KR and PR TD's in that contest. Their top special teams tackler from 1999, Mark Vedral, did not join the team until the third game of the season due to some off-field problems. PR Bobby Newcombe did not recapture his 19.1 avg of 1999 but still averaged a super 14.5. He was a finalist for the Most Talented Special Teams POY Award. Surprisingly NU was just #6 in the Big 12 in PR's and #12 in KR's (they normally rank near the top). KO man Chance Long had 42% touchbacks but he departs. Even though Newcombe is gone it must be noted that NU has averaged over 10 yards per PR in six consecutive seasons and their KR average last year was their lowest in 7 years. They must replace super P Dan Hadenfeldt who leaves as NU's career punting leader with a 44.39 career average although last year his

NEBRASKA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Dan Alexander	202	1420	26	1394	10	6.9					
Eric Crouch	184	1237	176	1061	22	5.8					
Correll Buckhalter	118	827	22	805	8	6.8					
Willie Miller	48	235	0	235	2	4.9					
Dahrran Diedrick	37	252	12	240	4	6.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Eric Crouch	169	80	47.3	1192	13	8					
Jammal Lord	16	9	56.2	116	0	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Matt Davison	24	474	19.8	5	69						
Bobby Newcombe	20	307	15.4	1	58						
Tracey Wistrom	19	314	16.5	5	52						
John Gibson	8	41	5.1	1	9						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Dan Hadenfeldt	42	1841	43.8	10	35.0	2	6				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Josh Brown	3-4	1-3	1-4	1-1	6-12	51					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Carlos Polk	92	1.5	7	6	1	Dion Booker	41	0	2	1	0
K. Vanden Bosch	61	6.5	13	1	0	DeJuan Groce	31	0	1	17	1
Randy Stella	61	5.5	9	1	0	Troy Watchorn	30	0	2	8	5
Keyuo Craver	61	2.5	5	16	0	Loran Kaiser	29	0.5	1	2	1
Scott Shanle	57	1	3	2	1	Chris Kelsay	29	0.5	1	3	0
Jason Lohr	49	3	4	0	0	J. Slechia	27	1	3	6	1
Joe Walker	46	0	2	11	3	Mark Vedral	25	0	4	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
B. Newcombe	23	334	14.5	1	Joe Walker	14	291	20.8	0		

numbers dropped a little with a 43.8 average and a net of 35.0. A lot will be expected of Sandro DeAngelis who was PS#4K and had 70% of his KO's go into the endzone in high school along with a 42 yard punting average. He may also replace PK Josh Brown who struggled with inconsistency last year and worked at WB in the spring. Brown hit just 6 of 12 FG's but nailed a 51 yarder in the bowl game. Even though they lose 3 of the 4 key players from this unit, there is a chance they could improve this year and they should definitely get stronger in the coverage areas.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska has had 39 straight winning seasons, 32 straight with 9 wins or more, 3 National Titles in the '90's and has been to 32 straight bowl games as well as being ranked in the AP poll for 325 straight weeks. In 1999 they were arguably the strongest team in the country but did not get a shot at playing for the National Title. Last year they came into the year ranked #1 in the preseason polls and jumped out to a 7-0 start including a couple of games they won consecutively by a 115-3 margin. Road losses to Oklahoma and Kansas St down the stretch shockingly left them out of the Big 12 Title Game and they were banished to a non-January 1 bowl game where they annihilated Northwestern, 66-17. The nine TD's they had vs Northwestern tied an NCAA record for a bowl game. Last year's squad had to replace 24 lettermen and keep in mind that while that appears to be a heavy number, the Huskers usually have a large amount of lettermen and this year 30 depart but they have 59 returning. The question is on the offensive side of the ball where 7 starters depart but as long as Eric Crouch is healthier than he was last season, they should be potent and come close to last year's 43.5 ppg. Defensively they have 7 starters back and last year's version was a young one that allowed 19.2 ppg which was the "weakest" for the Blackshirt defense since 1959. The team is a perfect 12-0 SU playing on Field Turf which they installed in their home stadium 2 years ago and have had 239 consecutive sellouts, an NCAA record. Frank Solich is #5 all-time in NCAA's best career starts at 31-7. The schedule sets the Huskers up for a special season as the majority of their tough opponents all must travel to Lincoln including Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Kansas St. Should they get through those, they would have 2 tough games remaining, the season finale at Colorado (a team that has nearly upset them for 5 straight years) and then the Big 12 Title Game (likely against Texas). The Huskers are in a spot where they are almost every year and that is not only a Big 12 favorite but a national title contender.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

FREE FOOTBALL INFO

QB ERIC CROUCH SR. 6-1 200 PS#3. 6 sts in 98, 601 pass, 604 rush. 11 sts in 99, 1417 pass, 1102 rush. 12 sts ly, 1192 pass (47.3%), 13-8 ratio, 1237 rush (6.7), 22 rush TD's.
RB Dahrran Diedrick Jr. 6-0 225 HS in Canada. 303 yds (5.3) as rFr. 240 yds (6.5) ly. DeAntae Gribby (5-8 205 So) PS#22DB, 64 yds as rFr. Thunder Collins (6-2 190 Jr) PS#83JC ly.
FB Judd Davies Sr. 6-0 240 PS#51. 12 gms as rFr. 200 yds (9.5) 3 rec (16.3). Back inj, not 100% for fall. Paul Kastl (5-10 230 Jr) 26 yds ly. Steve Kriewald (5-10 255 Fr) PS#76.
WB John Gibson Sr. 6-0 195 PS#9DB. 3 sts, 8 rec in 2000. Granted 6th year of eligibility. Mike Demps (5-10 210 Jr) PS#34DB, Ryan Mikluscak (6-0 190 Fr) PS#190WR ly.
WR Wilson Thomas Jr. 6-5 205 PS#88, 4 sts, 1 rec, 2 yrs. Ben Zajicek (6-0 210 rFr) PS#94DB, Clifford Brye (5-10 175 Jr) PS#177JC, DeWayne Long (6-0 210 rFr) PS#60RB ly.
TE TRACEY WISTROM SR. 6-5 240 PS#11. 3 sts in 99, 16 rec (26.8). 10 sts ly. 3rd Tm AA, 19 rec (16.5). Aaron Golliday (6-4 285 Jr) PS#62, 7 sts, 6 rec, 2 yrs. Jon Bowling, PS#17, 5 rec ly.
C Jon Rutherford Sr. 6-3 300 PS#53. 4 gms as rFr, 14 pancakes in 99, 6th OL ly until inj, 3 letters. Matt Shook (6-2 300 Jr) PS#152. Mike Erickson (6-4 300 rFr) PS#24.
RG Wes Cody Jr. 6-2 295 PS#74 in '98. 1 gm as rFr. 6 gms ly, 7 pancakes. Jon Dawson (6-2 295 So) PS#221, 7 gms as rFr. M.J. Flaum (6-4 310 rFr) was PS#33.
LG TONIUI FONOTI JR. 6-4 340 PS#68. 13 gms, 23 pancakes as true. 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm B12, 155 pancakes. John Garrison (6-4 285 Jr) PS#17DL, Nick Povendo was PS#38 ly.
RT Chris Loos Sr. 6-3 310 PS#54. 12 gms as rFr, 15 pancakes. Dan Waldrop (6-5 330 So) PS#113, 10 gms, 7 pancakes as rFr. Kyle Kollmorgen (6-5 310 Sr) PS#37.
LT DAVE VOLK SR. 6-5 300 PS#71. 13 gms as rFr. 13 sts at RT, 111 pancakes in '99. 12 sts at LT, 104 pancakes ly. HMB12LY2. Scott Koelke (6-5 310 Jr) 10 gms ly. Nate Kolterman PS#42.
K JOSH BROWN JR. 6-2 190 PS#4K. 15 of 21 FG's with a long of 42 in 1999. 6 of 12 FG's, long of 51 ly, has hit 108 straight xp's. Sandro DeAngelis (5-8 195 Fr) PS#4.

DE CHRIS KELSAY JR. 6-5 270 PS#29. 1 st, 17 tkl in '99. 8 sts ly, 29 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 9 hurries. Justin Smith (6-4 260 So) PS#50, 26 tkl in 2 yrs. Phil Peetz (6-2 260 So) PS#56.
DT JASON LOHR SR. 6-2 275 PS#24. 7 tkl as true. 33 tkl, 3.5 sks in 99. 12 sts ly, 49 tkl, 7 tfl, 5 hurries. Jon Clanton (6-2 280 Jr) PS#91OL, Mania Brown (6-4 300 Fr) PS#68.
DT Jeremy Schleuter Sr. 6-6 285 PS#26OL, 9 tkl, 3 tfl as true. 18 tkl, 5 tfl in 99. 1st inj. 4 sts ly, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. Junior Tagoai (6-2 290 So) PS#117DL, Patrick Kabongo PS#92OL.
DE Demeone Adams Jr. 6-2 235 PS#74. 5 tkl, 1.5 tfl in 99. 4 sts ly, 12 tkl, 1 tfl. 5 hurries. JP Wichmann (6-4 230 Sr) PS#140LB, 9 tkl, 3 tfl ly. Benard Thomas PS#53LB ly.
SLB SCOTT SHANLE JR. 6-2 235 PS#33LB, 10 sts ly, 57 tkl, 4 tfl. Mark Vedral (6-2 210 Sr) PS#66LB, 19 tkl in 98 & 99. 1 st, 25 tkl, 4 tfl ly. Jason Richenberger (6-1 220 rFr) PS#11.
MLB Jamie Burrow Sr. 6-1 245 PS#40. 18 tkl, 25 gms in 98 & 99. 12 gms ly, 11 tkl, 4 tfl. Tony Tate (6-1 245 Jr) PS#63, 5 tkl, 2 yrs. Ira Cooper (6-2 220 rFr) PS#35.
WLB RANDY STELLA SR. 6-0 210 PS#12. PQ in 98. 9 tkl in 99. 11 sts ly, #2 w/ 61 tkl, 5.5 sks, 9 tfl. TJ Hollowell (6-0 220 rFr) PS#50, 7 tkl as true. Barrett Ruud is PS#16.
CB KEYUO CRAVER SR. 5-11 190 PS#13. 25 tkl, 3 pbu as true. 13 sts in 99, 53 tkl, 3 int, 13 pbu. 12 sts ly, 61 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 16 pbu. HM B12LY2. Pat Ricketts (5-11 180 So) 19 tkl, 1 pbu ly.
CB DEJUAN GROCE JR. 5-10 190 PS#4, 24 tkl, 2 pbus as rFr. 3 stly, 1 int, NU record.
17 pbu. Erwin Swiney (6-0 185 Sr) PS#33. 10 sts in 97, 13 tkl in 98, Med RS in 99, 10 sts in 2000.
ROV TERRILL BUTLER SR. 5-9 190 PS#74. 2 tkl as true. Josh Davis (5-11 195 So) PS#31LB, RB ly. Lannie Hopkins (6-2 205 Fr) PS#94. Wes Woodward (5-8 185) 12 tkl in 30 career gms.
FS DION BOOKER SR. 6-1 205 PS#36. 5 sts in 99, 36 tkl, 1 int, 7 sts ly, 41 tkl, 2 tfl. Willie Amos (6-0 185 So) PS#206, 10 tkl, 1 int as true. Excellent in winter conditioning.
P Sandro DeAngelis rFr. 5-8 195 PS#4K in 2000. Avg 42 ypp his senior year of HS. 70% of KO's into EZ, 5 of 5 on FG's. Kyle Larson (6-0 205 So). Cody Butler (6-0 195 Fr).

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 OL Richie Incognito 6-4 310 PS#22
 RB Marques Simmons 5-10 190 PS#29
 DB Antwon Guidry 6-1 185 PS#27
 LB Barrett Ruud 6-2 220 PS#16
 DB Mike Stuntz 6-2 185 PS#23
 DB Cory Stortz 5-7 190 PS#33
 OL Gary Pike 6-4 280 PS#36
 QB Mike McLaughlin 6-0 175 PS#29
 DB Phil Bland 6-0 205 PS#66
 WR Daniel Manning 6-0 195 PS#76
 QB Dan Bullocks 6-2 200 PS#87
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Nebraska has been a home dog just 3 times in 23 years!!
Huskers are 5-1 ATS their last 6 at home vs the Pac 10.
Big Red is 8-0 SU, 7-1 ATS vs the Big 10, scoring an avg of 50.5 ppg.
Huskers are 9-16-1 ATS as an away favorite the last 5 years.
Nebraska has had a positive turnover ratio in 6 straight seasons.

Huskers are 6-3 ATS in lined home openers but 1-3 ATS the L4Y.
NU's last gm vs a current CUSA tm was a non-covering 7 pt win over S Miss in '99.

The Trojans of Troy St are jumping from IAA to IA football this season.
They have won the Southland Conf 3 times S/ '96 & were 9-3 SU in 2000.

May apply: NU is 14-6 ATS L/20 when favored by 14 or less or a dog, but 0-3 LY.
Last year's meeting went into OT before NU prevailed in South Bend.

NU came into 2001 with a 35-21 ATS mark in their L/56 lined Lincoln Logs.
This will be NU's 3rd game vs a WAC school since '82: 2-0 SU, 0-2 ATS.

Nebraska is 2-8 ATS the week after a bye.
Cornhuskers are 11-3 ATS in conference openers.

Strange but true: NU is 18-4 ATS at home the week after a road game.
The home team has covered 7 of the last 9 in this series.

Huskers came into 2001 with a 8-13-1 ATS mark as DD away chalk.
Pending the 9/29 result, NU is 5-12 ATS L/17 Big 12 road games.

Should apply here: NU is 8-20 ATS after scoring 40 or more.
Nebraska is 9-0 SU & 7-2 ATS on Homecoming.

Cornhuskers are 7-1 SU & 5-3 ATS their last 8 meetings vs OU.
NU came into 2001 with a 34-21 ATS mark as a home favorite.

Big Red is 13-4 ATS vs the Jayhawks since 1984.
Nebraska is 4-8 ATS in their last 12 November road games.

Huskers are 6-1 ATS their last 7 against KSU.
Pending the Rice result, NU is 14-8-1 ATS prior to a bye week.

Nebraska is 3-9 ATS in their last 12 road finales.
The largest margin of victory in this series over the L5Y is 5 pts.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (74,031) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total	
Straight Up	12-0	11-0	10-2	12-0	9-3	11-1	9-2	74-8	
ATS	8-4	9-2	6-6	5-7	4-7-1	7-5	4-7	43-38-1	
Home Fav	3-2	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	4-2	2-4	23-20	
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	
Away Fav	4-2	4-0	2-4	1-4	1-2-1	3-3	2-3	17-18-1	
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	
Favorite	7-4	9-2	6-6	4-7	3-7-1	7-5	4-7	40-38-1	
Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	
Grass	0-1	0-0	1-3	0-1	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	5-11-1	
Artificial	8-3	9-2	5-3	5-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	38-27	
vs Conf	5-2	7-0	4-5	4-5	3-5	5-4	4-4	32-25	
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2-1	2-1	0-3	11-13-1	
Off SU Win	7-4	8-2	4-5	5-6	2-5-1	5-4	3-5	34-31-1	
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	4-3	

NEBRASKA (10-2) BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 4* DEFENSE: 8
LETTERMEN: Returning: 59 (29,29,1) Lost: 30 (14,14,2)



NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	DEF	YPP
9*	43.5	23	360	6.1	115	48.4	10.9	+1		2000	5	19.2	16	124	3.9	204	45.0	17.1				
5*	34.0	19	270	5.1	128	51.8	11.7	+6		1999	7	13.2	14	75	2.1	182	43.7	13.3				
3	31.0	21	241	4.7	136	55.1	12.2	+8		1998	7	15.8	17	116	3.0	194	50.3	19.6				
6*	46.7	26	394	6.2	121	55.7	11.0	+4		1997	3	16.5	13	78	2.4	184	49.3	15.9				
5	42.5	23	291	5.1	131	50.8	9.9	+13		1996	7	13.4	15	92	2.5	175	45.6	19.9				
4*	53.1	27	410	7.1	152	53.1	10.6	+14		1995	4	14.5	15	70	2.3	223	49.9	20.1				

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
San Jose St	28	60-505	8.4	5-13	91	0		14	29-193	6.7	14-37	153	0		-2
at Notre Dame	20	59-274	4.6	7-15	103	3		11	40-184	4.6	3-15	40	2		0
Iowa	23	51-331	6.5	10-13	159	1		18	31-47	1.5	19-40	252	6		+1
Missouri	27	53-311	5.9	11-23	173	3		22	31-209	6.7	19-39	283	0		+2
at Iowa St	20	60-336	5.6	7-17	164	0		18	25-37	1.5	22-43	346	1		+1
at Texas Tech	30	77-442	5.7	7-14	98	0		11	12-19	1.6	22-48	181	3		0
Baylor	23	67-459	6.9	5-12	49	0		7	27-5	0.2	7-29	79	3		+2
at Oklahoma	16	43-195	4.5	12-27	133	3		20	35-118	3.4	20-34	300	3		-1
Kansas	31	73-493	6.8	7-8	69	0		17	29-99	3.4	16-31	169	3		0
at Kansas St	11	45-200	4.4	2-13	39	0		17	43-143	3.3	12-36	234	3		0
Colorado	28	48-296	6.2	11-17	139	0		28	43-197	4.6	25-41	254	1		-1
N'Western (Bowl)	28	69-476	6.9	6-14	160	0		14	38-232	6.1	17-43	151	3		-1
TOTALS	280	705-4318	6.1	90-186	1377	10		197	383-1483	3.9	196-436	2442	28		+1
AVERAGES	23.3	59-360	6.1	8-16	115	0.8		16.4	32-124	3.9	16-36	204	2.3		0.1

Coach: FRANK SOLICH (Career 31-7)

Solich's records AT NEBRASKA

4th Year at Nebraska	8-11	Home Favorite
31-7 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
15-19-1 Vs The Spread	6-8-1	Away Favorite
3-3 Off A S/U Loss	1-0	Away Underdog
12-13 Vs Conference	3-6-1	Vs Non-Conf

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Orange	-16	Virginia Tech	41-21	W
97	Orange	-13'	Tennessee	42-17	W
98	Holiday	-3	Arizona	20-23	L
99	Fiesta	-4	Tennessee	31-21	W
00	Alamo	-14'	Northwestern	66-17	W

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
Michigan St	-29'	55-14 W	Akron	-58	59-14 L	Louisiana Tech	-35'	56-27 L	at Iowa	-27	42-7 W	San Jose St	-49'	49-13 L
at Arizona St	-25	0-19 L	UCF	-43'	38-24 L	UAB	-47	38-7 L	California	-32	45-0 W	at Notre Dame	-13'	27-24 L
Colorado St	-37	65-9 W	at Washington	+4	27-14 W	at California	-21	24-3 T	S Mississippi	-26'	20-13 L	Iowa	-41'	42-13 L
at Kansas St	-12	39-3 W	Kansas St	-22	56-26 W	Washington	-13'	55-7 W	at Missouri	-17	40-10 W	Missouri	-32	42-24 L
Baylor	-38	49-0 W	at Baylor	-39	49-21 L	at Oklahoma St	-26	24-17 L	Oklahoma St	-27	38-14 L	at Iowa St	-15'	49-27 W
at Texas Tech	-22	24-10 L	Texas Tech	-36'	29-0 L	at Texas A&M	-11'	21-28 L	Iowa St	-29	49-14 W	at Texas Tech	-20	56-3 W
Kansas	-33'	63-7 W	at Kansas	-37'	35-0 L	Kansas	-34	41-0 W	at Texas	-9	20-24 L	Baylor	-47	59-0 W
at Oklahoma	-35'	73-21 W	Oklahoma	-37	69-7 W	Missouri	-19'	20-13 L	at Kansas	-32	24-17 L	at Oklahoma	-2	14-31 L
Missouri	-50	51-7 L	at Missouri	-29	45-38 L	Texas	-16'	16-20 L	Texas A&M	-13'	37-0 W	Kansas	-31	56-17 W
at Iowa St	-40	49-14 L	Iowa St	-44	77-14 W	at Iowa St	-26	42-7 W	Kansas St	-9'	41-15 W	at Kansas St	-3'	28-29 L
Colorado	-18	17-12 L	at Colorado	-21	27-24 L	at Kansas St	+11	30-40 W	at Colorado	-14'	33-30 L	Colorado	-26'	34-32 L

A football player in a black Colorado jersey with the number 7, wearing a gold helmet and running with the ball. The player is in motion, and the background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

ILB Jashon Sykes likes the fact that he is a Bulkus and All-American Candidate

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Buffs lost a 2 year starter in Mike Moschetti who was a Doug Flutie-type QB with solid speed. They had 3 QB's contending for the job. Zac Colvin (PS#35) won the starter's spot at the beginning of the year but in his first 2 starts generated just 7 of the team's 38 points and for the season threw for only 267 yards (53%). Bobby Pesavento was PS#68JC and took over the starter's job for the next 2 games. Pesavento, for the season, threw for 536 yards (60%) with a 3-0 ratio and rushed for 44 yards. He generated the other 31 points when he split time with Colvin in the first 2 games. He started the next 2 games but not only lost the job in Wk 5, he fell to the 3rd string QB. Craig Ochs (PS#5) was a true frosh who started the final 7 games and helped spur CU's resurgence. He threw for 1,778 yards (59%) with a 7-7 ratio while also rushing for 282 yards. In the Oklahoma State game he was the team's leading rusher (93 of 135 rush yards) and his 429 yards of total offense set a CU frosh single game record. His first 2 games were at home vs Kansas State and on the road vs Texas A&M (first start), two of the toughest defenses in the country. Ochs missed the second half vs Missouri and the team had just 24 yards and 1 FD in the second half with Colvin at QB. Colvin, seeing the writing on the wall, had decided to transfer but changed his mind and will return at the WR position. To add depth, Barnett simply signed PS#4JUCO Robert Hodge who has been compared to Moschetti as he's 5-11 180 with 4.45 speed. He threw for 3,395 yards with 26 TD's at JUCO last year and was in for spring. Adam Drill (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#77. This unit is much more experienced than it was last year and I look for much improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Marcus Houston was simply PS#1RB and lived up to his potential in the first 3 games last year rushing for 332 yards (5.0). He was #4 in the Big 12 in rushing, averaging 111 ypg. Unfortunately Houston suffered a hip injury and missed the rest of the year and he was granted a medical redshirt. He's as experienced a frosh as you can get this year and has outstanding size and speed. Cortlen Johnson (5-9 210 Sr, PS#71) led the team in rushing with 1,036 yards (5.5) in 1999 and was 2nd Team All Big 12. Last year he suffered a toe injury early and then a shoulder injury and was never 100% healthy until the season finale vs Nebraska when he rushed for 155 yards. Johnson finished the year with 622 yards (4.3) despite missing a good portion of 5 games. Bobby Purify (6-0 195 So) probably would have redshirted last year if not for the injury bug that hit Houston and Johnson. He was PS#54 and missed the first 6 games but played in the last 5 with one start and rushed for 177 yards (3.9). Marcus Moore (5-11 185 So) was PS#299 and had 37 yards but may move to WR. Vince Reed (6-0 200 Jr) was PS#48DB and has 144 yards in 2 years. The projected starting FB last year, Dave Andrews, suffered a shoulder injury in August and redshirted. Scott Nemeth took over and had 8 starts and 123 total yards on the year while Brandon Drumm is an HT that provides a quality backup. They even add a super JUCO in Chris Brown (PS#47) who rushed for 1,284 yards (6.9) at JC last year. With everyone back this year including a healthy Houston and Johnson, I look for huge improvement in the Buffs' rushing totals in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year two of the top 3 receivers returned and overall 4 of the top 5. CU is known for having a lot of speed at the WR position and has another

solid group this year. Once again they only lose one player but it was their leading receiver in Javon Green who had 11 starts and 48 rec's (14.6) (HM Big 12). Also departing is Eric McCready (2 sts, 21 rec, 10.5). TE Daniel Hargis is an outstanding blocker who also led the Big 12 TE's in receptions and was 2nd Tm Big 12. Quinn Sypniewski was simply PS#1 TE. John Minardi tied for the team lead in receptions while Roman Hollowell was 4th and both are HT's with Hollowell running the 100m in 10.7. Also watch Cedric Cormier (PS10QB) who has not had the impact I expected with just 40 rec's in 3 years due to a torn ACL as a redshirt frosh. Corey Alexander (5-10 165 So) was said to be the next Ben Kelly at CB but sat out last year as a PQ and may move to WR. This group could be even stronger this year, especially as it gains rapport with Ochs.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buffs had one of the most talented OL's in the NCAA in 1999 on paper, but they allowed 33 sacks only paving the way for 4.0 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and three 2nd stringers so just 4 of the top 10 were back and they allowed 36 sacks with the offense managing just 3.3 ypc rushing. Last year they did transfer in a TE who had 12 starts in 1998. This year the only loss is RT Tom Ashworth (11 sts, HM Big 12). No less than six players return with starting experience as well as 9 of the top 10 and they get a super transfer from Northwestern in Wayne Lucier. Injuries also hurt the unit as C Ryan Gray, a preseason starter, sprained his knee and did not play in the first 3 games. In addition Rogers, Allis, Gurode and Bates all were out vs Kansas. I list the 3 deep below and Barnett has also signed some top-notch true frosh and I look for this unit to be one of the stronger C-lines in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Buffs had a veteran defensive line last year with 3 returning starters and dominated CU's young offensive line last spring. During the season the defense improved their sack totals from 17 in 1999 up to 30 and cut down on the ypc rushing allowed from 4.3 in 1999 to 4.1 last year. This year they must replace DE Anwan Jones (11 sts, 42 tks, 9 ffl), DT Sean Jarne (9 sts, 22 tks) and DE Brady McDonnell (11 sts, 34 tks, 5.5 sks). The star of the unit for the last two years has been Justin Bannan who is constantly double teamed and Barnett is hoping some other players emerge to free him up. They have some solid fR coming into the mix this year and I list them in the 2 deep below and they also get a JUCO transfer, DeAndre Fluellen, who had 8 sacks and 23 tfl at JUCO last season. There are some decent players here but with the loss of 3 starters this unit is clearly weaker in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - The Buffs had to replace one starter to graduation and then lost Ty Gregorak for 2000 to injury so basically had only one starter back in the unit. The star of this group is Jashon Sykes (PS#23) who was 1st Tm Big 12 in 1999 but was under-performing last year until he was benched against A&M. He played much better the rest of the year. He is a Butkus and AA candidate this year. This is an extremely deep unit with all 3 starters back including 6 with starting experience and they get a couple of solid rF. I also look for big things from players like Sean Tufts and Aaron Killian who were both limited last year due to injuries and combined to play in just 12 games. This unit looks much stronger than it did heading into last year and is one of the most experienced LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buffs finished #26 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 allowing 48.1% with a 17-17 ratio but lost 3 players who were drafted/fired by the NFL. Not only was the group young last year but it was also plagued down by injuries as backup safety Moorer, CB Brooks and CB Wright were all injured and missed most of the year. Two walk-ons were forced to play against Texas and starting CB Strickland had concussion problems mid-year. Overall seven different players were forced to start. As you would expect, they plummeted to their lowest finish in the pass defense rankings since I've been charting them at #93, allowing 59.4% with a 17-11 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Albus Brooks (1 st, 2 kl's) and CB Nate Wright (9 kls). The star of this unit is SS Michael Lewis who was the #1 tackler and the team's Defensive POY last year. I list the 2 deep below and six players return with starting experience plus they get the super additions of VHT Lovell Houston who transfers in from UCLA as well as JUCO Omar Stewart and a couple of talented HT redshirt fresh, all of whom I list below. This unit should be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Gary Barnett puts a lot of emphasis on special teams. Every year he and his assistant coaches hand out invitations "allowing" players to play on the special teams, showing the importance of it. At Northwestern he had 2 Top 10 finishes in my rankings and the Buffs were #90 and #8 in the 2 years prior to Barnett's arrival so I expected a lot in 1999 but they finished just #52 in my rankings (even with Ben Kelly handling the punting returns). Last year the Buffs had to replace Kelly as well as their starting punter and kicker but showing Barnett's emphasis they moved up to #24 in my rankings. The star of the special teams was their PR as Roman Hollowell

COLORADO		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Cortlen Johnson	144	653	31	622	8	4.3					
Marcus Houston	66	339	7	332	1	5.0					
Bobby Purify	45	195	18	177	0	3.9					
Craig Ochs	62	282	176	106	4	1.7					
Scott Nemeth	9	44	1	43	1	4.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Craig Ochs	245	145	59.2	1778	7	7					
Bobby Pesavento	72	43	59.7	536	3	0					
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Javon Green		48	699	14.6	4	68					
John Minardi		48	592	12.3	2	40					
Dan Graham		33	443	13.4	1	41					
Roman Hollowell		26	248	9.5	1	28					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Jeremy Flores		59	2247	38.1	5	35.2	0	14			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Mark Mariscal		2-5	2-3	3-6	0-4	7-18	47				
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TCFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TCFL	PBU	INT
Michael Lewis	117	1	5	6	3	Justin Bannan	39	1	4	0	0
Jashon Sykes	113.5	2	2	1	0	D. Wahrores	39	3	1	0	0
R. Robinson	97	0	2	1	1	Korl Mossori	37	1	7	2	0
Andy Peeke	72	1	4	3	0	B. McDonnell	34	5.5	0	1	0
D. Strickland	49	2	1	3	0	Tyler Brayton	28	1	5	0	0
Phil Jackson	45	1	5	4	2	Aaron Kilborn	28	0	5	2	0
Anwan Jones	42	5	4	2	1	Sean Jarne	22	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. Hollowell	9	135	15.0	1	R. Hollowell	15	308	20.5	0		

averaged 15.0 and the team averaged 17.8 per PR (#1 in Big 12). All of the top returnmen are back, so that area looks to be solid. Jeremy Flores averaged 42.9 punting in JUCO but just 38.1 here last year although his net was a solid 35.2 despite being bothered by a hip flexor. He also hit 2 of 2 FG's and will likely handle those chores now that he is healthy. K Marko Mariscal was PS#6 and had a long of 58 on FG's in high school. Barnett pointed out that if Mariscal competed vs all the other Big 12 kickers, he probably would win the starting job in practice as he has a powerful leg. Unfortunately, Mariscal hit just 7 of 18 FG's last year with a long of 47 although 4 of his misses were from 50+. Especially disheartening was his outing against Nebraska in the season finale where just one more FG made (missed 4 of 5) would have resulted in a win as they lost by two. Mariscal has a strong leg on KO's (23 TB's on 44 KO's), I look for dramatic improvement on CU's FG accuracy with either a healthy Flores or an improved Mariscal. With basically everyone else back on this unit I think this group has Top 10 potential. Keep in mind that in each of Barnett's first 2 years here the team has collected 6 blocked kicks and they should continue to be strong.

in 1999 a Colorado team led by 22 seniors won their sixth consecutive bowl which remains the longest streak in the country. Last year they had just 12 seniors returning and had to replace 24 lettermen. To compound matters, they faced, by far, the toughest schedule in the country with 3 non-conference games against ranked opponents and pulling Texas A&M and Texas from the Big 12 South. I said there was a possibility of their finishing in the lower half of the Big 12 North standings and they did just that with a 3-5 conference mark and a 3-8 overall finish. Four of their losses came by 4 points or less and they narrowly missed upsetting Nebraska for the fifth straight year but lost on the road by 2. Overall they lost six games by 8 points or less and led in 5 of those contests. This year their fortunes are on the rise for a much stronger CU team as they lose just 12 lettermen from last year's contingent. CU has beaten at least one Top 25 team for 12 straight years and the roster this year consists of 28 seniors and 24 juniors. Ten true frosh played last year, the most in Colorado's history, as players in the 2 deep missed 82 gms due to injuries. This wasn't good news for the departing CU seniors as zero players were drafted. The last time that happened was in 1989 when the team simply went 11-0 in 1990 and played for a National Title. Craig Ochs figures to be one of the top QB's in the conference and he is surrounded by 8 other talented returning starters on offense including super r/r RB Marcus Houston (PS#1) who had 332 yards in 2000 but still managed to redshirt. As long as they can stay healthier than last year the Buffs' defense will no doubt allow the least amount of points in the last ten years and will be much stingier. In fact I rank them in the Top 40 in the country on that side of the ball as this team is simply loaded. Even though they play teams like Kansas St and Texas on the road, remember that they were able to break A&M's long home winning streak with last year's decimated team. They host Nebraska in the season finale and after 5 near misses, the Buffs may finally break through in that game and should they do that, they have a shot at the Big 12 North Title. This could be one of the nation's big surprise teams (see Who Will Be This Year's Oklahoma? on page 14) in 2001.

OL Drew Shadler 6-3 285 PS#20	Get my 2001 Frost Report Just \$15.00 1-800-554-3448
QB Russell Lovett 6-3 220 PS#26	
QB Robert Hodge 5-11 180 PS#4JC	
OL Gary Moore 6-7 350 PS#54	
RB Le Foliaki 6-2 220 PS#60	
OL Clint O'Neal 6-6 290 PS#69	
LB Jahi Green 6-3 205 PS#42	
RB Chris Brown 6-3 225 PS#47JC	
DL Vaka Manupunga 6-1 270 PS#119	
DL McKenzie Tilton 6-3 285 PS#121	
DE Omar Stewart 5-11 190 PS#67JC	
DL David Winslow 6-3 220 PS#10	
WR James Blood 5-9 160 PS#110	
DL James Garee 6-5 230 PS#144	
DL DeAndre Ellieball 6-1 300 PS#121JC	
OL Drew Shadler 6-3 285 PS#20	
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DEFENSE

QB CRAIG OCHS SO. 6-2 215 PS#5. 7 sts as true, 1778 yds (59%) 7-7 ratio, 282 yds rush. Robert Hodge (5-11 180 Jr) PS#4CJ Bobby Pesavento PS#6BJC, 2 starts ly.
RB MARCUS HOUSTON FR. 6-2 205 PS#1. 332 yds (5.0) in 3 gms as true tl inj.
Corblen Johnson (5-9 210 Sr) PS#71. 1036 yds (5.5), 2nd Tm Big 12 as So. 622 yds (4.3 ly) (inj).
FB SCOTT NEMETH SR. 6-2 235 PS#16ID 8, 8stly, 43 rushyds. Brandon Drumm (6-2 230 Jr) PS#36, 74 tl yds, 2 yrs. *Marques Spivey (6-2 225 Sr) Tsts in 98.* Chris Brown PS#47JC.
WR JOHN MINARDI SR. 6-2 200 PS#38. 20 klis as true at DB 5. 5 sts as WR in 99, 21 ret (15.1), 10 sts ly, 48 rec (12.3). Zac Colvin (6-4 215 Jr) PS#34QB. 2 sts ly, 546 total yds, 2 yrs.
WR Roman Hollowell Sr. 5-6 160 PS#30. 9 rec as rFr. 27 rec in 99 (10.4). 2 sts ly, 26 rec (9.5). Cedric Cormier (5-11 185 Sr) PS#10QB. 11 rec ly, 40 in 3 yrs. ACL tear as rFr.
TE DANIEL GRAHAM SR. 6-3 245 PS#44. 25ts as rFr, 40 c (25.8), 8 sts in 99, 22 rec (14.3). #1 TE in Big 12 w/33 rec (13.4), solid blk, 2nd Tm Big 12. Quinn Syniowski was PS#17.
C Wayne Lucier Jr. 6-4 300 PS#51OL. 7 games as true at Northwestern.
11 sts in '99. Transfer ly. Ryan Gray (6-3 290 Jr) 5 sts ly, 2 letters. Neal Hannifin is PS#73JC.
RG KARL ALLIS SO. 6-5 315 PS#150. 6 starts as rFr until injury. Missed spr-shldr sur. *Marwan Hage (6-3 295 So) PS#262OL.* from Canada. 2 sts as a true, 148 plays.
LG ANDRE GURODE SR. 6-4 320 PS#22. 5 sts as rFr (inj) 7. 12 sts, 789 plays in 99. 11 starts ly (6 at C, 5 at G), **1st Tm Big 12.** Rawle King (6-6 310 Jr) is PS#142JUC.
RT JUSTIN BATES JR. 6-4 295 PS#31 in '98, Scout Tm POY. 6 starts at RT, 315 plays, 10 starts in 2000 (9 at RG, 1 at LT), 2 letters. Dan Major (6-6 290 So) is PS#67.
LT VICTOR ROGERS SR. 6-7 320 PS#2. 5 sts, 338 plays as rFr. 6 sts (inj) 328 plays, 0 sks in '99. 10 sts ly, HM Big 12. 7 surgeries in 15 months. Jordan Gehring (6-6 320 So) PS#260.
K JEREMY FLORES JR. 5-10 185 21-22 FGs at JC in 99. Hip flexor, 2 att ly. Mark Mariscal (6-2 195 Jr) 58 yd FG in HS. Strong leg. Only 7 of 18 FG's here but 4 misses from 50.

DE Matt McChesney So. 6-5 280 PS#41, 9 kts, 1 tfl as true until injury, Marques Harris (6-2 220 So) PS#107, 2 sts, 14 kts, 3.5 sks ly, Rudy Hage (6-0 260 Jr) from Canada.

DD JUSTIN BANNAN SR. 6-3 295 PS#57, 6 pts sks as rF, 37 kts, 4 sks, 12 sts in yr.

2nd Tm Big 12, 8 tfl, 11 sts ly, 39 kts, 5 tfl. Sam Taulealea (6-0 320 Jr) PS#178, 23 kts, 2 yrs.

NT Brandon Badoube rF. 6-1 295 PS#99. DeAndre Fuiellen (6-1 300) PS#121 JUCC.

8 sks, 23 tfl at JC ly. Vince Mitchell (6-0 275 So) PS#180RB. Peter Friedrich (6-3 290 So) PS#80.

DE Tyler Brayton Jr. 6-6 265 PS#76, 15 kts, 1 tfl, 8 hurries, 21 plays as rF.

28 kts, 6 tfl in 2000. Sam Wilder (6-5 265 Jr) PS#224. 5.1 speed, Jiah Green is PS#42LB.

LB KORY MOSSONI JR. 6-3 230 PS#209, 7 kts as true, 9 sts, 37 kts, 8 tfl, 412 plays ly. Drew Walhros (6-3 235 Jr) PS#182, 10 sts in yr, 47 kts, 5 tfl, 2 starts ly, 39 kts, 3 sks.

ILB SEAN TUFTS SO. 6-4 225 PS#27, 1 st as true, 10 kts, 2.5 tfl, in/d. Aaron Killean (6-3 235 Jr) 13 gms, 1 st, 2Y, 5 tfl (inj) PS#129, Andy Peeke (6-0 200 Sr) 10 sts ly, 4 kts.

ILB JASHON SYKES SR. 6-3 230 PS#23, 4 starts as a true frosh, 52 kts, 7.5 tfl, 12 starts in 1999, 144 kts, 15 tfl, 1st Tm Big 12, 10 sts ly, w/d 11 tfl, 3.5 sks, 2 tfl, 2 pbu.

CB DONALD STRICKLAND JR. 5-10 180 PS#95, 9 sts ly, 49 kts, 3 pbu. Omar Stewart PS#67JC. Roderick Sneed (6-0 180 Sr) PS#101RB, 9 sts, 5 pbu. Clyde Surrell (So) PS#70.

CB PHIL JACKSON SO. 6-1 180 PS#212, 9 sts as rF, 45 kts, 2 int, 4 pbu.

Terrence Wood (5-10 175 Sr) 3 sts, 28 kts, 3 pbu, 3 yrs. Allen Mackey (5-11 175 Jr) PS#62.

SS MICHAEL LEWIS SR. 6-2 210 PS#54, 3 starts, 1 int, 4.5 tfl as true, 9 sts in 99, 79 kts, 4 tfl, 10 sts ly, #1 w/11 tfls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 6 tfl. Devin Richardson (5-11 190 Jr) PS#105RB in 2000.

FS ROBBIE ROBINSON SR. 5-11 200 PS#103JC, 4 sts, 42 kts here in 99, 11 starts last yr, #3 w/97 kts, 2 tfl, 1 int. Lovell Houston (6-1 190 Jr) is PS#3, 3 sts at UCLA in 1999.

P JEREMY FLORES SR. 5-10 185 PS#135JC, 42.9 avg at JUCC in 99, 10-10 FGs, 59 pts here ly, 38.1 ayo & net of 35.2, 14 inside the 20, 14 FCs & 2 n/2 on FGs, 1 n/4 of

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

CU is 8-0-1 SU vs Oklahoma (7-2 ATS) & is the only team that has won 5 in a row SU in Norman.
Buffaloes are 6-12 ATS as a Big 12 DD favorite their last 18.
Colorado is 10-2 ATS in Boulder vs K-State.
Buffs are 2-7 ATS in their last 9 meetings with Missouri.
FSU is one of seven 2000 bowl teams on the 2001 CU schedule.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score COLO Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 25	Fresno St	G												
Sep. 1	† Colorado St (Denver)	G												
Sep. 8	San Jose St	G												
Sep. 15	at Washington St	A												
Sep. 22	Kansas	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at Kansas St	A												
Oct. 13	Texas A&M	G												
Oct. 20	at Texas	G												
Oct. 27	at Oklahoma St	A												
Nov. 3	Missouri	G												
Nov. 10	at Iowa St	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 23	Nebraska (Fri)	G												

This is the inaugural Jim Thorpe Classic & only the 2nd time in the Buffs' team history they are playing in a preseason game.
This will be the 1st reg season game in the new Invesco Stadium.
The underdog has covered 5 straight & 9 of 11 in this series.
Pending the FSU result, CU is 18-2 SU but 7-13 ATS as DD HF.
Buffs are 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS their last 3 vs current WAC schools.
Pending L2W results, CU is 3-12 ATS last 15 vs non-conf foes.
CU is 1-5 ATS in the reg season vs Pac 10 schools (3-0 in bowls).
Buffaloes have lost 10 of 15 conference openers ATS.
CU is 2-6 ATS prior to their first bye of the season.
Bonus: Colorado has only lost SU to KU 3 times since 1985.
CU is 2-7 ATS after their first bye of the season.
Buffs are 11-4-1 SU L/16 but has dropped 4 in a row SU to the Wildcats.
Pending LW's result, Buffs are 11-24 ATS in their L/35 Oct encounters.
CU is 4-11 ATS their last 15 sandwiched home games.
Colorado is 8-5 ATS L/13, but 1-4 L/5 in the 1st of 2 or more road games.
Pending the 10/6 result, CU is 17-4 ATS the L/21 as an away dog.
Buffaloes are 4-1 SU but 1-4 ATS last 5 vs the Cowboys.
Pending the 9/15 & 10/6 results the Buffs are 11-24 ATS L/35 on art turf.
Colorado is 10-5 ATS the L5Y in the final 3 games of the season.
Prior to 2001 CU was 6-19 ATS their last 25 as home chalk.
Buffs are 4-2 ATS in road finales NOT vs Neb, 7-2 ATS overall L9Y.
CU is 12-3 ATS in their final away game of the year.
Buffaloes are 9-4 ATS their last 13 Folsom finales.
Colorado has covered 5 in a row vs the Huskers.

STADIUM: FOLSOM STADIUM (51,655)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	9-2	9-2	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	49-28
ATS	4-6	6-5	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-4	5-6	34-42
Home Fav	2-3	3-2	1-5	1-4	1-4	2-1	1-3	11-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	4-2
Away Fav	1-3	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	9-15
Away Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	3-0	10-3
Favorite	3-6	5-4	4-6	2-6	1-6	3-4	2-5	20-37
Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	3-1	4-0	3-1	14-5
Grass	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	6-2	4-5	15-12
Artificial	3-6	5-5	4-5	2-6	3-5	1-2	1-1	19-30
vs Conf	2-5	2-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	6-2	4-4	25-29
vs Non-Conf	2-1	4-0	0-3	0-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	9-13
Off SU Win	4-5	5-3	4-5	1-4	2-5	4-2	1-2	21-26
Off SU Loss	0-1	0-2	1-0	2-3	1-2	3-1	4-3	11-12

Coach: GARY BARNETT (Career 53-69-2)
Barnett's record AT COLORADO

3rd Year at Colorado	3-4	Home Favorite
10-13 Straight Up	2-1	Home Underdog
12-10 Vs The Spread	2-5	Away Favorite
7-4 Off A S/U Loss	5-0	Away Underdog
10-6 Vs Conference	2-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Fiesta	-7	Notre Dame	41-24	W
95	Cotton	-7	Oregon	38-6	W
96	Holiday	-6	Washington	33-21	W
98	Aloha	+5'	Oregon	51-43	W
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W

COLORADO (3-8) BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 50 (26,21,3)
Lost: 12 (3,9,0)



COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	2000	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	1999	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3
8*	33.8	23	168	4.0	266	59.9	12.8	+5	1999	6	25.9	17	165	4.3	175	48.1	13.1
4	25.2	18	128	3.1	204	56.0	18.2	+6	1998	6	21.1	18	142	3.5	174	48.6	17.3
6	27.3	20	136	4.1	232	53.4	13.5	-1	1997	7	26.8	19	203	4.1	148	53.3	13.1
9*	29.3	22	140	3.8	309	57.9	15.3	+2	1996	7	18.3	18	131	3.4	186	51.3	18.8
5	37.0	23	188	4.7	284	59.5	12.8	+2	1995	7	20.0	18	140	3.5	184	50.4	16.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Colorado St	29	45-224	5.0	25-39	308	4	17	28-65	2.3	19-30	327	2	+2
at USC	20	39-137	3.5	17-27	231	6	22	38-158	4.2	25-31	275	2	0
Washington	16	35-69	2.0	15-27	174	5	24	49-205	4.2	15-29	200	2	+2
Kansas St	16	35-137	3.9	20-34	267	2	18	36-153	4.3	15-26	293	0	0
at Texas A&M	19	42-112	2.7	15-25	239	1	25	36-71	2.0	28-45	291	3	-2
Texas	13	36-55	1.5	12-36	78	6	22	41-166	4.0	23-40	308	1	+1
at Kansas	20	32-90	2.8	20-36	246	3	23	51-262	5.1	10-22	152	1	+1
Oklahoma St	28	29-135	4.7	24-37	389	2	30	38-114	3.0	30-49	313	7	0
at Missouri	14	34-54	1.6	17-32	147	0	25	60-159	2.7	17-34	246	13	+2
Iowa St	23	38-132	3.5	25-34	307	2	23	47-277	5.9	15-27	173	0	-2
at Nebraska	28	43-197	4.6	25-41	254	1	23	48-296	6.2	11-17	139	0	+1
TOTALS	226	407-1342	3.3	215-368	2640	32	252	472-1926	4.1	208-350	2717	31	+5
AVERAGES	20.5	37-122	3.3	20-33	240	2.9	22.9	43-175	4.1	19-32	247	2.8	0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington St	-21	37-19	L
at Colorado St	-16'	48-34	L
Michigan	-8	13-20	L
at Texas A&M	-3'	24-10	W
Oklahoma St	-32'	35-13	L
at Kansas	-8'	20-7	W
Texas	-10'	28-24	L
at Missouri	-22'	41-13	W
Iowa St	-27'	49-42	L
Kansas St	-5'	12-0	W
at Nebraska	+18	12-17	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-15'	31-21	L
at Michigan	+1	3-27	L
Wyoming	-14'	20-19	L
Texas A&M	-3	10-16	L
at Oklahoma St	-3	29-33	L
Kansas	-16'	42-6	W
at Texas	-5	47-30	W
at Kansas	-14	31-41	L
at Iowa St	-19'	43-38	L
at Kansas St	+9'	20-37	L
at Nebraska	+21	24-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	+3'	42-14	W
Fresno St	-21	29-21	L
Utah St	-24	25-6	L
Baylor	-15'	18-16	L
at Oklahoma	-4	27-25	L
Kansas St	+14'	9-16	W
Texas Tech	-5	19-17	L
at Kansas	-7	17-33	L
at Missouri	+5	14-38	L
Iowa St	-16'	37-8	W
at Nebraska	+20	14-16	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-13	14-41	L
San Jose St	-24	63-35	W
Kansas	-16	51-17	W
at Washington	-3'	24-31	L
Missouri	-12	46-39	L
at Texas Tech	-5	10-31	L
at Iowa St	+3	16-12	W
Oklahoma	+4'	38-24	W
at Kansas St	+15'	14-20	W
at Baylor	-21'	37-0	W
Nebraska	+14'	30-33	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-4'	24-28	L
at USC	+7	14-17	W
Washington	-4'	14-17	L
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+8	26-19	W
Texas	-1	14-28	L
at Kansas	-1'	15-23	L
Oklahoma St	-11	37-21	W
at Missouri	-6'	28-18	W
Iowa St	-5'	27-35	L
at Nebraska	+26'	32-34	W

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

DEFENSIVE BACKS - KSU plays a lot of players in its secondary. Last year was a perfect example, as 8 players earned starts which allows them to overcome large graduation losses this year. In 1999 KSU finished #1 in my pass defense rankings with a veteran group that had to replace just one starter. Last year 9 of 10 lettermen returned again, only having to replace one 1st Team Big 12 performer. KSU finished #7 allowing 49.8% with a 9-23 record. This year for the first time in 3 years the losses are heavy. Gone are CB Jerametrius Butler (#5DC of STL, 14 sts, 7 int, 19 pbu, 1st Tm B12), CB Dyshod Carter (14 sts, 5 int, 23 pbu, 2nd Tm B12) and SS Jarrod Cooper (#5DC of CAR, 10 sts, 71 tkl, 5 tfl). FS Derrick Yates is 6-2 185 yet has 437 speed and was Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year and yet is listed as a backup. Six players are back with starting experience and naturally Snyder has some JUCO's to plug in. I list a talented 2 deep below but clearly this unit is a lot less experienced than the last 2 editions.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One sign of outstanding coaching is the performance of the special teams units and Bill Snyder's group is annually among the best. In 1997 they finished #3 in my special teams rankings and in 1998 I called for them to finish #1 and they did just that, setting the highest special teams grade I've had in my eight years of rankings. In 1999 they suffered a dropoff slipping to #12 and last year they finished #10 overall despite having some problems with blocked punts and punt coverage. David Allen was poised to become the all-time career PR leader in the NCAA and needed just 1 TD to set the record. Allen got the TD vs Iowa but it was called back on a penalty and he was also injured in that game. He muffed a couple of punts vs Neb. and only got 14 chances, averaging 8.9 and shockingly came up 52 yards short of the NCAA record. Aaron Lockett took over the PR duties and had an amazing year averaging 21.9 per return which led the NCAA and he had 3 TD's. He was also the top KR with a 22.3 average. K Jamie Rheem was injured early on and only had a long FG last year of 39 yards but did hit 17 of 22 and was a Lou Groza finalist once again. He departs but will likely be replaced by his younger brother, Joe, who is PS#2. Snyder was unhappy with the punting of Travis Brown who averaged 38.3 and used 4 different punters during the season. Brown is back but will have to battle Jared Brife (6-2 185 So, PS#2) who averaged 45.2 in HS. He had 4 punts (36.8) as a true freshman. The main contender will probably be JUCO punter Rich Gerla. Lockett looks like the top PR in the country and as always, you can expect KSU to get its share of blocked kicks. Once again KSU should lead in the top 10 and are a clear contender for the #1 spot.

Bill Snyder has simply done an amazing job at KSU. The program is now an example to others who want to quickly build a winning tradition. KSU was arguably the worst football program in major college football when he arrived in '89 as the coach. They were off seasons in which they went 0-21-1 and had only 37% wins in their school history. Snyder parlayed a soft schedule and better recruiting into wins which yielded better recruiting. This team has recorded an amazing 4 straight years of 11 wins or more and only Florida St can also lay claim to that accomplishment. KSU has also won or shared the Big 12 North Title for 3 consecutive seasons. They were inches away from the National Title game in '98, leading Texas A&M 17-3 in the Big 12 Title game but let that lead slip away. Due to Snyder's reliance on JUCOs they usually have a heavy amount of seniors. Last year's squad had to replace just 131 lettersman but this year TWENTY-SEVEN seniors depart including 13 on both sides of the ball. They lose 18 players off

DEFENSE

you forecast all gloom and doom for the Cats, remember that in '99 they had to replace starting QB Michael Bishop and had just 9 starters back including only 3 on offense. That team averaged 38.1 ppg! Despite the heavy graduation losses and a schedule that includes road trips to USC, Oklahoma and Nebraska this group is capable of pulling off another double digit victory season and clearly Snyder has this program to the point where they simply reload instead of rebuild.

WR Jerome Janet 5-11 190 PS#7	Get my 2001 Fresh Report Just \$15.00 1-800-654-3448
AS Yoda Saba 6-0 260 PS#26	
QB Marc Dunn 6-4 205 PS#1JC	
WR Darren Sproles 5-7 170 PS#33	
DL Henry Bryant 6-1 255 PS#3JC	
K Joe Rheem 6-2 210 PS#2	
OL Ray Green 6-7 340 PS#55	
WR Cedric Williams 6-0 180 PS#57	
WR Lawrence Wallace 6-1 190 PS#23JC	
WR Lamont Moore 6-0 180 PS#69	
WR Carlos Alsups 6-1 195 PS#72	
DL Scott Edmonds 6-4 225 PS#77	
WR Robby Walker 6-1 195 PS#43JC	
DL Derrick Mason 5-10 185 PS#7	
LT Matt Ruller 6-2 313 PS#57	

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cats have had a positive turnover ratio for 9 straight yrs & 10 of 11. KSU is 63-6-1 SU at home since 1990, 44-20-2 ATS at home under Snyder. Wildcats are 8-2 SU & 7-2-1 ATS vs Oklahoma St. K-State is 9-6 ATS the week after a bye. Cats are 7-1 ATS vs current MAC schools. KSU is 5-10 ATS in their last 15 road finales.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	at USC	G												
Sep. 15	Louisiana Tech	A												
Sep. 22	New Mexico St	A												
Sep. 29	at Oklahoma	G												
Oct. 6	Colorado	A												
Oct. 13	at Texas Tech	A												
Oct. 20	Texas A&M	A												
Oct. 27	Kansas (HC)	A												
Nov. 3	at Iowa St	G												
Nov. 10	at Nebraska	A												
Nov. 17	Missouri	A												
Nov. 24														

Bonus: KSU has not lost an opener SU/S'89, 6-1-1 ATS in that span.
Cats are 23-9 ATS vs non-Big 12 teams since 1990. K-State is 24-7 ATS in their last 31 September contests.
KSU is 25-8 ATSL/33 as a fav of 20 (+) but were 3-4 in that role LY. Wildcats are 20-4 ATS at home vs non-Big 12 foes, pending LW.
Kansas State was 24-14-1 ATS off a SU win coming into the year. Wildcats are 11-2 ATS in their second straight Manhattan Project.
KSU is 6-1 SU & 4-2-1 ATS the L/7 yrs in their conference opener. Kansas St is 9-16-1 ATS as a road dog of 13 or less.
KSU is 5-11 ATS their last 16 vs Colorado. Wildcats are 12-4 ATS their L/16 conference home games, 2-2 LY.
K-State is 5-1 ATS when traveling to the state of Texas. Pending LW's result KSU is 23-11 ATS their L/33 October games.
The SU winner is 4-0 ATS in 4 meetings since the inception of the Big 12. Two of these have been outright A&M upsets as decent sized dogs.
The favorite is 6-1 ATS in the series. KU was last favored 7 yrs ago. KSU is 8-0 SU last 8 vs KU, avg win the L3Y by a 52-9 count.
Kansas State is 9-3-1 ATS before Nebraska. KSU is 4-0 SU L4Y but the home team has covered all 4 contests.
Wildcats are 10-5-1 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. KSU is 6-11 ATS their last 17 vs the Cornhuskers.
Could apply: KSU is 19-6 ATS off a SU loss since 1990. The favorite is 10-4-1 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.
Bonus: Cats are 10-2 ATS after taking on Nebraska.

STADIUM: KSU STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	9-2	9-2	10-1	11-1	10-1	10-3	68-12
ATS	5-4-1	7-4	5-4-1	8-3	7-4	8-3	6-6-1	46-28-3
Home Fav	2-2-1	6-1	1-2-1	4-1	5-1	6-1	3-3	27-11-2
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-2
Away Fav	1-1	1-2	3-0	3-1	2-3	1-1	2-3	13-11
Away Dog	2-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0-1	4-4-1
Favorite	3-3-1	7-3	4-2-1	7-2	7-4	7-2	5-6	40-22-2
Dog	2-1	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	6-6-1
Grass	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3-1	7-6-1
Artificial	4-4-1	7-4	3-4-1	7-2	6-3	7-2	5-3	39-22-2
vs Conf	3-3-1	4-3	3-4-1	6-2	5-4	5-3	4-4-1	30-23-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-2	16-5
Off SU Win	2-4-1	5-4	4-3	6-3	7-4	6-3	5-4-1	35-25-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	7-2

Coach: BILL SNYDER (Career 99-43-1)
Snyder's records AT KANSAS STATE

13th Year at Kansas State	35-14-2	Home Favorite
99-43-1 Straight Up	9-5	Home Underdog
73-48-3 Vs The Spread	15-14	Away Favorite
21-10 Off A S/U Loss	14-13-1	Away Underdog
50-38-3 Vs Conference	23-10	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	96	Cotton	-3'	BYU	15-19	L
	97	Fiesta	-3	Syracuse	35-18	W
	98	Alamo	-13'	Purdue	34-37	L
	99	Holiday	-10'	Washington	24-20	L
	00	Cotton	-3'	Tennessee	35-21	W

KANSAS ST (11-3) BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 39 (19,16,4)
Lost: 27 (13,13,1)



KANSAS STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	YPC	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
9*	39.2	22	205	4.4	212	49.0	10.6	+7	2000	7	18.6	15	104	2.9	169
3	38.1	19	181	3.8	192	45.6	9.8	+18	1999	6	13.7	13	108	3.2	130
8*	46.9	24	217	4.6	248	55.3	9.9	+13	1998	9	15.2	15	91	2.6	175
5	34.8	19	214	4.4	165	44.9	10.9	+1	1997	4	14.8	14	134	3.2	139
5	28.3	18	128	3.3	189	57.2	11.2	+6	1996	6	15.9	18	152	3.4	150
7	38.0	23	175	3.8	236	65.0	10.8	+2	1995	8	13.8	14	119	3.3	136

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
† Iowa	20	47-178	3.8	14-28	250	0	0	9	30-80	2.7	10-26	76	7	7	-2
Louisiana Tech	23	41-267	6.5	13-23	232	0	0	25	29-72	2.5	33-54	319	3	3	+3
Ball St	27	57-322	5.6	8-12	192	0	0	5	45-46	1.0	1-8	5	5	5	+3
N Texas	25	58-260	4.5	15-22	217	1	1	4	28-103	3.7	7-17	35	2	2	-1
at Colorado	18	36-153	4.3	15-26	293	0	0	16	35-137	3.9	20-34	267	2	0	0
at Kansas	24	49-210	4.3	14-22	258	0	0	17	46-103	2.2	10-23	128	5	5	+2
Oklahoma	18	33-144	4.4	14-36	211	0	0	23	36-11	0.3	29-38	374	4	4	-1
Texas Tech	18	44-125	2.8	13-25	160	1	1	22	28-35	1.3	29-60	302	4	0	0
at Texas A&M	21	34-118	3.5	14-40	227	1	1	20	53-171	3.2	12-20	155	0	0	-3
Iowa St	29	60-367	6.1	13-20	216	0	0	14	28-80	2.9	18-42	211	1	1	+2
Nebraska	17	43-143	3.3	12-36	234	3	3	11	45-200	4.4	2-13	39	0	0	0
at Missouri	22	55-155	2.8	9-20	158	2	2	16	42-139	3.3	9-20	110	4	4	+1
Oklahoma (B12 Title)	14	38-133	3.5	12-28	106	1	1	15	28-99	3.5	24-44	220	2	2	+2
Tennessee (Bowl)	25	59-297	5.0	13-27	210	0	0	12	24-178	7.4	7-25	120	2	2	+1
TOTALS	301	654-2872	4.4	179-365	2965	9	9	209	497-1454	2.9	211-424	2361	41	41	+7
AVERAGES	21.5	47-205	4.4	13-26	212	0.6	0.6	14.9	36-104	2.9	15-30	169	2.9	2.9	0.5

Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
Texas Tech	-7	21-14 T	at N Illinois	-36	47-7 W	Indiana St	NL	66-0 -	Temple	-34	40-0 W	† Iowa	-29	27-7 L
Indiana St	NL	59-3 -	Ohio U	-24	23-20 L	N Illinois	-48'	73-7 W	UTEP	-32'	40-7 W	Louisiana Tech	-27'	54-10 W
Cincinnati	-16'	35-0 W	Bowling Green	-28	58-0 W	Texas	-23	48-7 W	at Iowa St	-15	35-28 L	Ball St	-46	76-0 W
at Rice	-21'	34-7 W	at Nebraska	+22	26-56 L	NE Louisiana	-45	62-7 W	at Texas	+5'	35-17 W	N Texas	-51'	55-10 L
Nebraska	+12	3-39 L	Missouri	-11'	41-11 W	at Colorado	-14'	16-9 L	Kansas	-29	50-9 W	at Colorado	-6'	44-21 W
at Missouri	-17	35-10 W	Texas A&M	E/+1	36-17 W	Oklahoma St	-21'	52-20 W	Utah St	-29'	40-0 W	at Kansas	-23'	52-13 W
at Texas A&M	E/+1	23-20 W	at Oklahoma	-10	26-7 W	Iowa St	-34	52-7 W	at Oklahoma St	-6'	44-21 W	Oklahoma	-8'	31-41 L
Oklahoma	-19'	42-35 L	at Texas Tech	-6'	13-2 W	at Kansas	-27	54-6 W	Baylor	-38	48-7 W	Texas Tech	-31'	28-23 L
at Kansas	-7	38-12 W	Kansas	-23	48-16 W	at Baylor	-30'	49-6 W	Colorado	-16	20-14 L	at Texas A&M	-5'	10-26 L
at Colorado	+5'	0-12 L	Colorado	-9'	37-20 W	Nebraska	-11	40-30 L	at Nebraska	+9'	15-41 L	Iowa St	-19	56-10 W
Iowa St	-19'	35-20 L	at Iowa St	-26'	28-3 L	at Missouri	-13	31-25 L	Missouri	-26	66-0 W	Nebraska	+3'	29-28 W
												at Missouri	-22	28-24 L

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

SPECIAL TEAMS This was not a good area for the Tigers over the last few years despite blocking a lot of kicks in Larry Smith's tenure including 8 punts the last 3 years. In 1998 they finished #69 but fell to #110 in 1999 and last year was poor #102. Punting has always been a problem here but Jared Gilpin has done an adequate job the last 2 years, averaging 38.7 and 39.8. The PR coverage units were hit hard by injuries and they were forced to play 3 walk-ons on the unit early in the year. They gave up a lot

of big returns as well as 3 TD's, therefore his net punting suffered. He did go from 10 punts placed inside the 20 in 1999 to 22 last year. They also lost long snapper Ben Davidson prior to the year but his replacement, Sean Ain, was voted Special Teams MVP at the end of the season. Missouri does have a solid kicker in Brad Hammerich but he went down to injury at midseason after hitting 7 of 9 FG's with one of his misses from 50+. His return is a positive because he is also very consistent on KO's and XP's. Backup K Justin Scott missed 2 xp's vs Baylor and was replaced by Michael Caldron for the final game and they combined to hit 2 of 3 FG's with a long of 34. Almost everyone returns to the unit and they should benefit not only from experience, but most likely better health in the coverage units. Pinkel's Toledo team was #45 in the country in my special teams rankings last year so this unit should clearly be much stronger in 2001.

The Tigers had one of the top teams in the country in the 1960's as they were ranked in the final Top 12 a total of six times. They had 9 more winning seasons between '70 and '83 but then a stretch of 13 consecutive losing seasons was stopped by Larry Smith, who guided the team to 2 straight bowls and 3 of their losses in '97 and '98 were to #1 ranked teams. Two straight losing campaigns including a 3-8 season last year meant the end of his regime. Smith was 0-17 vs Top 10 teams, 1-27 vs ranked teams and was 33-46-1 with one bowl victory in his tenure. 1999 was a rebuilding year and the Tigers did just that going 4-7. Turnovers were a culprit that year as they went from 18 to -9 in turnover ratio. Although the defense allowed 2 fewer FD's per game that year, they gave up 14 more points as teams recorded 12 TD's on defensive and special teams scores and had 12 more TD drives of 35 yards or less. Last year they switched to the spread offense and had 7 starters back but managed just 23.2 ppg. They almost upset Mich St and Kan St at home, losing by 3 and 4 respectively. Defensively they allowed 31.6 ppg, thanks in part to turnovers again, although they allowed just 367 ypg. The average attendance under Larry Smith in his first year was 39,000 and it improved to 59,000 last year. The very successful Gary Pinkel comes over from Toledo and had just one losing season at that MAC school and was 37-9-1 in league play the last 6 years, recording more MAC wins (54) than any other school in the conference over the last 10 years. He brings over most of his assistants including the OC. One of the problems with the offense last year was that Kirk Farmer went down to injury early on but Pinkel inherits three experienced starters at QB and the offense will definitely have much more pop than it did last season. It is defense, however

that has me excited about this team. Despite the fact they have just six starters back on that side of the ball, I'm impressed with the athleticism of the group and think they have a shot at ranking in the upper half of the league. They should get off to a solid 2-0 start and begin believing in Pinkel's program and with the defensive edge they have over the rest of the lower half of the Big 12, I think they have a shot at winning road games vs their peers such as Oklahoma State and Kansas. If they accomplish that, this team has a great chance at a winning season and a bowl game.

DEFENSE

Nicholas Tarpoif (6-1) is a JC in 1999, RS ly. He is spg, questionable. 281 Ff) PS#73OL. 11, 11 sts ly, HM BG 270 Ff) PS#112. In '99, 8 tkls here ly. 2 tkls, 2 tfl in 2 years. 2 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 6 (26 Sr) PS#229JC. 2 sts ly (mj), 80 tkls. 63JCJOL, 2 sts ly. 14 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbur. 223 Ff) PS#122. 49 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 int. 7 tkls as a true. **Speed, Terrence** 5, 5 tkls at CB. Taurus Ferguson (Fr) is PS#106DB. At SS in 1999, 70 (104 Ff) PS#51OB. In 1999, 38.7 avg. in coverage points.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR	Damien Nash	5-11	195	PS#24
RB	Thomson Omboga	6-2	180	PS#39
DB	A.J. Kincade	5-11	185	PS#64
DB	Tyrone Robertson	5-10	185	PS#65
WR	R.J. Jones	6-1	176	PS#51JC
WR	Sean Cluffey	6-6	205	PS#88
TE	Ben Fredrickson	6-4	252	PS#52JC
OL	Jason Rhodes	6-6	290	PS#108
OL	Orlando Gooden	6-9	180	PS#106
DB	Quincy Wade	5-9	178	PS#119
WR	Derrick Mick	6-0	230	PS#114
OL	Arnold Britt	6-2	180	PS#148
WR	Calvin Washington	6-1	185	PS#154
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MISSOURI TIGERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tigers are 3-10-1 ATS their last 14 vs Oklahoma.
MO is 13-22-2 ATS as a double digit away dog.
Mizzou is 7-1 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Bowling Green	G												
Sep. 8	SW Texas	G												
Sep. 15	at Michigan St	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Nebraska	G												
Oct. 6	at Oklahoma St	A												
Oct. 13	Iowa St (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Kansas	A												
Oct. 27	Texas	G												
Nov. 3	at Colorado	G												
Nov. 10	Baylor	G												
Nov. 17	at Kansas St	A												
Nov. 24														

MO is 3-0 SU & ATS vs MAC schools, 9-4 ATS overall L/13 vs non-conf foes.
Tigers are 7-3 ATS the L10Y in their first lined home game.
Missouri has played just 4 "NL" games since '84; they are 4-0 SU.
The Bobcats of SWT were 7-4 SU LY, 5-2 in Southland Conf play.
Tigers are 3-7-1 SU but 6-3-1 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1990.
Missouri is 2-6 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
Bonus: Missouri is 19-12 ATS their last 31 as a home dog.
MO is 31-23-1 ATS in their last 55 Big 12 games.
Pinkel was 49-32-1 ATS in conference games while at Toledo.
Mizzou is 9-4 ATS their last 13 on artificial turf.
Tigers have not suffered letdown, as they are 5-0 ATS their L/5 after Nebraska.
MO is 30-20-1 ATS overall their last 51 on grass.
Might apply here: Tigers are 17-27-1 ATS their L/45 off a SU win.
Mizzou is 6-15-1 ATS in their last 22 sandwiched road games.
Oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi is tied at 50-50-9 SU.
MO came into 2001 with a 27-14 ATS mark off their L/41 SU losses.
Pending earlier results: MO is 12-8 ATS L5Y in October but 1-3 LY.
Missouri is 16-6 ATS in their last 22 November games.
The home team is 10-7 ATS the L/17 in this series, but 1-5 L/6.
Tigers have covered 6 of their last 9 home finales.
Missouri is 10-4 ATS their last 14 as a conference favorite.
MO is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS the last 6 years vs KSU.
Tigers are 6-1 ATS in their last 7 road finales.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM AT FAUROT FIELD (68,349)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8-1	3-8	5-6	7-4	7-4	4-7	3-8	32-45-1
ATS	6-5-1	5-6	6-5	8-3	9-1	4-7	5-5	43-32-1
Home Fav	0-1	2-3	1-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	1-1	12-9
Home Dog	2-3	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	10-9
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	5-1
Away Dog	3-1-1	2-3	3-2	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-3	16-13-1
Favorite	1-1	2-3	1-1	4-0	4-1	3-3	2-1	17-10
Dog	5-4-1	3-3	5-4	4-3	5-0	1-4	3-4	26-22-1
Grass	0-0-1	3-3	4-5	5-1	7-1	4-5	4-5	27-20-1
Artificial	6-5	2-3	2-0	3-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	16-12
vs Conf	4-2-1	4-3	4-4	6-2	7-1	2-6	4-4	31-22-1
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	12-10
Off SU Win	0-2-1	0-2	1-3	3-3	6-1	2-2	1-2	13-15-1
Off SU Loss	6-2	4-4	5-1	4-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	27-14

MISSOURI (3-8) BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (17,17,7)
Lost: 16 (6,8,2)



MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																			
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF					
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP				
7*	23.2	18	154	3.8	197	46.9	15.1	-5	2000	7	31.6	21	159	3.5	208	52.7	11.6		
4	20.4	20	160	3.5	178	46.8	16.6	-9	1999	5	33.7	17	153	4.1	197	54.4	10.4		
6*	27.8	20	229	4.6	119	48.2	12.5	+8	1998	7	19.7	19	150	3.8	178	59.2	16.7		
8*	30.7	22	257	5.1	141	48.4	13.0	+2	1997	6	32.6	21	204	4.8	202	52.7	12.5		
9*	25.3	21	251	5.0	128	52.2	15.0	-15	1996	7	34.2	20	203	4.7	191	55.9	11.5		
6	16.9	17	200	4.3	102	41.1	17.9	+11	1995	5	28.3	19	196	4.8	169	54.6	12.9		

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
W Illinois	17	43-137	3.2	11-26	166	2	16	39-(-2)	-0.1	16-35	253	7	+2
at Clemson	14	36-72	2.0	14-28	144	3	24	50-206	4.1	15-24	275	1	-5
Michigan St	15	36-114	3.2	16-31	242	1	18	46-140	3.0	10-24	157	2	+1
at Nebraska	22	31-209	6.7	19-39	283	0	27	53-311	5.9	11-23	173	3	-2
Oklahoma St	17	39-182	4.7	14-28	191	3	24	39-102	2.6	26-44	257	4	+2
Kansas	11	26-10	0.4	16-34	237	1	25	58-219	3.8	14-30	234	0	-2
at Texas	17	38-145	3.8	12-33	176	5	23	36-212	5.9	21-32	282	2	+1
at Iowa St	25	48-256	5.3	13-34	171	3	27	50-339	6.8	10-17	156	1	-1
Colorado	25	60-159	2.7	17-34	246	13	14	34-54	1.6	17-32	147	0	-2
at Baylor	22	52-273	5.3	16-28	199	2	14	41-13	0.3	15-30	195	11	+2
Kansas St	16	42-139	3.3	9-20	110	4	22	55-155	2.8	9-20	158	2	-1
TOTALS	201	451-1696	3.8	157-335	2165	37	234	501-1749	3.5	164-311	2287	33	-5
AVERAGES	18.3	41-154	3.8	14-30	197	3.4	21.3	46-159	3.5	15-28	208	3.0	-0.5

Coach: GARY PINKEL (Career 73-37-3)

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

1st Year at Missouri	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	80	Liberty	-4'	Purdue	25-28	L
	81	Tangerine	+3	S Mississippi	19-17	W
	83	Holiday	+2'	BYU	17-21	L
	97	Holiday	+3'	Colorado St	24-35	L
	98	Insight.com	-3'	W Virginia	34-31	L

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
at Texas	+21	10-40 L	E Michigan	-16'	44-24 W	Bowling Green	-25	37-0 W	UAB	-22	31-28 L	W Illinois	NL	50-20 -
Memphis	-5	16-19 L	at Kansas	+2	7-15 L	Kansas	-17	41-23 W	W Michigan	-12'	48-34 W	at Clemson	+17'	9-62 L
Clemson	+7	38-24 W	at Tulsa	-5'	42-21 W	at Ohio St	+24'	14-35 W	Nebraska	+17	10-40 L	Michigan St	+9'	10-13 W
at Iowa St	+3	31-45 L	Ohio St	+15	10-31 L	Northwestern St	NL	35-14 -	at Memphis	-2'	27-17 W	at Nebraska	+32	24-42 W
at SMU	+2'	27-26 W	Iowa St	-17	45-21 W	at Iowa St	-7	35-19 W	at Colorado	+12	39-46 W	Oklahoma St	-3	24-10 W
Kansas St	+17	10-35 L	at Kansas St	+11'	11-41 L	Oklahoma	-16'	20-6 L	Iowa St	-7'	21-24 L	Kansas	-6'	17-38 L
Oklahoma St	-4	35-28 W	Texas	+3'	37-29 W	at Nebraska	+19'	13-20 W	at Kansas	-8	0-21 L	at Texas	+23	12-46 L
Colorado	+22'	13-41 L	at Oklahoma St	+10	51-50 W	at Texas Tech	+1	28-26 W	Texas Tech	-1	34-7 W	at Iowa St	+10	20-39 L
at Nebraska	+50	7-51 W	at Colorado	+14	41-31 W	Colorado	-5	38-14 W	at Oklahoma	+11	0-37 L	Colorado	+6'	18-28 L
at Baylor	+10	49-42 W	Nebraska	+29	38-45 W	at Texas A&M	+6	14-17 W	Texas A&M	+7	14-51 L	at Baylor	-12	47-22 W
Kansas	+3	42-25 W	Baylor	-16'	42-24 W	Kansas St	+13	25-31 W	at Kansas St	+26	0-66 L	Kansas St	+22	24-28 W

IOWA ST CYCLONES



RB Ennis Haywood gained over 1300 yds last year & rushes onto my 2001 All Big 12 Team.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Sage Rosenfels (#4 DC of WAS) had NFL size and arm strength and won the starting QB job in 1999, throwing for 1,781 yards (54%) with a 10-11 ratio while also rushing for 359 yards. Sage directed the team to their best record since 1906 while throwing for 2,606 yards (53.1%) with a 10-12 ratio and rushing for 467 yards with 10 TD's. He will be missed. Gerrin Scott is just 6-0 210 and played in two games last year as a rFr with 4 pass attempts. He missed this spring due to a back injury but should be 100% for the fall. Cris Love (6-5 210 rFr) has Rosenfels-type size but completed just 43% as a senior in HS while also running hurdles on the track team. McCarney brought in 2 JUCO's and I project Seneca Wallace to win the job. He is PS#18JC and threw for 3,675 yards while rushing for 550 at JC last year. He has the large edge of taking the snaps as the #1 QB in the spring. He originally signed with Oregon St. Dustin Ochs (6-3 200 Jr) is PS#174JUCO and threw for 2,308 yards last year but will not enroll until the fall. Wallace had a big spring game, hitting 7 of 11 for 124 yards and rushing for 72 yards on 8 attempts. Rosenfels' skills and leadership will be tough for this inexperienced group to duplicate.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year was the first year in the McCarney era that a Davis was not the feature back. Troy Davis set a slew of records during his stay in Ames, including a couple of 2,000 yard seasons, and his brother Darren rushed for 3,763 yards in his career. McCarney has done a great job at this position as they have had a 1,000 yard rusher in all 6 of his years and have led the Big 12 in rushing 4 times!! ISU's TB's have lost just 3 fumbles in the last 4 years and including rec's and returns, that adds up to 1,518 touches, which means they have fumbled only once every 506 touches!! Ennis Haywood (5-11 218 Sr) is on the diminutive side, much like the Davis boys, but led the Big 12 in rushing with 1,311 yards (5.2) and was #10 in the NCAA despite missing one game due to injury. In the one game he missed, Mike Wagner (PS#57) rushed for 170 yards vs Oklahoma St (an ISU rush record). Each topped 100 yards in the season finale vs Kansas and both are back. Also in the mix is JaMaine

Billups (5-10 198 So) who was PS#43DB, and Hiawatha Rutland (6-0 206 So) who had 128 yards and a solid 7.1 ypc. The FB's in the McCarney offense are mostly used for blocking and I list them below. Naturally with everyone back this unit looks even stronger in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year ISU had 3 of their top 4 receivers returning but this year must replace their top 2 who combined for 98 rec's, over half of the catches on the team. Gone are Chris Anthony and converted RB JJ Moses. Moses was 2nd Team Big 12 as a WR and #4 in the Big 12 in rec ypg and Co-MVP. Craig Campbell is an HT and was the #5 receiver (25 rec, 16.6) and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Watch out for Lane Daniels who is a walk-on with 4.36 speed and benches 390!! TE Mike Banks is back for his third year as a starter and was HM Big 12. I list his backups below. There is some talent available here, but it is less experienced and not as deep as last year. The top 3 do look solid, so the drop-off may not be as dramatic as expected.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cyclones had to replace 2 starters and 2 other returning starters missed spring. Steve Loney, the OC, is also the O-line coach and he builds solid units. Last year they finished #2 in the Big 12 in rushing and only allowed 7 sacks, which was the second fewest in the NCAA while also paving the way for 4.9 ypc rushing. In 1999 they allowed just 12 sacks and in 1998 just 9 and have had 6 straight 1,000 yard rushers. Both players who missed the spring returned in the fall last year so they had 3 starters back and JUCO Lorenzo White ended up winning a starting job, and won the team's Top Newcomer Award. Last year's front had 3 seniors and 2 juniors and averaged 303 lbs per man. This year they must replace C Ben Bruns (12 sts, 3 yr str, 1st TM B12), RT Andy Stensrud (12 sts, HM B12, moved from TE), LG Ben Beaudet (12 sts, HM B12, 4 yr str) and backup G Scott Rickard. Six of the top 10 return with 4 players having starting experience and they have 2 JUCO's who redshirted last year. They will likely end up with 3 senior and 2 junior starters again and the front wall could be just as hefty. While this will be a quality unit, as Loney's OL's always are, it's a little less experienced and I'll call it down just a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St was well stocked on the defensive line last year and trimmed their ypc rushing allowed from 4.9 to 4.4 despite an inexperienced LB corps. This year the losses are substantial. NG Ryan Harklau (12 sts, 57 tkl, 6 flt) was a 4 year starter. DE Reggie Hayward (11 sts, 96 tkl, 8 sks, #3 DC of DEN) was the #1 tackler and led the team in sacks and tfl and was 2nd Team Big 12. DT James Reed (89 tkl, 9 flt, #7 DC of NYJ) was a 3 time 3rd Team Big 12 honoree and was the #2 tackler last year, winning the Defensive MVP Award. DE Nigel Tharpe had 3 starts and 37 tackles. Those are some hefty losses. McCarney has some HT's to turn to in the front wall including some JUCO's but this unit is a lot less experienced than it was last season and clearly will be weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The Cyclones had to replace 2 starters last year and the LB corps in 2000 consisted of a 1999 backup QB in Derrick Walker, a player from the basketball team in his first year of college football (Stevie Johnson) and 2 JUCO's all playing their first year at LB here at Iowa St. Despite the inexperience, they were an athletically talented group and did well and part-time starter Matt Word was the #4 tackler. This year they must replace OLB Ab Turner (7 sts, 75 tkl, 6 flt), WLB Tyrone Tucker (5 sts, 29 tkl), OLB Walker (10 sts, 64 tkl, 5 flt), Johnson (2 sts, 17 tkl, 3 flt) and LB Eric Weiford (8 tkl). They do have 4 players returning with starting experience and a VHT in Tyson Smith who played some as a true frosh and should steal one of the 3 starting jobs after adding 20 lbs. Chris Whitaker had 3 starts as a true frosh in 1999 but battled ankle injuries most of last year, only getting in 3 starts, and should be more productive. They also add a JUCO transfer. This group has just about as much experience as it did heading into last season but is not as deep.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Iowa St had their best finish in the past 7 years in my pass D rankings in 1999, finishing at #54. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 players returning with starting experience. They finished #67, allowing just 49.9% with a 17-11 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jamaricus Powers (12 sts, 3rd TM B12, 56 tkl, 18 pbu), CB Breon Ansel (2 sts, 30 tkl, 6 pbu), SS Doug Densmore (12 sts, 55 tkl, 4 pbu), FS Dustin Avey (10 sts, 47 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu, HM B12) and CB Ryan Sloth (19 tkl, 4 flt). Only 2 players return with starting experience and they go from having 6 seniors in the 2 deep to just one this year. This is a much less experienced group and while there are actually 2 VHT starters that I list below and some promising frosh, it will be a learning year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McCarney's special teams units have had an ebb and flow with high finishes in my rankings at #34 and #51 in 1996 and

IOWA ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ennis Haywood	250	1357	46	1311	9	5.2					
Michael Wagner	86	424	26	398	5	4.6					
Sage Rosenfels	87	467	95	372	10	4.3					
JJ Moses	18	172	20	152	2	8.4					
Hiawatha Rutland	18	132	4	128	0	7.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Sage Rosenfels	367	195	53.1	2606	10	12					
Gerrin Scott	4	3	75.0	61	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
JJ Moses	58	838	14.4	4	78						
Chris Anthony	40	520	13.0	3	52						
Mike Banks	28	286	10.2	0	26						
Ennis Haywood	26	226	8.7	0	32						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Carl Gomez	60	2331	38.9	-	32.9	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike McKnight	5-6	1-4	1-2	0-1	7-13	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Reggie Hayward	96	8	10	2	0	Ryan Harklau	57	1	5	0	0
James Reed	89	3	6	0	0	J. Powers	56	0	1	18	1
Ab Turner	75	1	5	1	0	D. Densmore	55	1	4	1	0
Matt Word	73	1	5	3	0	Justin Eilers	49	0	1	1	0
K. DeRonde	65	2	7	0	0	J. Carstens	48	1	1	0	0
Derrick Walker	64	2	3	5	0	Adam Runk	47	0	2	6	1
M. Timmons	58	0	0	12	4	Dustin Avey	47	0	1	6	2
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
JJ Moses	21	239	11.4	0	JJ Moses	17	334	19.6	0		

1998 and low finishes at #109 and #101 in 1997 and 1999. Last year they had 4 year punter Carl Gomez who also took over the FG duties in the 2H of the year, hitting 8 of 9 down the stretch. Gomez had a 38.9 average punting and a net of 32.9. ISU always blocks a lot of kicks under McCarney and had 7 more last season including 2 punts. JJ Moses was 1st TM Big 12 as a return specialist, averaging 19.6 on KR's and was also the top PR, averaging a lofty 11.4 on 21 returns. ISU allowed 10.9 per PR and 20.5 per KR and finished #73 in my special teams rankings. All of the top players depart so I do not see this unit climbing much this year. Even Mike McKnight is gone after hitting only 2 of 7 FG's from 30+. Tony Yelk, a VHT true frosh last year who redshirted, should do fine in that role. This unit looks like it will remain in the bottom part of the special teams rankings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

It took Dan McCarney six years, but he finally broke through last season. They won a total of 9 games in his first 4 years at the helm. In 1998 they snapped a 31 game losing streak on the road and a 15 game losing streak to Iowa. In 1999 they snapped a 28 game Big 12 road losing streak. That year they started out 3-0 and led Kansas St 28-7 but let that lead slip away and had close losses to Colorado, Texas, Texas Tech and Kansas and when the dust cleared they were just 4-7 as injuries gutted the team, especially along both lines. McCarney had been present at both Iowa and Wisconsin when those programs were reborn and after going 8-35 his first 43 games at ISU, he is now 13-10 the last 2 years. Last year, for the first time, he had some solid numbers in the spring with 105 players including 40 walk-ons and 25 seniors on hand. In his first year here he had just 9 seniors. NFL DC QB Sage Rosenfels directed an offense that put up 28.6 ppg, the best in his tenure. It was an Iowa St team that had been 10 turnovers in 1999 and qualified for my Turnovers-Turnaround article and while they benefited from +5 last year they also had great health throughout the year as well as a senior dominated lineup. Iowa St had a great cap to their season with 20,000+ fans on hand for their bowl game win over Pitt and this was from a team that was #111 in the NCAA in the '90's with a 27-80-3 record. They also own 3 straight wins over Iowa, the best streak in school history and recorded a 4-1 road mark and 5-3 mark in Big 12 play. Dan McCarney was rewarded for Iowa St's first winning season in 11 years with a new 4 year contract that doubled his salary up to \$600,000 per year. This year they naturally lose 27 lettermen (the second most in the conference), return just 10 starters (the second fewest) and have an inexperienced QB. McCarney has done a great job recruiting and the talent level is clearly much stronger than it was in his early years as they have some capable replacements on hand. They will likely be favored in their first 4 games this season and should they take care of business they have enough winnable games on deck to record a winning season. I think last year's senior laden squad was special and this year looks like a rebuilding season. While I do not expect a repeat of the 2000 magic, I like the direction the program is headed in.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Seneca Wallace 6-2 190 PS#18JC	DB Beau Coleman 6-2 235 PS#42JC
RB T.J. Klith 5-11 200 PS#130	RB Ellis Hobbs 5-10 170 PS#147
WR Ryan Flanagan 6-4 200 PS#126	DB Nik Moser 6-2 180 PS#161
DB Kevin Hines 6-1 282 PS#164JC	LB Jeremy Loyd 6-2 220 PS#169JC
LB Cephus Johnson 6-2 230 PS#196	QB Dustin Ochs 6-3 200 PS#174JC
DB B.J. Johnson 6-0 165 PS#179	LB Brandon Brown 6-1 220 PS#181
LB Steve Paris 6-1 180 PS#256	OL Gerald Johnson 6-3 280 PS#292
OL Joseph Johnson 6-3 280 PS#298	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Seneca Wallace Jr. 6-1 181 PS#18JUCO. 3675 yds pass at JC last year, 22 TD's & 550 yds rush (11.2). Gerrin Scott (6-0 210 So) PS#200, 4 att's as #2QB last year.
RB ENNIS HAYWOOD SR. 5-11 218 PS#106. 178 yds (5.9) as true. 2 sts in 99, 278 yds (5.1). 11 sts ly, 1311 yds (5.2). 1st TM Big 12, 26 rec (8.7). Mike Wagner (5-7 187 So) PS#57, 398 (4.6).
FB JOE WOOLLEY Sr. 5-11 237 5 sts as rFr, 19 yds (2.1), 3 TDs. Frank Garcia (5-10 244 So) PS#215, backup ly, added 19 lbs. Matt Grosserode (6-1 218 Jr) PS#188DB.
WR Craig Campbell Sr. 5-11 185 PS#7JC. 1 start, 5 rec (10.6) in 99. #5 in 2000 w/25 rec (16.6), 7 sts. Lane Daniels (6-0 195 So) 8 rec ly (23.0), 4.36 spd & benches 390.
WR Lance Young So. 6-0 185 PS#123WR & orig at Wisc. Attended JCLY, DNP.
Jamaul Montgomery (6-0 196 So) PS#205, 5 rec as rFr. Todd Miller (5-8 161 rFr) is PS#156RB.
TE MIKE BANKS SR. 6-4 248 7 starts as Soph, 9 rec (11.0). HM Big 12 in 2000, 12 sts, 28 rec (10.2). Kyle Knock (6-2 260 Jr) 5 rec (14.4). Josh Stensrud (6-2 238 Jr).
C Zach Butler Jr. 6-4 290 PS#1200L, 4 starts at C as rFr but knee injury in finale. Not 100% ly. Brian Donahue (5-6 275 Sr) PS#216, 9 games as rFr, DNP last year.
RG LORENZO WHITE SR. 6-5 344 PS#218JC. 12 sts at RG ly & Top Newcomer Award here, huge. Jared Bucksa (6-3 273 Sr) 1 game as rFr, lettered in '99, 3rd string ly.
LG Kerry Carlson Jr. 6-3 300 PS#24JUCO and RS last year. TJ Woods (6-2 298 Jr) PS#152JUCO and RS here last year. Luke Vander Sanden (6-2 287 Jr) PS#136DL.
RT Cory Hennen Sr. 6-5 307 PS#341OL. 2 sts as rFr, 2 sts in '99. 1st at LT ly.
Casey Shelton (6-6 285 So). PS#40DL, 1 tkl ly. Bob Montgomery (6-3 302 So) 2nd string LG ly.
LT MARCEL HOWARD SR. 6-6 321 PS#106TE. 2 sts as rFr, 5 sts in '99 ly 11 sts at LT ly. Adam Sansale (6-3 290 Sr) PS#119OL. Ryan Terpening (6-6 293 Jr) PS#303.
K Tony Yelk rFr. 6-0 201 PS#9K. 71% TB's in HS. 35-56 FG's. Played K/P/QB in high school and added 11 lbs. Mitch Curtis (6-1 241 So). Cory Henke (6-0 176 rFr).

DE Beau Coleman Jr. 6-2 235 PS#42JUCO. 89 tkl, 13 sacks at JUCO last year. In for fall. Tim TeBrink (6-3 258 rFr) PS#169DL, added 13 pounds in his redshirt year.
DT William Judd Sr. 6-3 282 PS#172JC. 14 tkl, 2 hurries in 9 games here ly.
Kevin Hines (6-1 282 Jr) is PS#164JUCO. Paul Jarrett (6-4 258 rFr) PS#375, added 28 lbs.
DT Jordan Carstens So. 6-5 291 DE Scout POY in 99. 1 st, 48 tkl, 1 sk, 1 tfl ly. Has bulked up 47 lbs since enrolling. Andy Leaders (6-3 250 rFr) PS#186LB, added 40 pounds.
DE KEVIN DEFRONDE SR. 6-5 257 PS#91. 100 & 200 in HS. Scout TM MVP in 97. 2 sts in 98 & 99, 57 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 10 sts ly, 65 tkl, 2 sks, 7 flt. Brett Kellogg (6-2 248 Jr) PS#100LB.
OLB Tyson Smith So. 6-2 230 PS#26LB. 5 tkl as true and added 20 lbs.
Andrew Moser (5-10 230 Sr). 100m in HS. 6 games as rFr. 1 st, 10 tkl in '99. 0 tkl last year.
MLB MATT WORD JR. 6-3 230 Track in HS. 6 games as true, 22 tkl, 2 tfl, 4 sts ly, 73 tkl, 6 flt, 3 pbu. **Chris Whitaker** (6-0 227 Jr) PS#235, 6 sts in 2 years, 72 tkl, 9 flt.
OLB Justin Eilers Sr. 6-2 230 PS#76JUCO. 5 starts in 2000, 49 tkl, 1 flt, 1 pbu. Jeremy Loyd (6-2 220 Jr) PS#169JUCO, 12 sks, 7 int, 7 tfl, 109 tkl at JUCO in 2000.
CB JaMaine Billups So. 5-10 198 PS#43. 240 yds in returns as true. Henry Poullard (5-9 164 rFr) PS#170. Julian Cummings (5-8 166 So) was PS#249. Johnny Smith had 5 tkl ly.
CB ATIF AUSTIN Jr. 5-9 180 PS#263RB. Last 9 sts as rFr, 39 tkl, 1 tfl, 10 sts ly, 31 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. TJ Klith is PS#130RB. Harold Clewis (5-10 183 So) had 2 tkl as true.
SS Adam Runk Sr. 6-2 183 PS#40DB. 4 tkl as rFr, 1 start, 30 tkl, 1 pbu, 1 tfl in 1999, 47 tkl, 2 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu in 2000. DeAndre Phillips (5-9 195 So) was PS#290WR.
FS Marc Timmons So. 5-10 160 2 starts as rFr, 58 tkl, 4 int, 12 pbu. 78 yard int ret for a TD. Bryan Ollie (5-8 180 So) 2 tkl, 6 games as rFr. Scott Home (6-2 207 So) PS#259.
P Troy Blankshire Jr. 6-2 190 PS#48K this year. 45 P's in HS as Sr, 42.0 avg & also 3 of 6 on FG's. 13 TB's on 33 KO's. Casey Baldwin (6-2 211 So) holder for xp's & FG's ly.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This is the 1st time in 10 years that ISU does not have a bye week.
Iowa St is 8-2 ATS vs Oklahoma.
ISU is 0-4 SU vs Texas Tech.
Cyclones are 4-7 ATS (but 3-0 L3Y) in lined road openers.
Iowa St is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 home finales.
Cyclones are 10-18-1 ATS on the road under McCarney but were 4-1 L.Y.

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Bonus 1: ISU 14-4 SU in "NL" game, 4-2 vs NIU since 1987.
 Bonus 2: The Panthers of NIU went 7-4 SU last season, 4-1 L/5.
 Despite a 4-1 mark the L2Y ISU is 8-15 ATS L/23 non-Big 12 gms.
 ISU is 9-4 SU & 6-4 ATS in season openers but 6-0 ATS L/6 Sept gms.
 Cyclones are 6-12 ATS last 18 vs Iowa, but 3-0 SU & ATS L3Y.
 The favorite is 9-1 ATS in the last 10 renewals of this rivalry.
 ISU is 4-0 ATS in their only 4 away chalk roles under McCarney.
 Cyclones are 9-1 SU & 5-3 ATS vs MAC schools, 4-0 SU/2-2 ATS vs OU.
 Iowa St is 24-11 ATS in their last 35 Big 12 home games.
 ISU is 5-2 ATS their last 7 as a favorite in Ames.
 Cyclones are 1-8-1 ATS their last 10 on artificial turf.
 ISU is 1-8 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games since '91.
 The visitor is 15-7 ATS in the last 22 series meetings.
 Pending LW's result ISU is 7-11 ATS in October the last 5 years.
 Iowa St is 6-3 ATS in their last 9 Homecoming games.
 ISU & OSU are tied 4-2 SU L/10 meetings w/only 2 gms decided by more than 10.
 Pending earlier results, ISU is 7-15-1 ATS on the Big 12 road but was 3-1 LY.
 Iowa St is 8-14 ATS in their last 22 sandwiched road games.
 Cyclones are 20-12 ATS as a home dog since 1992 but 3-6 L3Y.
 Iowa St is 5-3 ATS overall vs KSU & 3-1 ATS last 4 in Ames.
 ISU is 8-3 ATS their last 11 against Colorado.
 The underdog is 8-3 ATS in this series (CU favored 10 of 11).
 The visitor is only 1-8-1 ATS in this series.
 Cyclones are 1-5-1 ATS in November road games in the L4Y.



STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-10-1	3-8	2-9	1-10	3-8	4-7	8-3	21-55-1
ATS	5-5	3-7	7-3	3-8	4-7	5-4-1	7-4	34-38-1
Home Fav	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	7-7
Home Dog	1-2	2-2	4-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-2	13-11
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	4-0
Away Dog	4-1	0-4	2-3	0-6	2-3	1-2-1	1-1	10-20-1
Favorite	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	6-1	11-7
Dog	5-3	2-6	6-3	3-7	3-6	3-3-1	1-3	23-31-1
Grass	1-1	0-2	5-1	3-5	4-5	5-2	6-3	24-19
Artificial	4-4	3-5	2-2	0-3	0-2	0-2-1	1-1	10-19-1
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	6-2	3-5	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	27-26-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-3	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	7-12
Off SU Win	0-0	1-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	11-8
Off SU Loss	5-4	2-4	4-3	3-6	3-5	2-3-1	3-0	22-25-1

Coach: DAN McCARNEY (Career 22-45)
McCarney's record AT IOWA STATE

7th Year at Iowa State	7-5	Home Favorite
22-45 Straight Up	12-9	Home Underdog
29-33-1 Vs The Spread	4-0	Away Favorite
17-21-1 Off A S/U Loss	6-18-1	Away Underdog
22-24-1 Vs Conference	7-9	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Sun	NL	Louisiana St	15-38	-
72	Liberty	NL	Georgia Tech	30-31	-
77	Peach	-2'	N Carolina St	14-24	L
78	All-American	+6'	Texas A&M	12-28	L
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29	W

IOWA ST (9-3)

CONFERENCE:
BIG 12
NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6 Returning: 32 (17,14,1)
DEFENSE: 3 Lost: 27 (9,16,2)

IOWA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE LAST 6 YEARS										DEFENSE						
RET	PTS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS		F	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	F	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPC
7*	28.6	21	196	4.9	223	52.9	14.7	+5	2000	7	26.8	22	192	4.4	221	49.9
6	22.5	20	200	4.5	174	53.9	16.7	-10	1999	9	24.7	19	203	4.9	149	53.4
6*	20.1	19	130	3.6	207	50.1	16.8	-9	1998	8	29.8	21	228	4.8	180	54.8
6	19.5	18	93	2.6	208	47.7	15.5	-12	1997	8	44.8	21	247	5.4	192	62.8
8*	28.5	20	238	5.0	137	53.1	13.1	+3	1996	7	36.5	26	262	5.7	222	61.5
6	24.0	19	228	5.0	133	51.3	15.1	+1	1995	4	37.2	23	297	5.7	162	59.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SX\$ VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SX\$ VS	TURN
Ohio U	16	39-204	5.3	17-31	194	0	18	41-179	4.4	9-25	130	2	+3
UNLV	19	42-150	3.6	16-31	286	0	20	47-197	4.2	9-25	190	1	+1
at Iowa	24	46-246	5.3	18-27	239	0	17	28-93	3.3	22-41	235	4	0
at Baylor	22	53-308	5.8	12-23	167	0	20	37-108	2.9	8-27	161	4	+1
Nebraska	18	25-37	1.5	22-43	346	1	20	60-336	5.6	7-17	164	0	-1
at Oklahoma St	27	40-210	5.5	19-38	290	2	27	37-132	3.6	26-46	328	3	+2
Texas A&M	11	26-102	3.9	16-35	137	1	21	50-221	4.4	16-27	248	0	-1
Missouri	27	50-339	6.8	10-17	156	1	25	48-256	5.3	13-34	171	3	+1
at Kansas St	14	28-80	2.9	18-42	211	1	29	60-367	6.1	13-20	216	0	-2
at Colorado	23	47-277	5.9	15-27	173	0	23	38-132	3.5	25-34	307	2	+2
Kansas	22	50-335	6.7	13-28	171	1	18	38-138	3.6	15-35	158	2	-1
Pittsburgh (BowI)	28	34-67	2.0	23-34	308	0	23	36-144	4.0	20-36	347	2	0
TOTALS	251	480-2355	4.9	199-376	2678	7	261	520-2303	4.4	183-367	2655	23	+5
AVERAGES	20.9	40-196	4.9	17-31	223	0.6	21.8	43-192	4.4	15-31	221	1.9	0.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	+47	38-41	W
at Iowa	+17	13-38	L
N Iowa	NL	42-23	-
Missouri	-3	45-31	W
Texas A&M	+13	21-24	W
at Oklahoma St	E	27-28	L
at Baylor	+7	21-49	L
Kansas	+7	31-34	W
at Colorado	+27	42-49	W
Nebraska	+40	14-49	W
at Kansas St	+19	20-35	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-6	14-21	L
at Wyoming	+14 ¹	10-16	L
at Minnesota	+9	29-53	L
Iowa	+27	20-63	L
at Missouri	+17	21-45	L
at Texas A&M	+33	17-56	L
Baylor	+3 ¹	24-17	W
at Kansas	+9	24-34	L
Colorado	+19 ¹	38-43	W
at Nebraska	+44	14-77	L
Kansas St	+26 ¹	3-28	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-4	21-31	L
at Iowa	+28	27-9	W
Ball St	-11'	38-0	W
Texas Tech	+6	24-31	L
at Texas	+14	33-54	L
Missouri	+7	19-35	L
at Kansas St	+33'	7-52	L
at Oklahoma	+7	14-17	W
Nebraska	+26	7-42	L
at Colorado	+16'	8-37	L
Kansas	+2	23-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	33-7	W
Iowa	-4	17-10	W
at UNLV	-3'	24-0	W
Kansas St	+15	28-35	W
at Nebraska	+29'	14-49	L
at Missouri	+7'	24-21	W
Colorado	-3	12-16	L
Texas	+10'	41-44	W
at Texas Tech	+2'	16-28	L
Oklahoma	+7	10-31	L
at Kansas	+3	28-31	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio Univ	-13'	25-15	L
UNLV	-11'	37-22	W
at Iowa	-3	24-14	W
at Baylor	-13'	31-17	W
Nebraska	+15'	27-49	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	33-26	W
Texas A&M	+3	7-30	L
Missouri	-10	39-20	W
at Kansas St	+19	10-56	L
at Colorado	+5'	35-27	W
Colorado	-8	38-17	W

KANSAS JAYHAWKS



DT Nate Dwyer is a strong force in the middle for the Jayhawks.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Dylon Smith came in as PS#32JUCO in 1999 and started the final 8 games, sparking the team by throwing for 1,599 yards (51.3%) with a 12-7 ratio and rushing for 406 yards. He was HM Big 12 and a lot was expected of him last season. Smith did not perform up to expectations (much like the rest of the team) as he threw for only 1,963 yards (45.8%) with a 10-11 ratio while rushing for 596 yards in 11 starts. He also had 7 lost fumbles so he accounted for 18 total turnovers, including 7 vs Oklahoma. Kansas had the 2nd worst pass efficiency rating in the Big 12. Smith departs and there are plenty of capable candidates waiting to fill in. The only experienced one is Zach Dyer (6-3 205 So) who was PS#82 and got in 12 passes last year with 84 total yards. He benches 345 and has 4.73 speed. I expect a couple of athletically gifted rFr to battle it out for starting honors with Dyer. Kevin Long (6-5 200 rFr) was PS#17 and is a rare VHT. Mario Kinsey (6-1 175 rFr) was PS#54 and also participates on the Kansas basketball team. Jonas Weatherbie (6-2 200 Jr) got in one pass attempt last year as #3QB. Kyle Cernech (6-2 210 So) was PS#177QB and transfers in from Air Force. If either Long or Kinsey wins the job, this position could be improved although less experienced. Following spring practice Long was 3rd string and Dyer was the starter.

RUNNING BACKS - David Winbush rushed for 974 yards (4.7) in 1998 but suffered through an injury plagued season in 1999. He still led the team but had just 595 yards rushing (4.8). Strong FB Moran Norris powered his way to 537 yards (5.0) in '99 when Winbush was out. Last year they both returned but injuries curtailed their performances. Winbush had 7 starts and led the team in rushing with 701 yards (4.3) and was 2nd Team Big 12. Norris (#4 DC of NO) had 7 starts, was 3rd Team Big 12 and rushed for 313 yards (3.6). Norris sprained his ankle and missed the last 4 games and Winbush suffered the same fate in Wk 9, and played less than 100% after that. Reggie Duncan (PS#39) filled in when both were injured and rushed for 207 yards (3.8) in two starts. Duncan benches 415 and has 4.39 speed. Daniel Coke (6-1 215 So) rushed for 54 yards (5.4). The top two are gone and will clearly be missed but I do expect big things out of Duncan who could easily top Winbush's totals of the past two years. They also signed PS#56 this year in Marshall Chiles. The experience level may be down a notch but as long as they stay healthy, this unit should be at least as productive as the 2000 version.

RECEIVERS - This unit appeared to be in great shape last year as they not

only had practically all of their receivers back from 1999 but also got 2 super additions, as WR's Termaine Fulton (PS#35) and Byron Gasaway (PS#19) returned after missing 1999 with medical redshirts. The two were both healthy but surprisingly combined for just 23 rec's. Harrison Hill (PS#20) led the team with 47 rec's (12.6) and diminutive newcomer Roger Ross (5-7 175 Sr), who was PS#69JUCO, surprised many by being the #2 rec with 29 grabs and a team high 16.6 ypc. TE David Hurst was steady in his 8 starts but had just 2 rec's. Basically everyone returns in 2001 and with THREE VHT's this is the position that Allen has stockpiled with the most talent. I list the two deep below and look for better things out of this very talented unit this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Jayhawks O-line had 11 of 13 players returning last year including six with starting experience. Three full-time starters returned but they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters. There were 4 different starters at LG in 2000 due to injuries. Their top player was RG Marc Owen who was twice named Offensive Player of the Week and had the top OL grade in all 11 games. The unit allowed zero sacks in the first 3 games but 12 over the next 2 weeks. They still finished the year giving up just 21 sacks, an improvement from the 28 allowed in 1999. The ypc rushing was down a little to 3.7, partially due to some RB injuries. This year they lose Owen (11 sts, 2 yr str, 3rd Tm B12), LT John Odonetto (11 sts, 2 yr str) and C Bob Schmidt (6 sts). While five players return with starting experience, Terry Allen knows his job is on the line this year and brings in 4 JUCO's, all of whom could play immediately. Injuries did hurt this unit last year as only 3 players started all 11 games and 5 others started at one time or another. Nick Smith took over the starting C job from Schmidt in 5 of the last six games and Kyle Grady began the year as a starter but missed the last 10 due to injury and both are back. I look for this year's unit to be healthier and with the massive infusion of JUCO's, should only be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1998 the Jayhawks allowed 236 ypg rushing (4.6) but returned 7 DL's in 1999 and lowered that to 150 ypg (3.8). Last year they had to replace all 3 starters plus 2 backups, returning just one experienced player. As expected, the defense struggled, allowing 198 ypg rushing (4.4) while recording just 25 sacks. Adding to the inexperience, the D-line got beat up towards the end of the year. The star of the unit was Nate Dwyer (the only experienced returnee) who led for the team lead in sacks and his 68 tackles were the most by a DL here since 1993. This year the unit is in much better shape. Under new DC Tom Hayes, who was DC at both UCLA and Oklahoma, they switch from the 3-4 to a 4-3. Backup DE Demond Benford (8 tkl, 2 tfl) and OLB Chaz Murphy (11 sts, 45 tkl, 11.5 tfl) who would have qualified as the 4th lineman last year, are the only losses, so 3 of 4 starters return. Allen brought in some JUCO's last year who should be more effective this year and has some top-notch additions this season including rFr Travis Watkins (PS#62) and JUCO Charlie Dennis (PS#38). The Jayhawks should be tougher up front in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Kansas appeared to be in great shape last year as they returned their top six LB's and had some solid newcomers. Unfortunately, prior to the season they lost #1 tackler Andrew LeClair who transferred, and another returning starter Dariss Lomax lost his 1st string position. As I mentioned in the D-line writeup they are switching from a 3-4 to a 4-3 and I'm counting one of the departing OLB positions as a DE. Therefore, in this 3 man unit, 2 starters return including #2 tackler Marcus Rogers. They do lose Tim Bowers (11 sts, 78 tkl, 5 tfl), Victor Bullock (1 st, 19 tkl) and Lomax (26 tkl, 2 tfl). They bring in a couple of VHT's with 1 being a JUCO and the other a true frosh. Normally the LB's are the top tacklers on the team but the Jayhawks' LB starters were just #2, #4 and #6 last year. This unit has about as much experience and with the added talent, I look for better production in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Kansas had ranked in the 70's in my pass defense rankings from 1996-98 and in 1999 dropped to #101. Last year they had 4 players with 5 or more starts returning, having only to replace two who had combined for 12 starts the previous year. They also had star Carl Nesmith at FS in just his second year on the defensive side of the ball. As expected the Jayhawks moved up in the rankings, finishing #70 while allowing 57.9% with a 12-11 ratio. This year they not only have to replace Nesmith (#1 tackler, 2nd Tm B12), but also SS Kareem High (10 sts, 91 tkl, HM B12) and FS Bilal Cook (8 tkl). Both CB's are back and Allen has brought in a couple of JUCO's, but the safety positions clearly are weaker with the loss of their top 2 DB's. With a stronger front 7, it is possible for Kansas to improve upon their pass defense rankings, but overall the talent level appears to have dropped in this unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Jayhawks usually finish in the middle of the pack of my special teams rankings, including a #68 finish in 1999. In 1999 they were one of the top units in the country at midseason but had meltdowns vs both

KANSAS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
David Winbush	163	769	68	701	5	4.3					
Dylen Smith	125	596	225	371	9	3.0					
Moran Norris	87	328	15	313	2	3.6					
Reggie Duncan	54	222	15	207	2	3.8					
Daniel Coke	10	54	0	54	0	5.4					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Dylen Smith	306	140	45.8	1963	10	11					
Zach Dyer	12	5	41.7	60	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Harrison Hill	47	591	12.6	1	38						
Roger Ross	29	481	16.6	4	77						
David Winbush	20	268	13.4	1	33						
Tremaine Fulton	17	255	15.0	3	56						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Joey Pelfanio	65	2505	38.5	—	30.1	1	14				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Joe Garcia	3-3	3-5	2-3	2-3	10-14	52					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Carl Nesmith	103	0	1	7	3	Chaz Murphy	45	6	5.5	1	0
M. Rogers	91	0	5	3	1	D. Whitfield	38	5	2	0	0
Kareem High	91	0	4	1	0	Quincy Roe	31	0	0	14	3
Tim Bowers	78	0	5	5	1	Matt Jordan	29	1	2	5	0
Nate Dwyer	68	7	7	3	0	Dariss Lomax	26	1	1	0	0
A. Atkinson	62	7	3	1	0	E. Holloman	21	0	1	0	0
A. Davison	51	0	0	9	1	John Culp	20	0	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Roger Ross	23	189	8.2	1	Roger Ross	10	150	15.0	0		

Neb and Okla St that cost them dearly in the TD/blk category and sent their ranking plummeting. Last year special teams was a sore spot for Coach Allen and the entire team. In the game vs SMU they not only had a punt blocked but also dropped a punt snap and had a bad snap result in a safety. In the next game vs UAB another bad snap was returned 42 yards for a TD. Despite solid personnel, the Jayhawks finished just #106 in my special teams rankings including a poor 30.1 net punting average (partially due to those poor snaps). P Joey Pelfanio averaged 38.5 (43.0 in 1999). K Joe Garcia hit 10 of 14 FG's with a long of 52 and also had a lot of TB's on his KO's but both K's depart. Chris Tyrrell (6-0 215 rFr) was PS#37 and averaged 41.8 per punt in HS and was a solid kicker. He figures to fill one or both positions. Roger Ross not only made an impact at the WR position but led the team in PR's and KR's, although he only averaged 15.0 on KR's. He is back and with a host of VHT's at WR they should definitely improve in both areas. The Jayhawks had blocked 7 punts the previous 3 years and while they did not get one last year I would expect that to change this season. They have had 7 blocked punts against them the last 3 years and really must shore up that part of their game. This is not an overwhelming group but it can only improve in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Head Coach Terry Allen had 7 straight playoff teams at N Iowa and last year had the talent to be thinking of a winning season. The Jayhawks won 3 of their final 5 games in 1999, including a near upset of Nebraska, and only 4 seniors started in their season finale that year. The defense, which had allowed 463 ypg in their first 7 games, allowed just 306 over the last 5 and figured to be a strength with 8 starters back. Last year I commented that the only question for Kansas was the schedule as they pulled Texas and Oklahoma from the South and faced both of the lower division teams in the North on the road. Terry Allen came into last year 0-12 SU on the Big 12 road but did finally break that streak with their upset of Missouri. With the win over Colorado at home, the Jayhawks were 4-3 but then dropped their final 4 games of the season. Kansas was -6 in turnovers for the year including their disastrous opening game against SMU which may have set the tone for the season. Their athletic director, who was a big supporter of Allen, resigned in the offseason and some have pointed out that Kansas' weight room is not even up to the level of some JUCO's. They fired both their OC and DC and then had numerous assistants leave the team in the spring. The offense has six starters back and has 3 talented but inexperienced QB's. They have not topped 25.5

ppg the last 4 years but even with a new QB, have a shot at doing that this season. Defensively, they allowed 32.6 ppg last year and 401 ypg. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and new DC Tom Hayes has a solid resume. They have 7 home games this season but once again pull both OU and Texas out of the Big 12 South, have Kan St, Nebraska and Colorado on their North list and also have UCLA in non-conf play. A winning season is probably out of reach but Kansas could improve upon last year's 4-7 record and Allen needs a breakthrough year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Greg Heaggans	6-1 185 PS#36
LB Anthony Brown	6-1 205 PS#32
RB Marshall Chiles	5-10 205 PS#56
LB Leo Etienne	6-0 215 PS#29JC
DB Johnny Watkins	5-10 170 PS#82
DB Charles Dennis	6-5 240 PS#38JC
DB Banks Floodman	6-3 195 PS#80
OL John Harvey	6-6 305 PS#62JC
OL John Guzman	6-5 280 PS#122
OL Jawad Pearson	6-5 300 PS#89JC
OL Danny Lewis	6-5 290 PS#91JC
OL Brock Teddlie	6-6 330 PS#100JC
LB Greg Cole	6-3 235 PS#129JC
DL Timothy Allen	6-3 255 PS#184
DB Remuise Johnson	5-8 175 PS#161JC

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Zach Dyer So. 6-3 205 PS#82, 84 yds ly, 345 bench. Kevin Long (6-5 200 rFr) PS#17QB, Mario Kinsey (6-1 175 rFr) PS#54, Plays KU hoops. Jonas Weatherbie (6-2 200 Jr), 5-9 200 PS#39, 2 sts as rFr 207 yds (3.8), 4.39 spd, strong.

RB Reggie Duncan So. 6-3 238 PS#159RB, LB on scout team as true, Inj'd in '99, 4.66 speed, 425 bench. Tony Stubbs (5-10 190 rFr) PS#231, Austine Nwabuisi (6-1 215 rFr), 4.39 spd, strong.

FB Mitchell Scott Jr. 6-3 238 PS#159RB, LB on scout team as true, Inj'd in '99, 4.66 speed, 425 bench. Tony Stubbs (5-10 190 rFr) PS#231, Austine Nwabuisi (6-1 215 rFr), 4.39 spd, strong.

WR HARRISON HILL Sr. 5-11 190 PS#20, 10 sts in '98, 28 rec (14.0), 12 sts in '99, 29 rec (17.4), 10 sts ly w/47 rec (12.6). Roger Ross (5-7 175 Sr) PS#69JUCO, 29 rec (16.6).

WR TERMAINE FULTON Sr. 5-10 188 11 sts in '98, 25 rec (20.1), HM B12. Inj in '99, 11 sts ly, 17 rec (15.0). Byron Gasaway (6-4 205 Jr) PS#19, 12 rec in '98, 6 rec ly. Greg Heaggans (6-4 207 Jr), 4.66 speed, 425 bench. Tony Stubbs (5-10 190 rFr) PS#231, Austine Nwabuisi (6-1 215 rFr), 4.39 spd, strong.

TE DAVID HURST Jr. 6-3 260 PS#37, 9 sts in '99, 11 rec (7.9), 8 sts ly, 2 rec (18.0). Adrian Jones (6-5 235 So) PS#91, 1 rec ly (10.0). Jason Farley (6-3 230 rFr) PS#61.

C NICK SMITH JR. 6-4 285 PS#323DL, Lettered in 7 gms as rFr. Started 5 of L6 at C ly & has added 30 lbs in 2Y. Jason Stevenson (6-2 290 Sr) PS#159, 2 letters.

RG Brock Teddlie Jr. 6-6 330 PS#100JC, in for spg. Tony Damiani (6-4 287 Jr) MG Red SS at JC ly. Added 12 lbs & has 4.9 speed. Gregg Schmidt (6-3 280 So) PS#205.

LG BOB SMITH Sr. 6-4 290 1 start at LT, 11 games in '98, Med reds in '99. Started L5 in 2000. John Harvey, PS#62JC, in for spring. Gabe Rosalis (6-5 285 Jr), 2L.

RT JUSTIN HARTWIG Sr. 6-4 305 PS#342OL, 4 gms as rFr. 12 sts in '99, 11 starts in 2000, HM Big 12. Added 50 lbs in 3 years. Kyle Grady (6-4 295 Jr) 1 start ly, knee injury.

LT Justin Sands Jr. 6-7 305 PS#119DL in '98, 15 tkl, 1 sk in '99, 4 starts at LG in 2000, added 20 lbs. Danny Lewis is PS#91JC, in for spg. Jawad Pearson is PS#89JC.

K Chris Tyrrell rFr. 6-0 215 Avg 59.3 on KO's in HS, 9 FG's as Sr, longest FG in Ray Guy's camp. Johnny Beck (6-1 200 rFr) PS#35K, Hit state record 28 FG's ly, long of 54.

DE Travis Watkins rFr. 6-4 265 PS#62OL in 2000. Charlie Dennis (6-5 240 Jr) PS#38JUCO, 26 sts in 2 years at JUCO. In for spring. Clarence Laws (6-4 255 rFr) PS#290OL.

DT NATE DWYER Sr. 6-3 300 PS#83 in '97, 3 sts as rFr, 31 tkl, 6 tfl, 4 sts, 25 tkl, 5 tfl in '99, 11 sts ly, 2nd Tm Big 12, 68 tkl, 14 tfl, 680 squat. Tony Strickland (6-6 250 So) PS#225.

DT ERVIN HOLLOMAN Sr. 6-3 285 PS#20JC, 10 sts here ly, 21 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 tfl, Marquis Hayes (6-4 260 Sr) PS#192JUCO, 14 tkl here ly. Ryan Atkinson (6-2 295 Sr) PS#178JC ly.

DE DENARD WHITFIELD Sr. 6-4 245 PS#42LB in '98 & orig signed w/ Oklahoma, 7.5 sts, 20 tfl at JC in '99, 9 sts, 38 tkl, 5 sts, 2 tfl here ly. David McMillan (6-4 250 rFr) PS#199 ly.

SLB ALGIE ATKINSON Sr. 6-3 240 PS#101DL, 8 starts in '99, 48 tkl, 7 tfl, 10 starts last year, 62 tkl, 7 tkl, 4.55 speed, 3 tfl. Greg Cole (6-3 235 Jr) PS#129JUCO, in for spring.

MLB MARCUS ROGERS Sr. 6-1 235 PS#142, 2 sts, 29 tkl as rFr, 4 sts in '99, 55 tkl, 7 tfl, 11 sts ly, 91 tkl, 5 tfl, HM Big 12. Greg Tyree (5-11 220 rFr) PS#141. Brandon Watkins (6-2 205 rFr).

WLB Glenn Robinson So. 6-3 235 PS#101, 6 tkl as rFr. Leo Etienne (6-0 215 Jr) PS#29JUCO, 118 tkl, 9 sts at JUCO in 2000, in for spring. Anthony Brown (6-1 205 PS#32LB).

CB QUINCY ROE Sr. 6-9 185 PS#105, 1 st in '98, 8 tkl, 7 sts in '99, 25 tkl, 4 pbu, 11 sts ly, 31 tkl, 3 int, 14 pbu. Remuise Johnson (5-8 175 Jr) PS#161JC, 9 int, 19 pbu L2 yrs.

CB ANDREW DAVISON Sr. 5-11 195 PS#118, 4 starts as true, 21 tkl, 1 int, 12 starts in '99, 53 tkl, 5 pbu, 11 sts ly, 51 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu. Johnny McCoy (6-1 180 rFr) PS#181.

SS Jake Letourneau Jr. 6-2 190 4.47 speed, 11 tkl in 9 games last year. Matt Jordan (5-10 190 Jr) PS#215RB, 89 yards rush as rFr, 2 starts last year, 29 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pbu.

FS Jamare Bryant Sr. 5-11 195 PS#349JUCO, 37' VL, 8 games, 4 tkl here ly. Santana Lane (6-0 175 rFr) PS#140. Leo Bookman (6-1 200 rFr) PS#352. Johnny Watkins is PS#82.

P Curtis Ansel So. 6-1 185 PS#317JUCO, Was All-Confl last year with 39.2 average at JC. Chris Tyrrell (6-0 215 rFr) avg 41.8 on punts in HS & backup P here last year.

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Jayhawks are 0-6 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games.
KU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 as away chalk.
Kansas is 5-21-1 ATS in November the last 9 years.
Hawks are 11-22 ATS the last 7 years off a SU win.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	SW Missouri St	A												
Sep. 8	UCLA	A												
Sep. 15	Wyoming	A												
Sep. 22	at Colorado	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at Texas Tech	A												
Oct. 13	Oklahoma (HC)	A												
Oct. 20	Missouri	A												
Oct. 27	at Kansas St	A												
Nov. 3	Nebraska	A												
Nov. 10	at Texas	G												
Nov. 17	Iowa St	A												
Nov. 24														

Won't apply since "NL", but KU is 20-35-1 ATS overall on art turf.
KU has won their last 4 "NL" games by a combined tally of 248-35!
Kansas is 5-12 ATS the last 6 years vs non-Big 12 teams.
Jayhawks are 8-5 ATS in their 1st lined home game.
KU is 1-3 SU & ATS vs current Mt West teams since 1990.
The Jayhawks were favored in all 4 of those contests.
Kansas is 4-7 ATS the last 11 years vs Colorado.
The visitor is 7-5 ATS the last 12 in this series, but 0-4 last 4.
Bonus: KU is 2-7 ATS their last 9 lined games prior to a bye week.
Kansas is 0-3 SU & ATS in this series.
Pending Colorado outcome, Kansas is 3-17 ATS on the road the L4Y.
Jayhawks came into 2001 with a 19-34-1 ATS mark in conf play the L7Y.
Hawks are 5-14 SU vs OU since 1980 but have covered 4 in a row.
The home team has won 4 of 5 ATS in this series.
KU is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS the last 8 years vs Missouri.
Pending earlier results, Hawks are 3-15 ATS as an AD under Allen.
KU has lost 7 straight ATS vs KSU & is 2-9 ATS the last 11.
Kansas is just 5-20 ATS vs the Big Red Machine.
KU came into 2001 with a 12-26 ATS mark their last 38 as a dog.
Pending the CU game, KU is 5-11 ATS on grass the last 5 years.
KU is 1-8 ATS in their last 9 road finales.
Jayhawks are 3-11-1 ATS in their last 15 home finales.
Kansas is 7-4-1 ATS the last 12 vs the Cyclones.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-2	4-7	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-7	37-41
ATS	4-6	4-7	3-8	5-6	2-8	5-5-1	3-7	26-47-1
Home Fav	1-3	2-3	1-1	3-1	0-1	2-1-1	0-2	9-12-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-1	0-3	2-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	7-9
Away Fav	3-1	0-2	2-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	5-9
Away Dog	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-5	0-3	1-4	2-2	5-17
Favorite	4-4	2-5	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-1-1	0-3	14-21-1
Dog	0-2	2-2	0-4	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	12-26
Grass	0-1	1-0	2-3	0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	6-13
Artificial	4-5	3-7	1-5	5-5	2-4	4-3-1	1-5	20-34-1
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	1-7	4-4	2-6	4-3-1	3-5	19-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	7-13
Off SU Win	1-4	4-4	1-3	1-4	1-3	1-3	2-1	11-22
Off SU Loss	2-2	0-2	1-5	3-2	1-4	4-1-1	1-5	12-21-1

Coach: TERRY ALLEN (Career 93-53)
Allen's records AT KANSAS

5th Year at Kansas	5-5-1	Home Favorite
18-27 Straight Up	7-4	Home Underdog
15-26-1 Vs The Spread	0-3	Away Favorite
9-12-1 Off A S/U Loss	3-14	Away Underdog
13-18-1 Vs Conference	2-8	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Liberty	NL	N Carolina St	18-31	-
75	Sun	NL	Pittsburgh	19-33	-
81	All American	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10	L
92	Aloha	+3	BYU	23-20	W
95	Aloha	+5	UCLA	51-30	W

KANSAS (4-7) CONFERENCE: BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 37 (20,17,0)

Lost: 20 (9,9,2)



KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE - LAST 10 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF		
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	TURN		
8*	23.7	19	157	3.7	184	45.2	14.4	-6	2000	7	32.6	21	198	4.4	203	57.9	12.3
8*	24.5	18	171	4.0	162	51.9	13.6	+1	1999	5	29.5	19	150	3.8	233	57.2	13.0
10*	25.5	18	149	3.8	171	49.3	12.6	-2	1998	4	31.0	20	236	4.6	152	51.5	12.5
3*	16.1	13	115	3.1	125	44.7	14.9	-3	1997	8	25.4	19	204	4.1	155	55.1	14.2
7	27.3	20	163	3.5	187	53.4	12.8	+11	1996	7	32.5	21	215	5.0	223	54.5	13.5
6	28.8	21	211	4.8	195	60.7	14.1	+8	1995	4	21.8	20	192	4.5	196	50.3	17.8

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

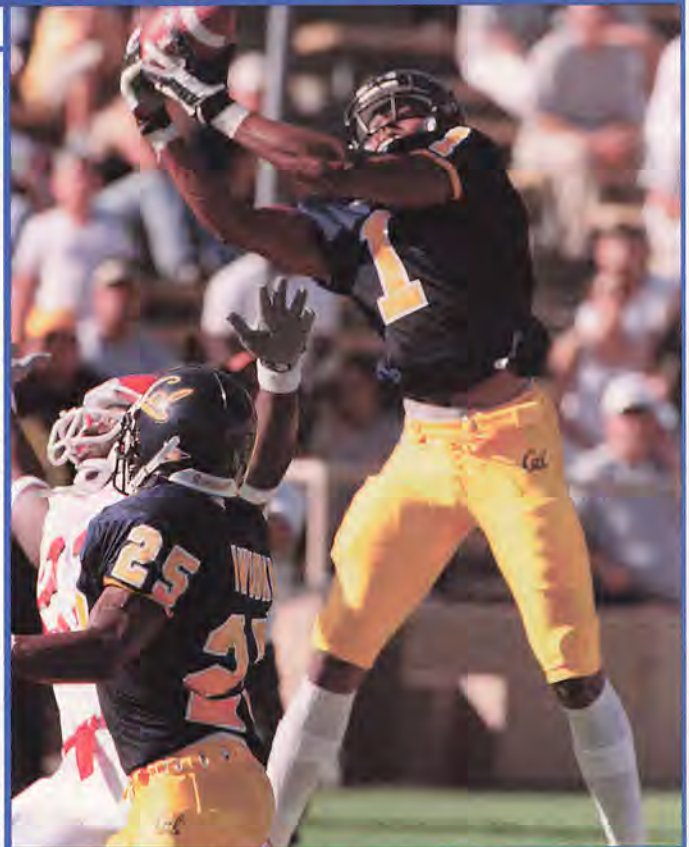
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at SMU	18	32-81	2.5	16-42	210	0	16	44-151	3.4	14-25	164	1	-2	
UAB	17	44-209	4.8	10-23	152	0	16	51-193	3.8	10-24	45	5	-3	
S Illinois	17	47-206	4.4	9-20	124	0	8	45-122	2.7	6-11	43	4	+3	
at Oklahoma	18	45-119	2.6	12-29	258	6	22	28-98	3.5	29-43	346	2	-5	
Kansas St	17	46-103	2.2	10-23	128	6	24	49-210	4.3	14-22	258	0	-2	
at Missouri	25	58-219	3.8	14-30	234	1	11	26-10	0.4	16-34	237	3	+2	
Colorado	23	51-262	5.1	10-22	152	1	20	32-90	2.8	20-36	246	3	-1	
Texas Tech	27	44-172	3.9	23-41	327	0	28	32-80	2.5	33-49	409	4	+1	
at Nebraska	17	29-97	3.3	16-31	169	3	31	73-493	6.8	7-8	69	0	0	
Texas	12	36-125	3.5	10-25	111	2	30	61-396	6.5	11-19	241	2	0	
at Iowa St	18	38-138	3.6	15-35	158	2	28	50-335	6.7	13-28	171	1	+1	
TOTALS	209	470-1731	3.7	145-321	2023	21	234	491-2178	4.4	173-299	2229	25	-6	
AVERAGES	19.0	43-157	3.7	13-29	184	1.9	21.3	45-198	4.4	16-27	203	2.3	-0.5	

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
Ball St	-21	35-10 W	UAB	-23	24-0 W	Oklahoma St	+8'	28-38 L	at Notre Dame	+17	13-48 L	at SMU	-4	17-31 L
at TCU	-5	52-17 W	TCU	-10'	17-10 L	at Missouri	+17	23-41 L	Cal St Northridge	NL	71-14 -	UAB	-9	23-20 L
at Utah	-3	42-45 L	Missouri	-2	15-7 W	Illinois St	NL	63-21 -	at Colorado	+16	17-51 L	S Illinois	NL	42-0 -
at Oklahoma	-11	52-24 W	at Cincinnati	+3'	7-34 L	at UAB	-7	39-37 L	San Diego St	-1	13-41 L	at Oklahoma	+24'	16-34 W
Texas Tech	-1	17-30 L	Oklahoma	+3'	20-17 W	Texas A&M	+13	21-24 W	SMU	-8	27-9 W	Kansas St	+23'	13-52 L
Colorado	+8'	7-20 L	at Texas Tech	+9'	7-17 L	at Baylor	+6	24-31 L	at Kansas St	+29	9-50 L	at Missouri	+6'	38-17 W
at Nebraska	+33'	7-63 L	at Colorado	+16'	6-42 L	at Nebraska	+34	0-41 L	at Texas A&M	+31'	17-34 W	Colorado	+1'	23-15 W
at Iowa St	-7'	34-31 L	Nebraska	+37'	0-35 W	Colorado	+7	33-17 W	Missouri	+8	21-0 W	Texas Tech	-3	39-45 L
Kansas St	+7	12-38 L	Iowa St	-9	34-24 W	Kansas St	+27	6-54 L	Nebraska	+32	17-24 W	at Nebraska	+31	17-56 L
Texas	+6'	17-38 L	at Kansas St	+23	16-48 L	N Texas	-15	23-14 L	Baylor	-14	45-10 W	Texas	+11'	16-51 L
at Missouri	-3	25-42 L	at Texas	+6'	31-45 L	at Iowa St	-2'	20-23 L	at Oklahoma St	+7	13-45 L	at Iowa St	+8'	17-38 L
									Iowa St	-3	31-28 T			

PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 PAC 10 TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Carson Palmer, USC	Cory Paus, UCLA	Joey Harrington, Oregon
RB DeShaun Foster, UCLA	Sultan McCullough, USC	Dave Minnick, Wash St
RB Maurice Morris, Oregon	Ken Simonton, Oreg St	Delvon Flowers, ASU
WR Kareem Kelly, USC	Brian Poli-Dixon, UCLA	Nakoa McElrath, Wash St
WR Bobby Wade, Arizona	Luke Powell, Stanford	Marcell Allmond, USC
TE Jerramy Stevens, Wash	Justin Peelle, Oregon	Bryan Fletcher, UCLA
C Kyle Benn, Wash	Chris Gibson, Oreg St	Scott Peters, Ariz St
G Eric Heitmann, Stanford	Brandon Ludwig, Cal	Marquise Muldrow, ASU
G Faaesha Mailo, USC	Greg Schindler, Stan	Kevin Barry, Arizona
T Mike Saffer, UCLA	Levi Jones, Ariz St	Francisco Tipoti, Wash
T Langston Walker, Cal	Bryce Bohlander, UCLA	Kwame Harris, Stan
DL Kenyon Coleman, UCLA	Rodney Leisle, UCLA	Marcus Roberson, Wash
DL Tai Tupai, Wash St	Bernard Riley, USC	Paul Glass, Arizona St
DL Larry Tripplett, Wash	Keoni Fraser, Arizona	Tomasi Kongaika, Wash St
DL Terrell Suggs, Ariz St	Alvin Steen, Oreg St	Josh Gustaveson, Cal
LB Robert Thomas, UCLA	Lance Briggs, Arizona	Coy Wire, Stanford
LB Raonall Smith, Wash St	Scott Fujita, California	Marcus Reese, UCLA
LB Solomon Bates, Ariz St	Kevin Mitchell, Oregon	Richard Siegler, OSU
CB Dennis Weathersby, OSU	Rashad Bauman, Oregon	Marcus Trufant, Wash St
CB Ricky Manning, UCLA	Michael Jolivet, Ariz	DJ Coote, Oreg St
SS Tank Williams, Stanford	Nnamdi Asomugha, Cal	Billy Newman, Wash St
FS Lamont Thompson, Wash St	Marques Anderson, UCLA	Willie Daniel, Ariz St
K Ryan Cesca, Oregon St	John Anderson, Wash	Mike Barth, Arizona St
P Nate Fiske, UCLA	Nick Murphy, Ariz St	Mike MacGillivray, USC
KR Joseph Echema, Cal	Roc Alexander, Wash	Allan Amundson, Oregon
PR Jemeel Powell, Cal	Bobby Wade, Arizona	Ricky Manning, UCLA



California CB/PR Jemeel Powell snagged 1st Team Pac 10 honors and 4 ints LY.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. UCLA - The Bruins were just 6-5 SU during the regular season last year, were outscored by their opponents and then lost their bowl game. That team was hit hard by injuries at QB and in the defensive front 7 but this year, provided they stay healthy, are among the most improved in the league. They place 11 players on either my 1st or 2nd team All-Conference units, by far the most. I look for a vastly improved defense and potent offense and I will go with the team with the most talent to prevail and get the league crown (not playing for Rose Bowl this year) for the first time since 1993.

2. Washington - The Huskies have a couple of things going against them this year. First of all they went to the Rose Bowl last year and since 1995, the Rose Bowl team from the Pac 10 has not only failed to repeat but FOUR out of the last 5 have failed to achieve a winning record the next year and get back to the postseason. Additionally, the Huskies have been fortunate as of late winning 7 games by 7 or less in 2000 and they also used FIVE comeback wins to overcome 4Q deficits. They not only have an inexperienced QB (see Pac 10 Notes) but return just 11 starters (2nd lowest in league) while losing a Pac 10 high 26 lettermen. What they do have going for them is a tough home field and one of the most talented teams in the league.

3. Stanford - Everyone, including myself, called for the Cardinal to finish in the lower half of the Pac 10 last year but even though they had a losing record overall, they still managed a 4-4 league mark and 4th place finish. This is one of Willingham's most veteran teams as they have 16 starters back including 2 top-notch QB's and lose just 14 lettermen. The schedule is not easy with a rough Pac 10 road slate but they do avoid Oregon St. This is a very talented team and will make some noise in conference play and they deserve the role as a contender.

4. Oregon - The Ducks have just 4 starters back on defense but last year had just 3 and look where they wound up. Like Washington, they won a lot of close games last year and lose a good number of lettermen (21). Their home win streak is 2nd best in the NCAA and if they stay perfect at home they have a great shot at the Crown as they have 3 winnable Pac 10 road games (UCLA would be a stretch). My 7 sets of power ratings have them anywhere from 3rd to 5th in the league in terms of talent but their schedule could have them finish at the top of an ever-improving league.

5. USC - Based simply on athletic talent on the football field the Trojans are one of the top 2 or 3 teams in the league. That has meant very little for them the past few years, but Paul Hackett is gone so perhaps they can stop from underachieving on a yearly basis. They have the personnel to field the league's top offense and despite the fact they have just 5 starters back on defense they will be tough on that side of the ball. Road trips to Washington and Oregon will be extremely tough but 6-2 may be good enough to win this highly competitive league and they could be favored in their other 6 games providing they play up to their talent level.

6. Washington St - The last two times Mike Price has had 13 or more starters returning he has managed 9-4 and 11-1 marks overall with a pair of bowls. This year he has EIGHTEEN, including a couple of solid QB's. This team could have had a winning record last year as they had an amazing THREE OT losses!!! Provided everyone stays healthy and eligible they actually have 10 starters back on defense as two 1999 starters return after a year off so they will be much stronger on that side of the ball. WSU looks like a surprise team this year and has an excellent shot at a bowl game.

7. Oregon St - What a great story OSU has been the last two years as they were arguably the best team in the Pac 10 last year, finished #4 in the final polls and destroyed ND in the Fiesta Bowl just one year after ending their 28 YEAR streak of losing records. They did have two major factors going in their favor last year: almost ZERO injuries and a +19 in turnovers (see Turnovers = Turnaround pg 277). They have just 9 starters back (fewest in Pac 10) and lose 24 lettermen, two more major factors not in their favor. They could surprise but this looks like a step back for an up-and-coming program.

8. California - While Tom Holmoe has yet to have a winning season, he may have the best set of coordinators (Al Borges on offense and Lyle Senecich on defense) in the league in addition to some solid talent on both sides of the ball. The defense has always been strong but they may finally have a legitimate offense and remember they averaged 29.5 ppg the last 6 last year. They played the league's three Top 10 teams to the wire last year and even led Washington 24-13 in the 4Q but lost when UW scored 23 4Q points. If they can finally break through and win some of those close games, Holmoe could finally bag his first winning season and move into the upper half of the league standings.

9. Arizona St - This is a talented team and you need only check out my All Pac 10 teams as the Sun Devils have 10 players listed on them, the 2nd most in the league. They are going through a major coaching change and have new schemes on both sides of the ball. They did lose a pair of OT games last year in league play (did win 1 OT game as well) and still made it to a bowl. They did almost benefit from double digit turnovers last year (+8). This is a tough league (much tougher than 3 years ago) and even though this is a quality team that could be back in a bowl with a soft non-conference slate, I will call for them to struggle in Pac 10 play in Koetter's first year.

10. Arizona - Last year the Cats were 5-1 after 6 games (they were +16 in turnovers at that time) and ranked in the Top 20. Three straight tough losses by 4 points or less greased the skids for a 5 game losing streak to finish the year and they missed out on a winning record. That despite the fact they were +10 in turnovers for the year. John Mackovic is a fine coach and will do a great job here but is changing the schemes on offense making it less conservative which means the defense will be A) on the field more and B) put in tougher situations and probably will not be as tough (my #8 rated defense last year). This team has won just 2 Pac 10 home games the last 2 years and has a tough schedule this year. It looks like a rebuilding year for a team losing a long time respected coach.

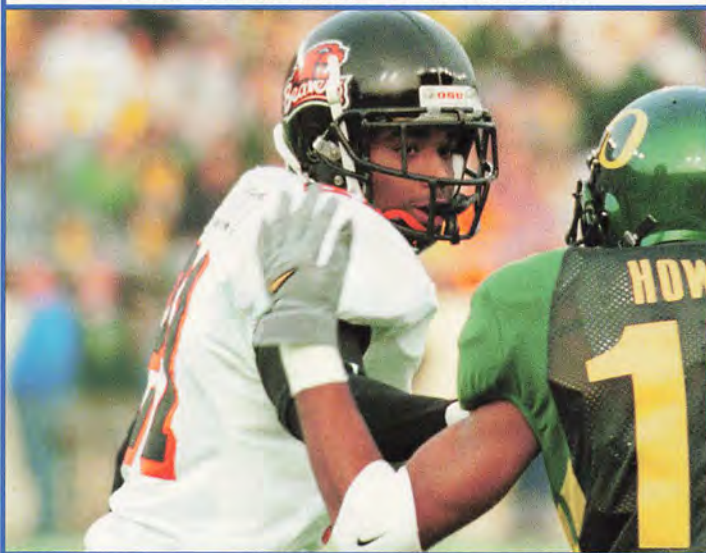
PAC 10 Notes: Twenty-two of 32 conference games were decided by 7 points or less, 24 by 8 or less and every Pac 10 team except for Washington and Oregon St was involved in an OT game with 7 conference games going into OT. Since 1991 no Pac 10 team has played in the Rose Bowl without a 4th year QB!!!! Six teams in the league have one this year including my preseason choice, UCLA. Last year was the first time both Oregon schools were in the AP Poll since 1941. The Pac 10 was a much maligned conference in 1999 but made a great turnaround last year and even won the Rose Bowl for the 2nd time in the last 9 years. Oregon St, Washington and Oregon each had impressive bowl wins and all three finished in the top 7 last year!!! In 1999 not a single Pac 10 team finished in the top 18!!! Injuries and who wins the close games could once again decide who eventually wins the Pac 10, but this league gained a TON of respect last year and will demand even more this season.



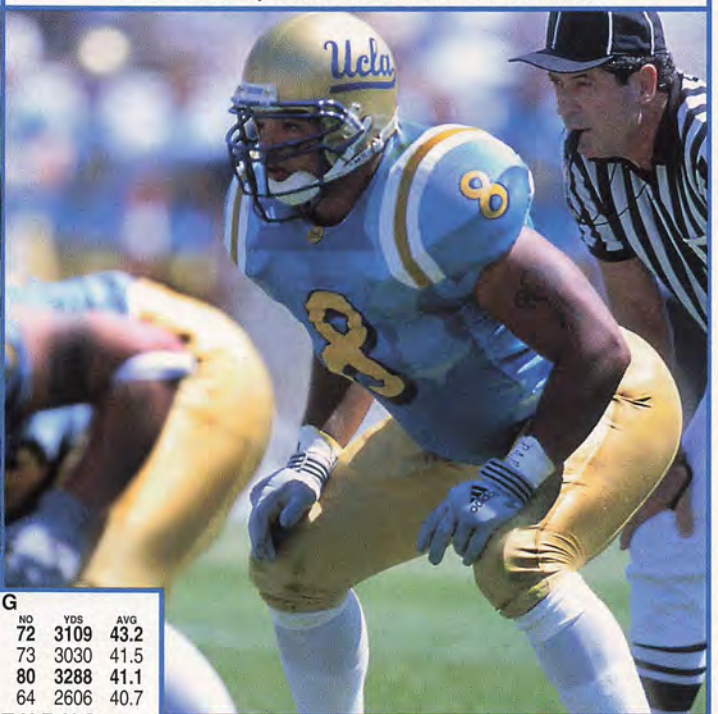
Duck's RB Maurice Morris fits the bill for 1st Team honors.



Arizona WR Bobby Wade went wild in 2000 with 45 catches.



Oregon St CB Dennis Weathersby leads the Beavers' defensive dam.



UCLA LB Robert Thomas is an All American candidate in 2001.

2000 PAC 10 CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ken Simonton, Ore St	11	266	1474	5.5	18	134.0
Maurice Morris, Oregon	11	260	1106	4.3	8	100.5
Sultan McCullough, USC	12	227	1163	5.1	6	96.9
DeShaun Foster, UCLA	10	243	930	3.8	11	93.0
Joe Igber, California	11	195	901	4.6	5	81.9
Dave Minnich, Wash St	11	165	754	4.6	4	68.5
Rich Alex, Washington	11	118	738	6.3	9	67.1

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Jason Gesser, Wash St	246	128	52.0	10	1967	8.0	16	132.5
Jonathan Smith, OSU	314	154	49.0	7	2468	7.9	17	128.5
Joe Harrington, Oregon	375	195	52.0	13	2694	7.2	20	123.0
Jeff Krohn, Ariz St	244	119	48.8	5	1677	6.9	12	118.6
Carson Palmer, USC	415	228	54.9	18	2914	7.0	16	118.0
M Tuiasosopo, Wash	323	170	52.6	11	2146	6.6	14	115.9
Kyle Boller, CAL	349	163	46.7	13	2121	6.1	15	104.5

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/G	CT/G	AVG
Freddie Mitchell, UCLA	11	68	1314	8	119.5	6.18	19.3
Milton Wynn, Wash St	11	52	964	5	87.6	4.73	18.5
DeRonnie Pitts, Stanford	11	77	882	8	80.2	7.00	11.5
Marshaun Tucker, Oregon	11	50	871	6	79.2	4.55	17.4
Kareem Kelly, WSU	11	55	796	4	72.4	5.00	14.5
Brian Poli-Dixon, UCLA	10	46	700	5	70.0	4.60	15.2
Keenan Howry, Oregon	11	47	721	5	65.5	4.27	15.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE
Joe Harrington, Oregon	11	61	125
Carson Palmer, USC	12	63	5
M Tuiasosopo, Wash	11	126	394
Jason Gesser, WSU	9	58	47
Jonathan Smith, OSU	11	54	-165
Kyle Boller, California	11	65	-44
Jeff Krohn, Ariz St	9	52	15

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Nate Fikse, UCLA	11	72	3109	43.2
Nick Harris, California	11	73	3030	41.5
Nick Murphy, Arizona St	11	80	3288	41.1
Kurtis Doerr, Oregon	11	64	2606	40.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Derrick Johnson, Wash	23	557	0
Allan Amundson, Oregon	21	498	0
Joseph Echema, CAL	22	516	0

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Jemeel Powell, CAL	12	218	1
Shaun McDonald, ASU	24	265	1
Bobby Wade, Arizona	26	262	1

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Ryan Cesca, Oregon St	11	14	17	82.4	49
Sean Keel, Arizona	11	13	17	76.5	44
Chris Griffith, UCLA	11	9	12	75.0	46
John Anderson, Wash	11	12	17	70.6	42

TACKLES

	G	UA	TOT	AVG
Adam Archuleta, Ariz St	11	86	33	119
Lance Briggs, Arizona	11	77	36	113
Zeke Moreno, USC	12	80	23	103
Billy Newman, Wash St	11	62	38	100
Derrell Daniels, Wash	11	47	50	97
Hakim Akbar, Wash	11	54	43	97

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Riall Johnson, Stanford	15	110
Andre Carter, CAL	13	90
LaDairis Jackson, OSU	10	67
Saul Patu, Oregon	10	66
Terrell Suggs, ASU	10	60
Larry Triplett, Wash	8	58

TFL

	NO	YDS
Riall Johnson, Stanford	20	130
Andre Carter, CAL	19	104
LaDairis Jackson, OSU	19	87
Saul Patu, Oregon	19	85
Joe Tafoya, Arizona	18	80
Markus Steele, USC	17	48

2000 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oregon St	7	1	275	161	10	1	359	203
Washington	7	1	258	183	10	1	353	246
Oregon	7	1	215	172	9	2	316	219
Stanford	4	4	193	210	5	6	261	294
Arizona St	3	5	229	235	6	5	296	272
UCLA	3	5	251	282	6	5	333	347
Arizona	3	5	203	204	5	6	254	237
USC	2	6	208	256	5	7	309	337
Washington St	2	6	167	260	4	7	281	354
California	2	6	204	240	3	8	246	295

1999 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Stanford	7	1	313	197	8	3	409	347
Oregon	6	2	247	199	8	3	386	264
Washington	6	2	231	188	7	4	311	278
Arizona St	5	3	227	192	6	5	282	288
Oregon St	4	4	208	177	7	4	330	254
Arizona	3	5	229	252	6	6	339	364
USC	3	5	193	206	6	6	348	278
California	3	5	131	164	4	7	180	254
UCLA	2	6	137	241	4	7	230	311
Washington St	1	7	158	258	3	9	248	327

1998 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UCLA	8	0	309	198	10	2	476	340
Arizona	7	1	274	176	12	1	439	236
Oregon	5	3	289	234	8	4	473	328
USC	5	3	245	160	8	5	346	241
Washington	4	4	198	221	6	6	303	343
Arizona St	4	4	284	269	5	6	300	371
California	3	5	139	184	5	6	183	251
Oregon St	2	6	191	252	5	6	286	291
Stanford	2	6	184	261	3	8	261	365
Washington St	0	8	146	299	3	8	223	349

UCLA BRUINS



SE Brian Poli-Dixon enters his senior year regarded as one of the top receivers in the country.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Bruins have been inexperienced and injury prone at the QB position the last 2 years. Cory Paus (PS#15) got in 7 starts as a rFr in 1999 and was the team's Offensive Rookie of the Year, throwing for 1,336 yards (48.2%) with a 7-9 ratio while rushing for 110. He broke his collarbone in Wk 10 of that year. Last year Paus, who has an accurate arm and strong leadership qualities, won the starter's job but got injured in Week 1 and missed 3 games. He reclaimed his starting job vs Ariz St and he threw for 2,154 yards (56%) with a 17-9 ratio on the year. He also scrambled 13 yds for the game winning TD vs Arizona. Paus was just 4-5 SU as a starter last year despite the impressive stats. Ryan McCann (6-4 213 Jr, PS#21) is a left hander with a powerful arm. He had one start in '99 and in 4 games threw for 388 yards (52%) with an 0-3 ratio. He led the Bruins to the win over Alabama last year and had 2 more starts but was benched after the loss to Oregon and then was injured and out for the year. He threw for 688 yards (50%) with a 4-2 ratio. Scott McEwan (6-3 200 Sr, PS#30) hit just 2 of 15 passes in '99. He was the team's backup QB for the 2nd half of last season and got in just 28 passes for 164 yards, playing the entire 2H vs both Fresno St and Wisky. Paus is the clear leader of the group and his pass efficiency rating of 145.8 would have led the Pac 10 had he played in enough games. Should he become less injury prone he could be one of the Pac 10's better QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - DeShaun Foster (PS#12) had 673 yards rushing as a true frosh despite missing part of 3 games with injuries. He had a banged up 1999 season with just 5 starts and 375 yards (3.4). Last year he stormed out of the gate, rushing for 422 yards (141 ypg) and 4.4 ypc in the first 3 games vs the tough defenses of Bama, Fresno and Michigan. He broke his hand in Week 3 and wore a cast the rest of the regular season and was not as effective but still finished the year with 1,037 yards but just a 3.9 ypc. Akil Harris (PS#34) had 201 yards and a team high 4.5 ypc. Jermaine Lewis departs after rushing for 1,259 career yards. Manuel White (6-3 240 rFr) was PS#30 and the Scout Team Offensive POY and will definitely get some carries. Tyler Ebell is PS#15 and set national records last year for rush yards & rush TDs in a single season in HS. The

top 2 FB's are back and I list them below. Added to the mix this year is Chris Jackson (6-3 263 Jr) who was PS#9 TE and played LB in '99 as well as Pat Norton (6-1 240 rFr, PS#46). If Foster can stay healthy for an entire season, he is a Heisman contender. Overall, the Bruins have one of the best RB corps in the Pac 10 and a solid influx of talent has added depth.

RECEIVERS - The Bruins had a top-notch receiving corps last year with plenty of experience in Freddie Mitchell and Brian Poli-Dixon (both VHT's) who had 77 and 53 catches respectively with the next closest WR finishing with 14. They received the lion's share of the work but Mitchell decided to leave early for the NFL (#1DC of PHI) and will be missed. There are plenty of VHT's in reserve in Tab Perry (PS#7), Jerry Owens (PS#8) and Jon Dubravac (PS#20) and they will contend to fill the void. TE Gabe Creacion must be replaced but they alternated 3 TE's on the year and I list the 2 returnees below, both of whom are VHT's. There is plenty of talent in the group that I list below and Poli-Dixon will contend for All Pac 10 honors, but it is less experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 this unit had to replace 3 starters and then suffered a myriad of injuries and only one player started all 11 games. Last year all 5 starters returned including 7 players with starting experience but Blake Worley lost his starter's job to Bryce Bohlander. This year they must replace a pair of 3 year starters in RG Brian Polak (12 sts) and LG Oscar Cabrera (12 sts) and one backup in OT Josh Webb. Seven of the top 10 are back and there are six VHT's in the group that I list below. Despite having an experienced group last year they allowed 35 sacks for the second straight year and after averaging 3.2 ypc in 1999 dropped to 2.6 last year. Even though this year's group is less experienced, I look for better production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This area was hit hard by injuries last year as 9 different players logged starting time and they lost their star DE, Kenyon Coleman, after 3 games due to injury. There are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the 3 deep that I list below and they also bring in a JC transfer in David Tautofi who had 8 sacks, 17 tfl at JC last year. The return of Coleman is a huge plus and the only loss this year is DT Kory Lombard (17 tkl, 3 tfl). Overall UCLA generated just 21 sacks as a whole on defense after getting 20 in '99 and they allowed 4.4 ypc rushing (4.5 in '99). DT Ken Kocher had 9 starts and was HM Pac 10 in 1999 but was plagued with injuries last year and managed just one start and 13 tackles. He will likely reclaim his starting job. Clearly the battered DL was a major part in the Bruins' defensive problems but this year it goes from a weakness to a strength as long as they can stay healthy and I look for Kenyon Coleman to be a candidate for Pac 10 Defensive POY.

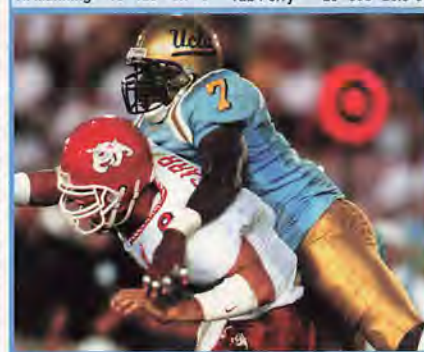
LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bruins had all 3 starters returning and this year only have to replace OLB Tony White (12 sts, 64 tkl, 9 tfl). It has been a very young group consisting of mostly underclassmen the past few years but this year all three projected starters are upperclassmen, including two seniors. The Bruins are touting Robert Thomas as an All American candidate at LB and he should only improve as he turned down a chance to go to the NFL. This is a talented group and even with the loss of one starter should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins usually do well in my pass D rankings although in '99 their leading tackler was a walk-on and they finished #39 in my rankings, down from #8 and #17 the previous two years. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation as well as 3 players who had combined for 8 starts in '99. They did get back a full-time '98 starter who missed '99 due to injury so basically they had 3 starters back. Even with that returning talent, UCLA had their worst finish in 4 years last year at #47 (there are a lot of schools that would like to finish that high). They allowed just 50.5% but 218 ypg and a 24-13 ratio. Ricky Manning and Marques Anderson are both premier CB's that form a solid foundation for the secondary. They do have to replace CB Jason Bell (12 sts, 42 tkl, 9 pbu) and FS Jason Zdenek (12 sts, 72 tkl, 9 pbu). I list the rest of the two deep below and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the mix. With an improved front 7, it looks like UCLA should get back into the top 25 of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bruins had a pair of top-notch K's last year, both of whom made 2nd Team Pac 10. K Chris Griffith hit on 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 46 (18 of 22 inside the 40 in career) and P Nate Fikse was 13th in the nation with a 43.3 avg and a 37.5 net. Both return but may have to fight off Chris Kluewe who was PS#1. Kluewe was almost awarded the K job out of HS but had some poor All-Star games and was the backup last year. He averaged 46.6 yards per punt as a senior in HS and hit a 60 yard FG. Overall the Bruins finished #59 in my special teams rankings which was a little down from their #46 finish in 1999. Ricky Manning, who was mediocre at PR's (6.7), is back as is KR Tab Perry (PS#7). Both should improve. Jeff Grau is back for his 4th year as long snapper. With everyone back, this unit will improve.

UCLA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
DeShaun Foster	269	1115	78	1037	12	3.9					
Jermaine Lewis	56	229	21	208	1	3.7					
Akil Harris	45	204	3	201	3	4.5					
Ed Ileremia-Stansbury	5	24	0	24	0	4.8					
Drew Bennett	8	25	17	8	0	1.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Cory Paus	241	134	55.6	2154	17	9					
Ryan McCann	120	60	50.0	688	4	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Freddie Mitchell	77	1494	19.4	9	80						
Brian Poli-Dixon	53	750	14.2	5	48						
DeShaun Foster	16	142	8.9	1	21						
Jon Dubravac	14	169	12.1	1	32						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	IN20				
Nate Fikse	75	3246	43.3	19	37.5	0	17				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Chris Griffith	4-4	4-4	3-6	0-0	11-14	46					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
R. Thomas	88	0	9	0	0	R. Leisle	36	1	3	2	1
Ryan Nece	78	1	2	1	0	M. Reese	34	4	0	0	0
M. Anderson	73	3	12	3	0	A. Fletcher	28	1	4	0	0
Jason Zdenek	72	0	9	1	0	Dave Ball	26	2	2	0	0
R. Manning	65	2	14	4	0	Keith Short	21	0	0	0	0
Tony White	64	2	7	3	0	Joe Hunter	20	0	0	5	1
Jason Bell	42	0	9	0	0	Audie Attar	19	0	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. Manning	18	120	6.7	0	Tab Perry	29	598	20.6	0		



SS Marques Anderson has the speed & coverage abilities of a CB.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bob Toledo enters his sixth year at the helm and in his first 13 games, UCLA went just 5-8 despite playing in a weakened Pac 10 conference. They then reeled off 20 straight victories, a school record. They lost their last 2 that season and then went 4-7 in 1999. Last year they had 17 starters returning and opened the season by knocking off a pair of #3 rated teams (Alabama and Michigan) in the first 3 games. Injuries to their QB and defense then began to cripple the team and they went just 3-5 in their last 8 games to finish 6-6, with the defense allowing 30.7 ppg as the front four was decimated. The majority of the UCLA games were close as 9 of the 12 were decided by 7 or less but the Bruins had just one double digit win. They were outscored by their opponents during the regular season despite the 6-5 record. Offensive coordinator Al Borges left for Cal after the season and Kelly Skipper takes over after being the RB coach here for 3 years. He inherits a veteran unit that is loaded with VHT's. Last year's offense did benefit from +7 in turnovers which aided their 29.4 ppg but this year's group could top that total and keep in mind Toledo's units in 1997 and 1998 averaged 39 ppg. They had the second worst defense in the Pac 10 last year in my rankings but only lose 5 lettermen and get all of their injured players back. I actually rank them as having the potential to be the Pac 10's best defense this year. The Bruins fired defensive coordinator Bob Field and replaced him with Phil Snow who has held that spot at Arizona St the past 7 years. ASU ranked 3rd in the Pac 10 in number of turnovers created last year and were 3rd in the Pac 10 in scoring defense in 1999 and first in 1997. UCLA allowed a school record 444.6 ypg in 1999 and a school record 368 points in 2000. The non-conference schedule is not easy with both Alabama and Ohio St and they have a road trip to always tough Corvallis to open Pac 10 road play. I do 7 sets of power ratings and one of them calls for the Bruins to go undefeated this year and 4 rate them as the most talented team in the league. They get my call to get back to the PAC 10 Title provided they can stay healthy this year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Matthew Ware 6-3 195 PS#2	OL Robert Cleary 6-7 285 PS#9	WR Junior Taylor 6-2 185 PS#11	RB Tyler Ebell 5-9 175 PS#15	OL Collin Barker 6-8 300 PS#27	DB Jibril Raymo 6-3 195 PS#30	OL Ed Blanton 6-9 300 PS#40	TE Keith Carter 6-4 250 PS#10	LB Spencer Haysner 6-3 210 PS#39	DB Jason Harrison 5-9 185 PS#63	DB Marcus Cassel 6-0 170 PS#68	OL Matt Moeara 6-8 280 PS#73	QB John Sciarra 6-2 194 PS#68	WR Jacques Lazarus 6-1 180 PS#109	DB Matthew Clark 5-9 160 PS#124
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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CORY PAUS JR. 6-2 212 PS#15. 7 sts as rFr. 1336 yds, 7-9 ratio (48.2%). 9 sts in 2000, 2154 yds (56%), 17-9 ratio. Ryan McCann (6-4 213 Jr) PS#21. Lefty. **RB DeSHAUN FOSTER SR.** 6-1 215 PS#12. 673 yds (5.3) as true. 5 sts in 99, 375 yds (3.4). 10 sts in 2000, 1037 yds (3.9). Akil Harris (6-0 209 So) is PS#34, 201 yds (4.5). **FB ED IEREMIA-STANSBURY SR.** 6-2 259 PS#29QB. 2 sts at LB in 99, 13 tkl, 4 starts at FB in 2000, 65 total yards. Matt Stanley (6-3 243 Sr) has 3 starts in 3 years, 189 total yds. **WR Tab Perry So.** 6-3 218 PS#12. 6 rec (9.7) as true, 588 KR yards. Jon Dubravac (6-4 214 Sr) PS#20, 3 sts ly, 14 rec (12.7). Jerry Owens (6-3 184 So) PS#8, 1 rec ly. **WR BRIAN POLI-DIXON SR.** 6-5 216 PS#29. 10 recast true, 10 sts in '98, 44 rec (16.2). RS in 99, 10 starts ly, 53 rec (14.2). Craig Bragg (6-1 183 rFr) PS#61. Junior Taylor is PS#11. **TE Bryan Fletcher Jr.** 6-5 235 PS#31 TE in 97, 3 sts in 99, 9 rec (10.0). 1 start in 2000, 10 rec (14.4). Mike Seidman (6-5 241 Jr) PS#1, 2 rec as true, 6 rec (13.3) last year. **C TROY DANOFF SR.** 6-5 307 PS#122. 6 games as rFr. 9 starts in 99, 12 sts in 2000 & 3 letters. John Ream (6-4 289 rFr) PS#32. Jeff Grau (6-4 248 Sr). **RG Shane Lehmann So.** 6-5 284 PS#7 in '99 & Scout Tm POY. 8 games last year as rFr & lettered. Eyoseph Elseaff (6-3 285 rFr) PS#167 in 2000. Originally from Russia. **LG Blake Worley Jr.** 6-6 309 PS#8 in 1998. 10 sts in 1999 (8.0 at LT, 2 at RT). 5 games as backup G/T in 2000. Paul Mocier (6-5 295 rFr) was PS#60L in 2000. In last year. **RT MIKE SAFFER JR.** 6-5 305 PS#3 in 1998. 7 starts at RG as rFr until injury. 12 starts at RT & played almost every snap last year. Steve Vieira (6-6 296 rFr) PS#780L. **LT BRYCE BOHLANDER JR.** 6-6 292 PS#12 in '99. Started last two as true! 12 sts at LT in 2000, almost every snap. Ed Anderson (6-6 281 Jr) PS#115, lettered in 1999 & 2000. **K CHRIS GRIFFITH JR.** 6-2 198 Hit 13 of 18 FG's as a rFr, long of 48. 2nd Team Pac 10 ly, 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 46. 67 of 69 on xp's. Chris Kluewe (rFr) is PS#1!

DE KENYON COLEMAN SR. 6-6 276 9 sts in '98, 23 tkl, 4.5 sks. 11 sts in '99, 50 tkl, 12.5 tfl, 480 bench. 3 sts ly til inj. Mat Ball (6-6 263 So) PS#70, 4 sts, 14 tkl ly, Asi Faoa (6-4 269 So) PS#99LB. **DT ANTHONY FLETCHER SR.** 6-4 295 PS#111. 1 st as true, 3 tfl, 3 sts in '99, 32 tkl, 5 tfl, 8 sts ly (inj) 28 tkl, 5 tfl. Ken Kocher (6-4 306 Sr) PS#14, 9 sts in '99, 43 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 st ly (inj), 2 sks. **DT RODNEY LEISLE SO.** 6-4 295 PS#47, Scout Team POY in '99. 12 sts ly, 36 tkl, 4 tfl. Sean Phillips (6-6 299 Jr) 3 sts tkl ly inj, 3 tfl. Steve Morgan (6-3 288 Jr) PS#39OL. **DE RUSTY WILLIAMS JR.** 6-4 270 PS#32. 11 sts as rFr, 28 tkl, 11.5 tfl, 11 sts ly, 17 tkl, 1 st ly. David Ball (6-6 265 So) PS#69, 3 sts, 26 tkl, 4 tfl ly. David Tautofi is PS#201JC. **LB Marcus Reese Jr.** 6-2 209 PS#5, 37 tkl, 4 tfl as true, 34 tkl, 4 sks in 2000. Brandon Chillar (6-3 229 So) PS#74, 6 tkl ly. Stephen Sua (6-2 267 Sr) PS#180DL, 3 tfl ly. **LB ROBERT THOMAS SR.** 6-2 232 PS#2, 26 tkl, 2 tfl as true, 8 sts in '99, 68 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm Pac 10, 88 tkl, 9 tfl. Dennis Link (6-2 210 So) PS#107, 4 tkl last year. **LB RYAN NECE SR.** 6-3 224 PS#184, 9 sts as rFr, 85 tkl, 6 sks, 9 sts in '99, 65 tkl, 5 tfl, 12 sts ly, 78 tkl, 3 tfl. Tim Warfield (6-2 237 rFr) PS#54. Audie Attar (6-0 205 Jr) PS#125DB. **CB Joe Hunter Jr.** 5-11 171 PS#87, 4 starts as rFr, 21 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu, 20 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu last year. Keith Short (5-9 167 So) PS#59, 21 tkl as true. Matt Ware is PS#2. **CB RICKY MANNING JR.** 5-10 180 PS#16. Started last 9 as true, 53 tkl, 12 tfl, 2 int, 12 sts ly, 1st Tm Pac 10, 65 tkl, 4 int, 14 pbu. Ryan Wikert (6-2 186 So) PS#58, 1 tkl as rFr. **SS MARQUES ANDERSON SR.** 6-0 207 PS#84, 5 sts as true, 3 int, 7 pbu, 6 sts in '98, 58 tkl, 11 pbu at CB. 11 sts at SS ly, 73 tkl, 3 int, 12 pbu, 4.31 speed. Jibril Raymo is PS#30. **FS Ben Emanuel Jr.** 6-3 202 PS#18. Kevin Brown (6-0 192 So) PS#50WR, 4 tkl ly, Jason Stephens (6-2 192 Sr) PS#53, 7 sts as rFr, 58 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 st, 22 tkl, 12 yds, 2 yds. **P NATHAN FIKSE JR.** 5-9 180 PS#6K in 99, 42.0 avg (66 punts), 37.5 net in '99, 75 punts (43.3) with 37.5 net. 2nd Tm Pac 10 in 2000. Chris Kluewe (6-5 198 rFr) is PS#1K!

UCLA BRUINS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bruins have covered 7 straight home openers.
UCLA is 0-9-1 ATS when hosting Stanford.
The away team in the Arizona series is 5-2 ATS the last 7 games.
Bruins are 5-3 SU but 3-5 ATS on the road after a bye.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCLA Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Alabama	G												
Sep. 8	at Kansas	A												
Sep. 15	Arizona St	G												
Sep. 22	Ohio St	G												
Sep. 29	at Oregon St	A												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Washington	G												
Oct. 20	California (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Stanford	G												
Nov. 3	at Washington St	A												
Nov. 10	Oregon	G												
Nov. 17	at USC	G												
Nov. 24														

UCLA is 6-1 ATS in their last 7 season openers.
Bruins are 19-9 ATS in their last 28 non-conference games.
UCLA is 12-5 ATS since 1984 in their 2nd straight away game.
Bruins are 2-10-1 ATS their last 13 on artificial turf.
UCLA is 3-16 ATS in their Pac 10 opener.
Bruins are 1-6-1 ATS their last 8 vs the Sun Devils.
Pending LW, UCLA is 7-2-1 ATS at home in September since '96.
Including bowls, the Bruins are 2-6 ATS vs the Big 10 (both covers LY).
Bruins are 2-8-1 ATS their last 11 vs Oregon State.
UCLA is 5-1-2 ATS their last 8 prior to a bye.
UCLA is 6-2 ATS at home after a bye since 1983.
The favorite is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Blue & Gold came into 2001 with a 19-35-1 October ATS mark.
Aikman's alma mater is 5-13 ATS the last 18 vs the Bears.
The visiting team is 15-3-1 ATS dating back to 1982.
Bruins are 4-10-1 ATS overall in this series.
SU winner is 5-0 ATS last 5 series meetings in Pullman.
Pending prior results, UCLA is 4-10 ATS as away chalk under Toledo.
Might apply: UCLA is 16-6 ATS their L/22 as a home underdog.
The visitor is 7-3 ATS the last 10 meetings. Toledo is 4-1 SU vs Oregon.
Bruins are 8-4 ATS last 12 vs the Trojans.
The home team is 12-5 ATS in this series since 1984.

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	5-6	9-2	10-1	4-7	6-5	46-31
ATS	4-6-1	6-5	6-5	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-6-2	34-40-3
Home Fav	1-3-1	2-3	2-1	4-1	3-2	2-2	0-4-1	14-16-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	7-2
Away Fav	1-0	2-2	1-0	1-2	2-4	0-3	0-1	7-12
Away Dog	1-3	1-0	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1-1	6-10-1
Favorite	2-3-1	4-5	3-1	5-3	5-6	2-5	0-5-1	21-28-2
Dog	2-3	2-0	3-4	2-1	0-0	1-3	3-1-1	13-12-1
Grass	4-3-1	6-4	5-4	7-2	4-5	3-7	3-5-1	32-30-2
Artificial	0-3	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1-1	2-10-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-5-2	21-32-3
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	13-8
Off SU Win	2-2	3-3	0-4	5-3	4-6	0-4	1-4-1	15-26-1
Off SU Loss	1-4-1	2-2	5-1	2-0	0-0	2-4	1-2-1	13-13-2

Coach: BOB TOLEDO (Career 49-53)
Toledo's records AT UCLA

6th Year at UCLA	11-10-1	Home Favorite
35-23 Straight Up	5-2	Home Underdog
24-29-2 Vs The Spread	4-10	Away Favorite
10-7-1 Off A S/U Loss	4-7-1	Away Underdog
15-23-2 Vs Conference	9-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Rose	-6'	Wisconsin	16-21	L
95	Aloha	-5	Kansas	30-51	L
97	Cotton	-14	Texas A&M	29-23	L
98	Rose	-9	Wisconsin	31-38	L
00	Sun	+5'	Wisconsin	20-21	W

UCLA (6-6) PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 51 (24,25,2)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 15 (10,5,0)

LETTERMEN:



U.C.L.A.'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	29.4	19	100	2.6	266	54.5	12.4	+7	2000	8	30.7	21	185	4.4	218	50.5	13.1
6	20.9	18	108	2.9	219	49.1	15.6	-3	1999	8	28.3	21	190	4.5	255	53.1	15.7
7*	39.7	22	182	4.5	305	58.3	12.3	+17	1998	3	27.0	22	180	4.5	258	52.1	16.2
9*	39.8	21	166	4.0	264	59.8	10.8	+20	1997	6	20.6	20	115	3.3	237	50.0	17.1
4*	30.0	21	154	3.7	232	51.0	12.9	-5	1996	6	28.9	19	117	3.1	254	49.9	12.8
8	28.2	22	213	4.7	187	50.6	14.2	+2	1995	9	25.0	22	152	3.9	251	55.8	16.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Alabama	26	57-171	3.0	15-27	225	3	16	30-146	4.9	11-30	119	2	+2
Fresno St	18	48-135	2.8	17-33	135	2	12	23-26	1.1	20-33	249	2	+1
Michigan	24	39-126	3.2	22-41	268	1	16	46-263	5.7	8-28	111	0	-1
at Oregon	11	26-(-9)	-0.3	14-34	206	3	22	52-208	4.0	15-34	153	1	-3
Arizona St	23	48-233	4.9	17-31	267	5	19	24-98	4.1	24-49	365	4	0
at California	19	45-45	1.0	20-40	309	3	18	43-107	2.5	16-34	252	3	+1
Oregon St	22	31-72	2.3	19-33	363	3	31	53-253	4.8	23-37	351	2	+2
at Arizona	17	39-54	1.4	19-35	230	4	15	45-211	4.7	7-18	105	1	+2
Stanford	22	40-117	2.9	17-28	346	4	25	40-178	4.5	23-46	317	1	+1
at Washington	19	24-71	3.0	22-38	298	4	26	64-349	5.5	12-19	111	1	0
USC	12	28-71	2.5	14-23	257	2	29	44-207	4.7	26-38	350	2	+2
Wisconsin (Bowl)	20	37-114	3.1	20-33	282	1	18	44-177	4.0	9-18	130	2	0
TOTALS	233	462-1200	2.6	216-396	3186	35	247	508-2223	4.4	194-384	2613	21	+7
AVERAGES	19.4	39-100	2.6	18-33	266	2.9	20.6	42-185	4.4	16-32	218	1.8	0.6

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+19	20-35	W
UL Monroe	-32	44-0	W
at Michigan	+8	9-38	L
at Oregon	-4	41-22	W
Arizona St	+4	34-42	L
at Washington	+6	21-41	L
at California	+2	38-29	W
Stanford	-13	20-21	L
Washington St	-4	38-14	W
at Arizona	+1	17-35	L
USC	+3	48-41	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+1	34-37	L
Tennessee	+15	24-30	W
at Texas	+10	66-3	W
Arizona	-8	40-27	W
Houston	-26	66-10	W
at Oregon	-11	39-31	L
Oregon St	-22	34-10	W
California	-23	35-17	L
at Stanford	-6	27-7	W
Washington	-2	52-28	W
at USC	-9	31-24	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas	-9	49-31	W
at Houston	-27	42-24	L
Washington St	-23	49-17	W
at Arizona	-5	52-28	W
Oregon	-10	41-38	L
at California	-14	28-16	L
Stanford	-28	28-24	L
at Oregon St	-16	41-34	L
at Washington	-6	36-24	W
USC	-5	34-17	W
at Miami (Fla)	-9	45-49	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-27	38-7	W
at Ohio St	+11	20-42	L
Fresno St	-21	35-21	L
at Stanford	-1	32-42	L
at Arizona St	-1	27-28	L
Oregon	-3	34-29	W
California	-13	0-17	L
at Oregon St	-1	7-55	L
Arizona	+3	7-33	L
Washington	+8	23-20	W
at USC	+6	7-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+7	35-24	W
Fresno St	-14	24-21	L
Michigan	+4	23-20	W
at Oregon	+3	10-29	L
Arizona St	-7	38-31	T
at California	-10	38-46	L
Oregon St	-3	38-44	L
at Arizona	+5	27-24	W
Stanford	-8	37-35	L
at Washington	+7	28-35	T
USC	-3	35-38	L

WASHINGTON HUSKIES



NT Larry Triplett had 10.5 tfl in 12 games last year and was named 3rd Team AA.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Marques Tuiasosopo set 10 school records last year and broke the team record for total offense by over 1,000 yards while also becoming just the 2nd UW QB to top 2,000 yards passing in consecutive seasons. He was voted the Pac 10 Offensive POY and led the team to the Rose Bowl Title. Who can forget his incredible game two years ago vs Stanford when he rushed for over 200 yards and passed for over 300? He was the 2nd round DC of OAK. Neuheisel has some talent to fill Tuiasosopo's shoes. He signed Taylor Barton (PS#16) at Colorado back in 1998. Barton transferred to a JUCO last year where he led his team to the mythical JC National Title. Barton cost UW 2 scholarships to sign because UW had an agreement not to sign former CU players. Cody Pickett (6-4 205 So) was PS#47 and last year at Jake Plummer's QB camp he out-threw Plummer with a 75 yard bomb. He was the #2 QB last year but due to Tuiasosopo's durability got in just 4 pass attempts in 3 games. He completed 2 key passes in the Rose Bowl and is the most mobile of the QB's and the most adept at running the option. He won the #1 job in the spring by hitting 31 of 45 (69%) for 469 yards with a 7-0 ratio in 3 spring scrimmages. Ryan Porter (6-3 190 So) threw for 1,251 yards and 15 TD's in just 5 games at JUCO in 1999. He was a late signee last year and took a redshirt while running the scout team and absorbing the system. Casey Paus is PS#14 this year. I like the talent at this position and while they may use multiple QB's it will be tough to match Tuiasosopo's skills and leadership.

RUNNING BACKS - Injuries have really plagued this group the last two years. After having six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989 to 1996 the team has not had any in the last 4 seasons. Paul Arnold was PS#3 in 1999 and has blazing speed but missed most of spring and last August with a back injury and did not play much during the season. He finished with just 296 yards (5.1) in just 7 games. Much was expected of Maurice Shaw, their best power runner last year, but he was lost prior to the season with an injury. Rich Alexis saw little action early on but he ended up as the team's best power back. Alexis took over as the season went on, earning 5 starts as a true frosh. He has great potential for improvement as he played just one year of football in HS, perhaps the reason he was rated just PS#114. Last year he led the team with 816 yards and a super 6.4 ypc. Willie Hurst (PS#97) had 96 yards vs Stanford and a 56 yard run vs UCLA but broke his collarbone and finished with 455 yards (6.1) and just one start. Braxton Cleman (6-0 215 Sr) was PS#146 and had 2 starts and 257 yards rushing (4.8) as well as 107 yards receiving. Sean Sweat (5-9 200 So) was PS#145 and had 12 yards rushing as a true frosh and was also the Off Scout Team POY. Ty Eriks (PS#27) played mostly FB in HS but wants to play TB here. They must replace FB Pat Conniff who had 9 starts and 206 yards rushing in 2000. I project Cleman to move to FB and list a true frosh behind him. Also in the mix at FB is former DL Spencer Marona (PS#55 LB). Ken Walker (6-1 230 Sr) and John Hart (6-1 235 Sr). This unit should be in better shape as long as it can stay healthier.

RECEIVERS - Last year UW lost two of their top 4 receivers to graduation and then lost their leading returning receiver, Chris Juergens, to a knee injury in August (45 rec's in '99). Speedster Ja'Warren Hooker also left the team to go to the Olympics and has world class speed. There were a lot of dropped balls in August and it continued into the season, especially early. One bright spot was TE Jerramy Stevens who was one of 8 finalists for the John Mackey Award and was the team's #2 receiver. He turned down a shot at the NFL to return. Not only do all the top receivers return but they get some significant additions. Juergens should be able to return and Neuheisel signed PS#3 and PS#5 WR's this year. Frosh Reggie Williams has the size and speed to be compared to Randy Moss and could make an immediate impact. There is a slight chance that Hooker could return this fall, but even if he does not there are plenty of HT's and VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. Among the quality athletes not listed in the 2 deep are WR Terry Tharps (5-10 175 Sr, PS#142, track speed), WR RayShon Dukes (6-0 185 rFr, PS#141), TE John Westra (6-5 250 Sr, PS#38DL), true frosh TE's Andy Heater (PS#37) and Joe Toledo (PS#41OL). They also add speedy Paul Arnold (PS#3RB). This should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies had my #10 rated offensive line coming into last season but OG Dominic Daste, who had 5 starts in 1999, had ankle injuries and did not start and G Rock Nelson, who started 7 games in 1999, never recovered from back injuries and saw little action. With the RB injuries you could tell the line was one of the NCAA's best as they averaged 4.8 ypc rushing and only allowed 25 sacks. Part of the emphasis of the Rose Bowl workouts was to develop the line for 2001 as last year's was a senior dominated group. Gone from that outstanding front are RT Chad Ward (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 4 yr str, #6DC JAX), LT Elliott Silvers (12 sts, 1st Tm Pac 10, 3 yr str, #5DC SD), RT Wes Call (11 sts), RG Matt Fraize (12 sts), backup LT Matt Rogers as well as Daste and Nelson. Overall 7 of the top 11 depart. Neuheisel has some talent to work with and I expect JUCO Francisco Tipoti, who will not enroll until fall, to become an immediate starter. UW had a great class of Fr last year and I list most of them in the 2 deep below. Naturally, with the loss of 7 players, this line looks much weaker and will be Neuheisel's main concern for 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Although the Huskies line up in a 3-4 their OLB is basically a DE and that is what I will call it here, making them a 4-3. Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 DL's including 2 starters but returned DT Larry Triplett and OLB Jeremiah Pharms, their top 2 players. This year they once again lose 2 starters in Pharms (11 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 5.5 sks, #5DC CLE) and DT Ryan Julian (12 sts, 10 tkls). As you can tell by Julian's tackle count they used a DT rotation. Backup Ossim Hatem had 6 tfl despite just one start. He was injured in the spring and will sit out the year. I list the 2 deep below and Neuheisel has signed 3 VHT true frosh in Will Connell (PS#18TE), Manase Hopoi (PS#37LB) and Tui Alailaalelua (PS#23) who could play immediately. JUCO Kai Ellis had a dominating spring game and will contend for All Pac 10 honors. Neuheisel thinks Triplett can be dominating but he did not have as effective a 2H of 2000 as he would have liked. He still earned 3rd Team AA honors and with the addition of Ellis, VHT rFr Zach Tuiasosopo and Terry Johnson, this unit looks even stronger than last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Huskies had to replace one starter and 2 backups due to graduation and then had 2 other backups transfer. The 2nd string consisted of 3 true frosh and one starting LB who was Ben Mahdavi, a walk-on who had a total of 5 tackles in 1999. This year they must replace ILB Derrell Daniels (12 sts, #2 tkR, 4 tfl, HM Pac 10) but return 5 of the top 6 and those backup frosh are now soph's. SLB Jafar Williams was also hampered by an ankle injury the 2H of the year. I list a 3 deep below and while this unit is loaded with HT's, it surprisingly does not have a single VHT. Neuheisel wants to get more speed into the unit and some more physical players, so it is possible that some of the backups and newcomers could take over starting spots. This unit is deeper and more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies had just 5 int's in 1998 despite the defense producing 51 sacks. In 1999 they had just one returning starter but still finished a strong #19 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups due to graduation and then lost projected starting CB Derrell Green to academics, backup CB Quentin Morgan to a transfer and then lost FS Curtis Williams to a tragic injury in the 8th game. CB Anthony Vontoure bounced in and out of Neuheisel's doghouse and he got in just 5 starts. Like the LB's, a lot of frosh played immediately. Surprisingly, the Huskies were able to stay at #13, allowing just 48.6% but with a 14-6 ratio. This year they must replace FS Williams (55 tkls, 4 tfl, 8 sts), CB Vontoure (5 sts, 27 tkls, 7 pbu) and SS Hakim Akbar (12 sts, 1 tkR, 6 tfl, 1st Tm P10, #5 DC of NE). Six players return with starting experience including Owen Biddle who was a walk-on who started in the Rose Bowl at SS. If they get Green back, whom I project as 1st Team FS, this unit has seven players back with starting experience. This has the

WASHINGTON 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Rich Alexis	128	832	16	816	9	6.4					
Willie Hurst	75	485	30	455	7	6.1					
Marques Tuiasosopo	141	695	226	469	7	3.3					
Paul Arnold	58	304	8	296	1	5.1					
Braxton Cleman	53	262	5	257	3	4.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Marques Tuiasosopo	345	186	54.0	2284	15	11					
Cody Pickett	4	3	75.0	23	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Todd Elstrom	51	707	13.9	4	43						
Jerramy Stevens	48	651	13.6	3	59						
Justin Robbins	23	272	11.8	4	34						
Wilbur Hooks	12	158	13.2	2	31						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Ryan Fleming	58	2207	38.1	—	33.5	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
John Anderson	5-6	5-7	4-6	0-0	14-19	42					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Hakim Akbar	106	0	6	2	0	J. Willis	33	0	4	1	0
Derrell Daniels	102	2	2	1	0	G. Carothers	33	1	0	1	1
C. Williams	55	1	3	0	0	Omara Lowe	30	0	1	10	2
Ben Mahdavi	53	2	4	0	0	M. Roberson	27	6	2	0	0
J. Pharms	48	5.5	4	2	0	A. Vontoure	27	1	3	7	0
L. Triplett	38	6.5	4	4	0	T. Krambrink	25	1.5	1	0	0
A. Kelley	35	4	3	2	0	D. Johnson	23	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Toure Butler	15	98	6.5	0	D. Johnson	25	607	24.3	0		

makings of a good group and is actually more experienced than last year's version but it will be difficult to replace Akbar. **SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Huskies ranked #33, #50 and #44 in my special teams rankings in the final 3 years under Lambright. Overall the special teams were poor in Neuheisel's first year, ranking #93 but did improve last year up to #69. The strength of the unit is the strong KO's of John Anderson (PS#9) as the team allowed just 20.5 per return. They really struggled in the punting department with Ryan Fleming having a net of just 33.5. This year's replacement, true frosh Derek McLaughlin, averaged 47.0 as a senior in HS and should be an improvement. Most of the top returners are back with the exception of top PR Touré Butler but he averaged just 6.5 on PR's. Anderson hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 42 last year and has a powerful leg as witnessed by his three 50+ yard FG's in 1999 including a school record 56 yarder. With basically everyone back, I look for this unit to strongly improve in the rankings in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I called the Huskies a co-favorite for the Pac 10 Title and that is exactly what they achieved as they finished in a 3 way tie for 1st place and made it to the Rose Bowl in Neuheisel's second season. Washington could make a case for being the 2nd best team in the country last year as they defeated Sugar Bowl champ Miami, Fla, the Fiesta Bowl champ Oregon St and won the Rose Bowl. That was a team with 16 returning starters and a veteran QB who had just missed out on a Rose Bowl bid in 1999 by being upset in the second to last game of the season as an 8' point favorite after having control of their Rose Bowl destiny. The Huskies stayed healthier last season thanks in part to the new Field Turf surface that was installed. They did have to overcome the loss of 7 scholarship players in August who departed for numerous reasons. Washington has had an amazing 24 consecutive years with at least a .500 record but had to feel fortunate to be in the Rose Bowl last year as in the 40 they trailed Colorado, Oregon St, Cal, Stanford and Arizona yet emerged victorious in all of those contests. They won 7 games by a TD or less and trailed in 9 of their 11 wins. Neuheisel's been the king of the comebacks as 14 of his 17 UW victories have been come from behind. Washington was the dominant team in the Pac 10 in the '90's with 11 wins more than any other school. Since 1990 the Huskies are 37-7-1 at Husky Stadium and led the Pac 10 in attendance once again last year. They have a new indoor facility ready for the fall which should help their practices in inclement weather. Neuheisel doesn't mind playing true frosh as 9 saw action last year and he has an excellent crop coming in this season. This year they lose 26 lettermen which is the most in the Pac 10 and have just 11 starters back which is the second fewest. They also must replace their super QB Marques Tuiasosopo. I like the QB candidates and the super VHT true frosh WR's who are coming in but the offense, which also must replace 4 starters from the front wall, will likely take a step back from the 32.3 ppg they scored last season. Defensively they have 6 starters back from last year's solid group and get the call as my second rated Pac 10 defense this year. They have a tough start to the season, opening with Michigan and Miami, Fla but despite the graduation losses they still have one of the most talented teams in the league and will once again be a Pac 10 Title contender.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
 WR Reggie Williams 6-4 215 PS#3
 WR Charles Frederick 6-0 190 PS#5
 QB Casey Paus 6-4 210 PS#14
 DL Tui Alailaalelua 6-4 270 PS#23
 RB Ty Eriks 6-2 220 PS#27
 OL Joe Toledo 6-5 287 PS#41
 OL Robin Meadow 6-5 305 PS#44
 OL Francisco Tipoti 6-5 295 PS#3C
 DB Evan Benjamin 6-0 200 PS#54
 TE Will Connell 6-4 220 PS#18
 DB James Sims 6-1 185 PS#61
 LB Manase Hopoi 6-4 240 PS#37
 OL Mike Savicky 6-5 270 PS#72
 DL Kai Ellis 6-3 245 PS#32JC
 QB Taylor Barton 6-2 205 PS#35JC

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Cody Pickett So. 6-4 205 PS#47, 4 passes, 3 gms as #2ly. Taylor Barton (6-2 205 Jr) PS#16 in '98. 3 passes at Colorado. Led JC tm to title ly, 2046 yds (63%), 24 TD's L6 games.
RB RICH ALEXIS SO. 6-0 215 1 yr of FB in HS, PS#114, 5 sts ly as true, #1 w/816 yds (6.4). Willie Hurst (5-10 200 Sr) PS#97, 16 sts, 1590 yds (4.4) 3Y. Ty Eriks is PS#27.
FB Braxton Cleman Sr. 6-0 215 PS#146, 253 yds as true, 2 sts ly, 257 yds (4.8), 11 rec (9.7). Dan McCourtie is PS#88. Spencer Marona PS#55LB. Ken Walker (6-1 230 Sr).
WR REGGIE WILLIAMS FR. 6-4 215 PS#3, 10.7 in 100m. Justin Robbins (6-0 180 So) PS#125, 10 sts as true, 23 rec (11.8). Chris Juergens (6-3 210 Jr) 31 rec (10.9) in '98, 45 rec (11.9) in '99.
WR TODD ELSTROM SR. 6-3 200 PS#45, 12 sts ly, #1 w/51 rec (13.9). Charles Frederick is PS#5. Wilbur Hooks (6-0 190 Jr) PS#104, 2 sts, 12 rec ly, Paul Arnold (6-1 200 Jr) PS#3RB, 4.2 speed.
TE JERRAMY STEVENS JR. 6-7 260 PS#37QB, 10 sts as rFr, 25 rec (13.5). 12 sts ly.
2nd Tm Pac 10 #2 w/48 rec (13.6). Turned down NFL. Joe Collier (6-7 260 Sr) 1 st, 3 rec ly.
C KYLE BENN SR. 6-3 300 PS#45, 500 bench, 9 games as rFr, 12 starts in 1999. 12 starts in 2000, 3 letters. Kevin Ware (6-3 275 Jr) PS#15TE, 1 rec as a true frosh.
RG Elliott Zajac Jr. 6-4 315 PS#98, 2nd string as rFr, 2nd string in 2000, 12 games, 2 letters. Nick Newton (6-4 315 So) PS#419, 2nd string ly. William Kava is PS#103.
LG Todd Bachert So. 6-4 305 PS#120 in '99, 2nd string C in 2000 after adding 35 lbs. Dan Dicks (6-5 320 rFr) PS#15 and added 30 lbs. Brad Vanneman is PS#79.
RT Ryan Brooks rFr. 6-6 300 PS#120 and added 10 pounds. Andre Reeves (6-5 320 rFr) PS#123. Khalif Barnes (6-5 285 rFr) PS#327DL, moved to OL in the spring.
LT Francisco Tipoti Jr. 6-5 295 PS#9JUCO, will enroll in fall (orig signed at Colorado). 1st Tm JC AA ly. Aaron Butler (6-4 325 rFr) PS#80. Robin Meadow is PS#44.
K JOHN ANDERSON JR. 6-2 185 PS#9, Hit 15 of 21 FG's & HM Pac 10 as true with THREE 50+ FG's including school record 56 yd'r! Hit 14 of 19 FG's with long of 42 last year.

DE Kai Ellis Jr. 6-2 235 rFr) was PS#34LB, Def Scout Team Player of the Year. Will Connell (PS#18TE).
DT Terry Johnson So. 6-4 275 PS#39, Added 35 pounds in 2000. Joshua Miller (6-3 280 rFr) was PS#78, injured last year. Missed spring, broken hand. Tusi Sa'Au (6-2 300 rFr) is PS#141.
NT LARRY TRIPLETT SR. 6-1 300 36 tkls, 7 tfl in '99, 12 sts ly, 3rd Tm AA, 38 tkls, 6.5 sks, 4 tfl, Jerome Stevens (6-3 300 So) 1 start, 2.5 tfl as true. Geoff Shelton (6-4 240 Jr) PS#107DL.
DE MARCUS ROBERSON SR. 6-4 260 PS#165JUCO, 10 starts last year, 27 tkls, 6 sks, 2 tfl, Junior Coffin (6-3 270 rFr) PS#461, added 25 pounds. Tui Alailaalelua is PS#23DL.
OLB ANTHONY KELLEY SR. 6-2 220 PS#47DB, PQ in '98, 25 tkls, 8 tfl as So, 3 sts ly, 35 tkls, 7 tfl, Jafar Williams (6-0 230 Sr) 11 sts in '99, 30 tkls, 2 tfl, 9 sts in 2000, 21 tkls, 2 tfl.
ILB BEN MAHDAVI JR. 6-2 235 Utah transfer. Walk-on. 9 sts ly, 53 tkls, 6 tfl.
Marquis Cooper (6-4 210 So) PS#112, 7 tkls as true. Tyler Krambrink (6-1 210 So) 25 tkls, 2.5 tfl.
LB Jamaun Willis Sr. 6-2 245 PS#123, 10 tackles as So, 1 start, 33 tkls, 4 tfl last year. Tim Galloway (6-2 230 rFr) was PS#102, 4.7. Matt Lingley (6-2 225 rFr) is PS#108.
CB OMARE LOWE SR. 6-1 205 PS#166, 3 sts, 32 tkls, 6 pbu in '98 & '99, 12 sts, 2 int, 10 pbu ly. Derrick Johnson (6-0 175 So) PS#177RB, 3 sts, 23 tkls ly. Lenny Haynes PS#104 in '97.
CB ROC ALEXANDER SR. 6-0 185 PS#123, 17 tkls, 3 pbu as true, 4.24 speed, 37*.
VL Chris Massey (5-11 170 So) was PS#165, 6 starts as rFr, 15 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 4.37 speed.
SS Greg Carothers So. 6-2 205 PS#122WR, Started L/4 as true, 33 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Owen Biddle (5-10 190 So) 1 start, 9 tkls as rFr. Dominic Shaw (5-11 215 So) PS#69.
FS Derrell Green Sr. 5-11 185 PS#68JC, 4 sts at CB in '99, 34 tkls, 2 pbu. Ace Ineligible ly. Jimmy Newell (6-1 195 So) PS#34, 11 tkls as true. Wondame Davis PS#44, 3 sts in '98.
P Derek McLaughlin Fr. 6-2 190 PS#16, Average 47.0 on punts in HS as senior. John Anderson was PS#9 and has a strong leg. Does FG's & KO's and will be a contender.

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Huskies are 3-5 ATS as non-conference underdogs.
The visitor in the Oregon series is 4-2 ATS.
Washington is 13-6 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Michigan	A												UW is 14-1 SU, 7-3 ATS in home openers. Could apply: Washington is 10-2 ATS in their L/12 as a home dog.
Sep. 15	at Miami (Fla)	G												Huskies are 6-9-1 ATS in their last 16 road openers. UW handed the Hurricanes their only SU loss last year.
Sep. 22	Idaho	A												Washington is 10-5-1 ATS the last 5 years in September. Vandals are now in the new Sun Belt Conf but were 5-6 SU & 3-6 ATSLY in the Big West.
Sep. 29	at California	G												Huskies have won 18 in a row SU vs the Golden Bears. Coming into 2001 UW had a 17-11-2 ATS mark away from the Space Needle.
Oct. 6	USC	A												Neuheisel is 13-19-1 ATS his last 33 tries as a home favorite. The dog is 11-3-1 ATS in the UW/USC series.
Oct. 13	at UCLA	G												The favorite is 5-2-1 ATS in the last 8 meetings in this series. Pending earlier results: UW is 9-4-1 ATS last 14 as an away fav.
Oct. 20	Arizona (HC)	A												UW is 8-2 SU the last 10 in this Pac 10 meeting but... ...the visitor has covered 5 of the last 6 ATS in the series.
Oct. 27	at Arizona St	G												Mention this ad & take \$15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. Could apply: Huskies are 22-12-1 ATS as a Pac 10 dog.
Nov. 3	Stanford	A												UW is 8-2 ATS in their last 9 meetings with Stanford. Huskies are 9-19-1 ATS in November since 1992.
Nov. 10	at Oregon St	A												The home team is just 2-10 ATS the last 12 in this series. Washington is 2-7 ATS in their last 9 road finales.
Nov. 17	Washington St	A												Huskies are 1-5-1 ATS in their final game in the Emerald City the L7Y. UW is just 2-7 ATS in this battle for the Apple Cup.
Nov. 24														

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-3-1	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	10-1	53-23-1
ATS	4-7	5-6	8-2-1	6-5	4-7	6-5	4-5-2	37-37-3
Home Fav	3-3	0-4	6-0	2-4	2-3	2-3	1-3-1	16-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	3-2
Away Fav	0-3	1-0	1-1	4-0	0-1	2-1	1-1-1	9-7-1
Away Dog	1-1	3-1	1-1-1	0-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	9-8-1
Favorite	3-6	1-4	7-1	6-4	2-4	4-4	2-4-2	25-27-2
Dog	1-1	4-2	1-1-1	0-1	2-3	2-1	2-1	12-10-1
Grass	1-2	3-1	1-1-1	3-1	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	12-9-2
Artificial	3-5	2-5	7-1	3-4	3-6	4-3	3-4-1	25-28-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-1-1	4-4	2-6	5-3	1-5-2	25-28-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	12-9
Off SU Win	3-4	3-3	6-2	5-2	1-4	4-2	3-4-2	25-21-2
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-1	2-0	0-3	2-3	2-2	0-1	9-12

Coach: RICK NEUHEISEL (Career 51-20) Neuheisel's records AT WASHINGTON

3rd Year at Washington	3-6-1	Home Favorite
18-6 Straight Up	2-0	Home Underdog
10-10-2 Vs The Spread	3-2-1	Away Favorite
2-3 Off A S/U Loss	2-2	Away Underdog
6-8-2 Vs Conference	4-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Holiday	+6	Colorado	21-33	L
97	Aloha	-5	Michigan St	51-23	W
98	Oahu	+3	Air Force	25-45	L
99	Holiday	+10	Kansas St	20-24	W
00	Rose	-1	Purdue	34-27	W

WASHINGTON (11-1) CONFERENCE: PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 51 (25,24,2)

Lost: 26 (11,14,1)



WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STG	PTS	FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET	STG	PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	32.3	22	216	4.8	192	54.2	12.7	-3	2000	7	22.5	18	136	3.8	214	48.6	15.5	
5	27.6	21	180	4.2	206	57.9	14.0	-2	1999	6	25.2	20	139	3.9	246	53.8	15.4	
4*	25.3	19	134	3.7	227	53.7	14.3	-8	1998	5	28.6	20	140	3.5	271	54.4	14.4	
7*	35.0	19	173	4.5	247	59.5	12.0	+6	1997	8	21.6	18	113	3.0	229	52.4	15.8	
5	32.6	20	212	4.4	194	50.7	12.4	+8	1996	7	21.2	18	98	2.8	231	51.5	15.5	
6*	26.0	19	159	4.1	233	61.9	15.1	+13	1995	6	23.3	20	159	3.9	227	55.2	16.6	

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Idaho	24	44-239	5.4	17-31	235	2	19	33-145	4.4	23-30	256	3	+4
Miami (Fla)	21	46-128	2.8	18-31	223	3	18	33-158	4.8	15-34	215	4	0
at Colorado	24	49-205	4.2	15-29	200	2	16	35-69	2.0	15-27	174	6	-2
at Oregon	14	28-111	4.0	14-37	229	2	16	52-229	4.4	9-22	119	1	-3
Oregon St	31	47-281	6.0	20-32	223	2	20	40-160	4.0	13-25	314	4	0
at Arizona St	10	42-186	4.4	13-30	110	2	16	38-60	1.6	15-46	202	4	0
California	23	42-113	2.7	19-35	225	5	17	29-132	4.6	14-32	213	2	+2
at Stanford	22	42-170	4.0	15-26	216	2	19	44-182	4.1	13-30	166	1	-1
Arizona	18	30-211	7.0	17-34	196	2	26	51-263	5.2	13-34	208	2	-3
UCLA	26	64-349	5.5	12-19	111	1	19	24-71	3.0	22-38	298	4	0
at Washington St	28	53-336	6.3	11-21	190	1	12	28-88	3.1	12-28	122	2	0
Purdue (Bowl)	23	52-268	5.2	18-24	149	1	19	28-76	2.7	23-39	275	2	0
TOTALS	264	539-2597	4.8	189-349	2307	25	217	435-1633	3.8	187-385	2562	35	-3
AVERAGES	22.0	45-216	4.8	16-29	192	2.1	18.1	36-136	3.8	16-32	214	2.9	-0.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+3	42-45	T
BYU	-3	29-17	W
Arizona	-5	31-17	W
Stanford	-12	27-6	W
at Notre Dame	+10	20-54	L
UCLA	-6	41-21	W
at Oregon	-6	33-14	W
at USC	+3	21-10	W
Oregon St	-23	42-3	W
San Jose St	-37	53-10	W
at Washington St	-10	31-24	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	-8	42-20	W
San Diego St	-23	36-3	W
Nebraska	-4	14-27	L
Arizona St	-15	26-14	L
at California	-16	30-3	W
at Arizona	-11	58-28	W
at Oregon St	-24	45-17	W
USC	-17	27-0	W
Oregon	-21	28-31	L
at UCLA	+2	28-52	L
Washington St	-6	35-41	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6	42-38	W
BYU	-9	20-10	W
at Nebraska	+13	7-55	L
Arizona	-2	28-31	L
Utah St	-21	53-12	W
California	-9	21-13	L
Oregon St	-16	35-34	L
at USC	+6	10-33	L
at Oregon	+6	22-27	W
UCLA	+6	24-36	L
at Washington St	-9	16-9	L

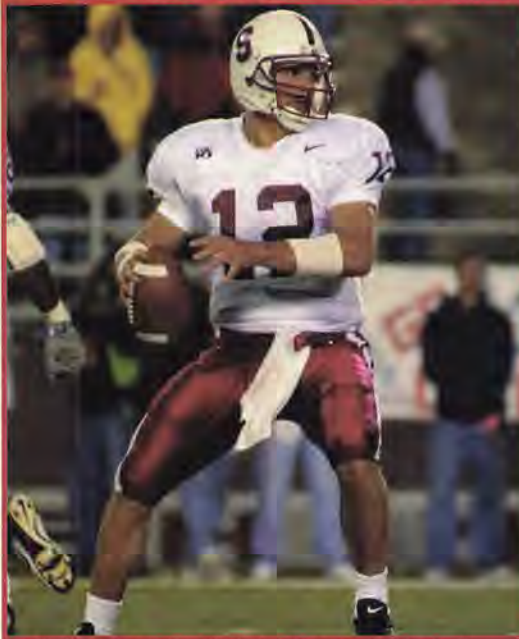
1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3	28-35	L
Air Force	-4	21-31	L
Colorado	+3	31-24	W
Oregon	-2	34-20	W
at Oregon St	-2	47-21	W
Arizona St	-10	7-28	L
at California	-3	31-27	W
Stanford	-3	35-30	W
at Arizona	+5	33-25	W
at UCLA	-8	20-23	L
Washington St	-14	24-14	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-22	44-20	W
Miami (Fla)	+3	34-29	W
at Colorado	+4	17-14	W
at Oregon	+2	16-23	L
Oregon St	-9	33-30	L
at Arizona St	-6	21-15	T
California	-16	36-24	L
at Stanford	-7	31-28	L
Arizona	-7	35-32	L
UCLA	-7	35-28	T
at Washington St	-8	51-3	W

STANFORD CARDINAL



Can QB Randy Fasanelli bring Stanford out of the red and back to a bowl?

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last season the Cardinal had to replace Todd Husak who set a few passing records and led the team to the Rose Bowl. Joe Borchard was supposed to be the starting QB but was signed by the White Sox to a baseball only contract. Randy Fasanelli, who is one of the best athletes on the team, has seen action at LB, TE, special teams as well as QB in his career. Last year he had 8 starts and threw for 1,400 yards (52%) with an 11-6 ratio while also rushing for 279 yards. He did all that despite the fact that he had a knee injury and missed 3 games after surgery and he finished only 4 of his 8 starts. When Fasanelli started the team averaged 29.8 ppg and was 5-3 SU. Without him they averaged just 7.6 ppg with an 0-3 SU record. In fairness to Chris Lewis (PS#2) who had the other 3 starts, he did take on the defenses of Arizona, ND and Oreg St. Lewis threw for just 1,179 yards (45%) with an 8-5 ratio but did lead comeback wins vs both Texas and USC. They were almost forced to take the redshirt off huge Teyo Johnson (6-7 256 rFr) who was PS#8DL and plays on Stanford's basketball team. Ryan Eklund (6-7 205 rFr) was PS#107. Fasanelli should be 100% recovered so his mobility will be an added threat for the offense. This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 the Cardinal averaged just 76 ypg and 2.4 ypc rushing. In their Rose Bowl season they made big strides rushing for 140 ypg (3.9). Last year everyone returned to this position but surprisingly they were a little weaker, averaging 139 ypg but only 3.4 ypc. Kerry Carter (PS#45) would have been rated higher coming out of HS but he played in Canada. After rushing for 333 yards as a true freshman he did not start a game last year but led the team with 729 yards (4.1). Brian Allen, who has breakout speed, led the team in rushing in 1999 with 608 (5.0) and last year had 460 yards (3.9) in 11 starts. They both may have to step aside for rFr Brandon Royster who was PS#10. Justin Faust (6-0 200 So) was PS#101 and Kenneth Tolon (6-1 190 Jr) was PS#158. Casey Moore became the first FB since Tommy Vardell to gain 100 yards in a game and it looks like he could be yet another NFL prospect for Stanford at this position. With everyone back and the addition of Royster plus 2 VHT true freshmen they could have their best rushing totals in the Willingham era.

RECEIVERS - The Cardinal had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers last year, including Troy Walters who was simply the Pac 10's all-time leading receiver. Last year this unit was basically a one man show. DeRonnie Pitts led the team

with 77 rec's which was almost 4 times as many as the #2 man and he leaves as the Pac 10's second all-time leading receiver. Pitts was not the gamebreaking threat like Walters, who averaged 19.6 in 1999 while Pitts averaged 11.5. He departs but was not an NFL draftee but did sign a free agent contract with the Chargers. Fasanelli had said about last year's team, "we don't have the big play receivers." Five of the top 6 receivers are back although they also lose starting TE Russell Stewart (6 sts, 8 rec). Luke Powell is speedy and diminutive just like Walters and figures to be the go-to man. Powell averaged 27.9 on his 18 rec's in 2000! Teyo Johnson (PS#8DL) moved to WR from QB at the end of spring and had 2 TD rec's in the spring game using his 6-7 frame as an edge. Also watch Nick Sebes (5-11 175 rFr) who was PS#24QB and might be one of the team's fastest players. I list the two deep below and they're well stocked at TE with a couple of VHT's ready to replace Stewart. This unit could be stronger than last year, even with the loss of Pitts.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cardinal had to replace two 1st Team Pac 10 players, both of whom were 4 year starters, at the crucial C and LT positions. They had 3 starters returning but they struggled gaining just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks, both steps down from the 1999 version. This year all 5 starters return plus two key backups. They will also likely work Kwame Harris into the lineup as he was PS#1 last year and was 2nd string as a true freshman. I list the 2 deep below and it is possible the positions could shuffle some in the fall but as you can tell this group is loaded with talent as well as experience. There are 3 VHT starters in the Projected Starting Lineups and also 3 players who are now 3 year starters. This should be one of the best OL's in the Pac 10 this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cardinal defense has been much maligned for good reason throughout the years but their strength in 1999 was their D-line the "Trench Dogs." In 1999 that unit had 3 of 4 starters returning and only allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while also contributing heavily to the school record 56 sacks. Last year 5 of the top 6 returned including star Willie Howard and they had to replace just one starter. The front 4 averaged 284 lbs per man last year and they added a VHT transfer from Northwestern. Surprisingly the sacks dropped to 37 for the defense and they allowed 3.9 ypc. This year they must replace Howard (11 sts, 3rd TM AA, 5 sks & #2 DC MIN) as well as DE Sam Benner (9 sts, 17 tkls, 1 sk). Not only will Howard's talents be missed, but so will his inspiration as he invented the "Trench Dogs" nickname. Five players return with starting experience including three 5th year seniors on the D-line. Willingham signed 2 VHT's but looking at his past history he seems to redshirt almost all true freshmen. I look for Craig Albrecht to make a much bigger contribution as he was bothered by injuries in his first year here. Despite the losses, this is still an experienced group and with five VHT's in the top 8 they could even improve on their numbers against the run.

LINEBACKERS - In their Rose Bowl season Stanford basically had 3 starters returning to this unit but last year had to replace the ILB duo who were the #1 and #3 tacklers but returned OLB Riall Johnson who had 14 sacks in 1999. This year only Johnson (11 sts, 52 tkls, 15 sks, 1st TM Pac 10 & #6 DC of CIN) departs. The top 4 ILB's all return, although 2 backups combined for just 2 tackles. Coy Wire did a great job in his first year after moving over from RB and is the first player in Stanford history to lead the team in rushing one year and then in tackles later in his career. He should be even stronger at LB with a year of seasoning. Also watch rFr Amon Gordon (PS#8) and possibly true freshman Michael Craven who simply is PS#1LB. This year I project Craven at OLB and playing immediately despite Willingham's penchant for redshirting signees. Johnson had almost half of the team's sacks last year but overall the LB corps should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1995 and 1996 the Cardinal finished #16 and #17 in my pass D rankings, showing that Willingham can produce a top-notch secondary. After dropping to #31 and #53 the next few years they returned all 4 starters in 1999 but still slipped to #61. Last year they had to replace 3 starters although one had lost his job over the final 5 games so basically 2 starters returned. The Cardinal finally moved up in the rankings, allowing just 52.8% with a 16-17 ratio to finish #32 as they added speed to the secondary. This year the only loss is SS Aaron Focht (11 sts, 69 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu). I list the 2 deep below which includes 6 players with starting experience and the star is FS Tank Williams who has NFL potential. This group should continue to rise in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Willingham's first 3 years here the Cardinal finished 18th, 24th and 11th in my special teams rankings. They have slipped as of late, dropping to #100 in 1998, #102 in 1999 and last year they were #82. A lot of exciting things happen on special teams in Stanford games as in the past 3 years they have blocked 7 punts, but also had 4 blocked against them. They

STANFORD 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Kerry Carter	179	770	41	729	6	4.1					
Brian Allen	117	514	54	460	0	3.9					
Casey Moore	50	230	6	224	3	4.5					
Randy Fasani	55	279	156	123	2	2.2					
Emory Brock	6	19	0	19	0	3.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Randy Fasani	180	93	51.7	1400	11	6					
Chris Lewis	204	92	45.1	1179	8	5					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
DeRonnie Pitts	77	882	11.5	8	45						
Ryan Wells	19	201	10.6	2	26						
Luke Powell	18	502	27.9	3	76						
Jamien McCullum	14	250	17.9	3	75						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Mike Biselli	36	1340	37.2	-	32.0	1	8				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Biselli	5-7	1-1	1-4	0-0	7-12	42					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Coy Wire	81	8	6	4	1	Ruben Carter	39	0	1	8	1
Aaron Focht	69	0	3	7	3	M. Hoover	30	0	4	0	0
Tank Williams	66	1	2	5	3	Simba Hodari	24	2	4	1	0
Riall Johnson	52	15	5	2	0	M. Leonard	21	2	4	2	0
Willie Howard	52	5	4	3	1	Brian Taylor	19	0	0	10	3
R. Fernandez	48	0	2	9	3	A. Gabriel	17	0	4	0	0
M. Friedrichs	42	0	4	3	2	Sam Benner	17	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
DeRonnie Pitts	16	81	5.1	0	Ryan Wells	22	494	22.5	0		

have also scored 4 TD's but had 8 TD's against them. They've struggled in net punting in the last 3 years averaging just 32.8, 30.9 and 32.0. Sean Tolpinrud began the 2000 season as the starting punter but lost his job and Mike Biselli and Eric Johnson took his place with 36 and 25 punts respectively. Biselli's venture into the punting game seemed to hurt his FG accuracy. After hitting 15 of 19 in 1999 with a long of 52, he hit only 7 of 12 last year with a long of 42. I look for Biselli to return to his 1st TM Pac 10 form of 1999 in the FG department. Greg Davis (6-3 215 So) was PS#18 and will back him up. I look for a punter to emerge this year and I list a few below. DeRonnie Pitts was the top PR and departs but only averaged 5.1 ypr while Luke Powell averaged 10.6 on 9 returns. Ryan Wells led the team in KR's and is back. Stanford should move up in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

If there is one thing consistent about Coach Willingham's tenure here at Stanford it's been to expect the unexpected. When preseason expectations are low, the Cardinal do well. When preseason expectations are high, they struggle. In 1999 they were picked for 8th in the Pac 10 and opened with a 69-17 loss to Texas but ended up in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1972 and the offense set a school record with 409 points. Last year was the first year that Willingham's squad matched expectations as they were generally called for a lower half Pac 10 finish and they finished the season just 5-6. Willingham is 13-7 SU in November including a perfect 6-0 against hated rival Cal but just 20-25-1 prior to Nov 1st. They were 4-4 in Pac 10 play last year which was good enough for 4th place in a much improved conference (behind 3 Top 10 teams). In 4 of Willingham's six years they've now finished in the top 4 of the Pac 10 and have led the league with the least amount of penalties for 5 straight years. Expectations will be high this year as only one Pac 10 team has more returning starters than Stanford (16) and the Cardinal lose just 14 lettermen. Last season they had just 7 seniors out of their top 44 players while this year 19 seniors are in the 2 deep. In the first 10 games last year Stanford had more FD's, more rushing and passing yards than their opponents but still were 4-6 with 2 comeback upsets including one over #5 Texas. Nine starters are back on offense and they should be much more potent than last year's 23.7 ppg and they have one of the deepest QB rotations in the country. Defensively the Cardinal have been much maligned for years but with 7 starters back and losing just 5 lettermen, they figure to have their toughest unit since 1996 when they allowed just 19.1 ppg. Stanford has had 16 or more starters returning in only one other year in recent memory and that was their Rose Bowl season, so this team will be a clear contender for the Pac 10 title and should find itself back in the postseason in 2001.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB RANDY FASANELLI SR. 6-4 235 PS#2. 169 yds at QB/TE in 98, 9.8 sts ly, 1400 yds (52%), 279 rush. **Chris Lewis** (6-3 205 So) PS#2. 3 sts as rFr, 1179 yds (45%), 8-5 ratio. 6-2 235 PS#45. 4 sts as true, 333 yds (3.6). #1 ly w/729 yds (4.1). Brian Allen (5-10 200 Sr) 21 sts, 1222 yds, 3 yrs. **Brandon Royster** (6-0 195 rFr) PS#10. **FB CASEY MOORE JR.** 6-2 240 10 sts in 99, 190 yds (7.6), 12 rec (11.0). 11 sts in 00, 224 yds (4.5), 8 rec. Jared Newberry (6-2 230 rFr) PS#11BL. Chris Rudiger is PS#15LB. **WR Luke Powell So.** 5-8 165 PS#9. 18 rec & 27.9 avg as rFr. Caleb Bowman (6-1 185 Jr) PS#65, 11 rec (14.1). **Nick Sebes** (5-11 175 rFr) PS#24QB, 10.5 in 100m. **WR RYAN WELLS JR.** 6-0 195 PS#63, 5 rec in 99, 7 sts ly, 98 rec (10.6), 494 return yds, solid blk'r. **Jamien McCullum** (6-0 190 Sr) PS#72. 2 sts at FS in 99, 4 sts @ WR ly. **TE Brett Pierce So.** 6-2 245 PS#9, 3 sts as rFr, 7 rec (5.9). Darin Naajies (7 240 So) PS#4, 6 rec (10.8) as rFr. Matt Wright (6-5 260 Sr) PS#34. 2 sts ly. Alex Smith PS#34 ly. **C ZACK QUACIA JR.** 6-4 290 PS#274. 12 sts at LG in 99, 5 sts at C in 2000. **3at LG (inj.) Mike Holman** (6-3 285 Jr) PS#215. L/5 sts at C ly. Tim Kolich (6-6 245 Jr) PS#21TE. **RG ERIC HEITMANN SR.** 6-4 295 PS#12. 2nd string as true, 12 sts in 99, 11 sts at RG last year. **2nd TM Pac 10.** Dustin Stinson (6-3 290 So) PS#177DL, added 25 lbs. **LG GREG SCHINDLER JR.** 6-6 310 PS#39. 11 starts at RT as rFr. 11 starts at RT in 2000. **Paul Weinacht** (6-5 280 Jr) was PS#68, 2nd string as rFr, 8 starts at LG in 2000. **RT KWAME HARRIS SO.** 6-7 320 PS#10L, 2nd string as true. Great size, speed and athleticism. Edmond O'Neal (6-4 265 So) was PS#351OL, 2nd string LG & LT in 2000. **LT KIRK CHAMBERS SO.** 6-7 295 PS#242OL in 97, 2 year LDS mission. 11 starts here as true frosh, 22 years old. Mike Sullivan (6-7 310 So) was PS#63OL in 1999. **K MIKE BISELLI SR.** 5-10 195 PS#18. Hit 15 of 19 FG's in 99, long of 52. 1st Team Pac 10. Only 7 of 12 in 2000, long of 42 (1-4 from 40+) but did have to P as well.

DE Austin Lee Sr. 6-6 270 PS#6TE. 1 start, 3 sks, 4 tfl in 98, 7 sts, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 26 tkls in 99, 3 sts, 4 tfl in 2000. **Drew Taylor** (6-6 260 So) PS#81. Scott Schaffrath PS#92OL. **DT Craig Albrecht Jr.** 6-5 295 PS#9DL & orig at NWestern. 1 st here ly (both-ered by inj's) 4 tkls, 1 tfl. **Travis Pfeiffer** (6-4 274 Sr) PS#65OL, 5 sts last year, 10 tkls, 1 tfl. **NT MATT LEONARD JR.** 6-4 290 PS#11DL. 1 start, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr, 6 starts last year, 21 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. **Trey Freeman** (6-3 312 Jr) PS#161, 9 tkls, 2 tfl last year. **DE MARCUS HOOVER SR.** 6-4 265 PS#46. 13 tkls as rFr, 4 sts in 99, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. Last 3 yrs ly, 30 tkls, 4 tfl. **Will Svitek** (6-7 235 rFr) PS#17TE. Louis Hobson was PS#216 in 99. **OLB Anthony Gabriel Sr.** 6-3 240 PS#202. 13 tkls in 98 & 99, 5 sts in 2000, 17 tkls, 4 tfl. **Michael Craven** is PS#1LB! 13 sks as a senior in HS. David Bergeron (6-4 245 rFr) PS#36. **ILB COY WIRE SR.** 6-1 215 PS#67RB. 7 sts at RB in 2Y & #1 rush in 99, 10 sts at LB ly, #1 w/81 tkls, 8 sks, 6 tfl, HM Pac 10. **Brian Gattney** (6-2 233 So) PS#87LB, 1 tfl. **ILB MATT FRIEDRICHS SR.** 6-1 242 PS#196LB, 43 tkls, 3 tfl in 98 & 99, 17 sts ly, 42 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int. **Amon Gordon** (6-4 280 rFr) PS#8LB. **Jake Covault** (6-3 225 So) PS#166LB. **CB RUBEN CARTER SR.** 5-8 170 PS#250. 8 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 4 int, 5 sts in 99, 2 int, 12 pbu. 9 sts ly, 39 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. **Garry Cobb** (5-11 180 Jr) PS#117, 2 tfl last year. **CB RYAN FERNANDEZ SR.** 5-11 175 PS#91WR. 2 rec as true, 12 tkls in 99, 11 pbu, 48 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 100% healthy. **Brian Taylor** (5-11 183 Sr) PS#35, 5 sts, 47 tkls, 17 pbu, 3Y. **SS Simba Hodari Sr.** 6-1 202 PS#142. 4 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 3 tfl, 7 tkls in 99, 24 tkls, 2 tfl ly. **Colin Branch** (6-0 200 Jr) PS#107, 6 tkls, 2 yrs. **Jim Johnson** (5-10 180 So) PS#43. **FS TANK WILLIAMS SR.** 6-3 215 PS#165. 24 tkls as true, 7 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 11 sts ly, 66 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 2nd Team Pac 10, NFL potential. **Jason White** (6-0 184 Jr) 2 sts, 5 tkls ly. **P ERIC JOHNSON SO.** 5-11 165 PS#17. 43.2 avg as Sr in HS, 3 sts ly, 25 punts, 34.0 avg as rFr, 4 inside 20. **Mike Biselli** had 36 punts (37.2) ly. **Greg Davis** was PS#18 in 99.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Stanford is 11-26 ATS as a favorite the last 8 years.
The dog has covered 6 of 8 with 1 Pick'em in the Oregon St series.
Stanford is 13-2-1 ATS after playing USC.
Cardinal is 3-7 ATS in home openers the last 10 years.
Stanford is 7-2 ATS off a SU loss the L2Y.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score STAN Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G S	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Boston College	G												Cardinal is 10-22 ATS as home chalk since 1992. Stanford is 1-7 ATS in season openers.
Sep. 15	at San Jose St	G												Could apply here: Stanford is 3-7 ATS as an AF the last 7 years. Cardinal is 2-6 ATS in their first away game.
Sep. 22	Arizona St	G												Pending the opener, Willingham has a 7-14 ATS record as a HF. Stanford is 3-6 ATS L/9 vs the Sun Devils, but 3-0 L3Y.
Sep. 29	at USC	G												Cardinal is 5-22-1 SU vs USC, but 3-2 over the last 5 years. Stanford is 1-5 ATS their last 6 prior to a bye, but won last year.
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Wash St (HC)	G												Cardinal is 12-24-1 ATS in October since 1992. Elway's alma mater is 9-0 ATS & 8-1 SU vs the Cougars.
Oct. 20	at Oregon	A												The visitor is 6-2 ATS in this series. Possibly pending earlier results, Cardinal is 17-9-1 ATS as an AD the L7Y.
Oct. 27	UCLA	G												Stanford is 4-11 ATS their L/15 when hosting fellow California schools. The home team is 3-15-1 ATS in this series since 1982.
Nov. 3	at Washington	A												Pending the Oregon outcome, Cardinal is 2-7 ATS their L/9 on art turf. Stanford is 38-15 ATS their last 53 games in November.
Nov. 10	at Arizona	G												Cardinal is an impressive 11-0 ATS in road finales. Stanford is 3-8 ATS vs the Wildcats since 1987.
Nov. 17	California	G												The underdog is 9-2 ATS S/90 & the visitor has covered 8 of 9 gms. Stanford is 16-2 ATS in the 2nd to last game of the year.
Nov. 24	Notre Dame	G												They are 2-0 SU, 1-1 ATS, most recent was '99, also vs ND. This is only the 3rd time in 20 yrs Stanford has a game after Cal.

STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (85,500) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-7-1	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	3-8	8-3	5-6	37-38-2
ATS	4-6-1	6-5	4-7	4-7	5-6	6-5	8-3	37-39-1
Home Fav	1-0	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	8-14
Home Dog	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-0	3-0	9-9
Away Fav	0-2	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-7
Away Dog	2-1-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	17-9-1
Favorite	1-2	3-4	1-4	1-5	1-1	2-3	2-2	11-21
Dog	3-4-1	3-1	3-3	3-2	4-5	4-2	6-1	26-18-1
Grass	2-5-1	4-5	4-4	3-6	5-5	6-4	7-2	31-31-1
Artificial	2-1	2-0	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	6-8
vs Conf	3-4-1	4-4	4-4	2-6	4-4	6-2	6-2	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-2	0-3	2-1	8-13
Off SU Win	0-2	3-3	3-2	3-1	1-1	4-3	2-2	16-14
Off SU Loss	3-3	2-1	1-4	1-5	4-4	2-1	5-1	18-19

STANFORD (5-6)

CONFERENCE:
PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9* Returning: 40 (19,20,1)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 14 (8,5,1)

LETTERMEN:



STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF YPP	OFF %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
7	23.7	20	139	3.4	237	48.3	15.8	0	2000	6	26.7	18	147	3.9	219	52.8	13.7
8*	34.8	21	140	3.9	309	56.4	12.8	+10	1999	10	30.3	22	154	3.7	288	53.7	14.6
5	23.7	22	76	2.4	320	51.3	16.7	+2	1998	3	33.2	21	181	4.4	263	57.1	13.4
6*	25.1	20	110	3.0	244	57.5	14.1	-9	1997	6	28.8	20	165	4.2	220	55.2	13.4
6	20.6	18	112	3.0	215	60.8	15.8	+7	1996	7	19.1	19	125	3.1	217	52.2	17.9
5	28.7	20	158	3.7	224	58.2	13.3	+4	1995	8	25.6	23	180	4.2	228	52.9	15.9

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Washington St	17	38-118	3.1	17-28	256	3	16	36-91	2.5	20-36	161	4	+1
San Jose St	28	44-241	5.5	18-42	373	2	16	34-284	8.4	18-30	199	2	-2
Texas	18	37-60	1.6	15-37	255	1	16	28-13	0.5	21-46	330	6	+2
Arizona	13	30-68	2.3	14-32	177	3	17	46-192	4.2	12-23	198	0	-3
at Notre Dame	18	29-142	4.9	19-43	242	0	16	50-166	3.3	10-18	100	2	-2
at Oregon St	22	49-148	3.0	18-33	185	3	21	37-147	4.0	14-26	324	2	-2
USC	26	55-198	3.6	20-41	223	4	17	29-230	7.9	15-30	190	2	0
Washington	19	44-182	4.1	13-30	166	3	22	42-170	4.0	15-26	216	3	+1
at UCLA	25	40-178	4.5	23-46	317	1	22	40-117	2.9	17-28	346	4	-1
Arizona St	18	45-145	3.2	17-30	169	4	14	34-23	0.7	13-38	151	9	+2
at California	11	41-48	1.2	12-23	242	4	17	37-181	4.9	22-34	195	3	+4
TOTALS	215	452-1528	3.4	186-385	2605	28	194	413-1614	3.9	177-335	2410	37	0
AVERAGES	19.5	41-139	3.4	17-35	237	2.5	17.6	38-147	3.9	16-30	219	3.4	0.0

Coach: TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 35-33-1) Willingham's records AT STANFORD

7th Year at Stanford	7-14	Home Favorite	
35-33-1	Straight Up	8-6	Home Underdog
33-33	Vs The Spread	3-5	Away Favorite
15-16	Off A S/U Loss	15-8	Away Underdog
26-22	Vs Conference	7-11	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Aloha	-4'	Georgia Tech	17-18	L
92	Blockbuster	-1	Penn St	24-3	W
95	Liberty	-3'	E Carolina	13-19	L
96	Sun	+7	Michigan St	38-0	W
99	Rose	+14	Wisconsin	9-17	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	-6	10-17	L	San Jose St	-30	28-12	L	San Jose St	-15'	23-35	L	at Texas	+10	17-69	L	at Washington St	-2	24-10	W
San Jose St	-27	25-12	L	at N Carolina	+13	17-28	W	Arizona	+7'	14-31	L	Washington St	-6'	54-17	W	San Jose St	-17'	27-40	L
at Wisconsin	+8	0-14	L	at Oregon St	-11'	27-24	L	N Carolina	+8	37-34	W	at Arizona	+13	50-22	W	Texas	+13	27-24	W
at Washington	+12'	6-27	L	Oregon	-8'	58-49	W	at Oregon	+17	28-63	L	UCLA	+1	42-32	W	Arizona	-1'	3-27	L
Oregon	-5	27-24	L	Notre Dame	+1	33-15	W	at Notre Dame	+17	17-35	L	San Jose St	-19	39-44	L	at Notre Dame	+11'	14-20	W
at Oregon St	-9	12-26	L	at Arizona	-3'	22-28	L	Oregon St	E	23-30	L	Oregon St	-8	21-17	L	at Oregon St	+9	6-38	L
Arizona St	+14	9-41	L	Arizona St	-1'	14-31	L	at Arizona St	+15'	38-44	W	at USC	+7'	35-31	W	USC	+5'	32-30	W
at UCLA	+13	21-20	W	UCLA	+6	7-27	L	at UCLA	+28'	24-28	W	at Washington	+3	30-35	L	Washington	+7	28-31	W
USC	+7'	24-20	W	at USC	+3'	21-45	L	USC	+10'	9-34	L	at Arizona St	+2'	50-30	W	at UCLA	+8	35-37	W
Washington St	-1	33-17	W	at Washington St	+15	28-38	W	Washington St	-7	38-28	W	California	-10'	31-13	W	Arizona St	-2	29-7	W
at California	+2'	42-21	W	California	-3'	21-20	L	at California	+7	10-3	W	Notre Dame	-5'	40-37	L	at California	+1'	36-30	W

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QB Joey Harrington will have opponents ducking in his senior season, which should be his best yet.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Bellotti split the snaps between AJ Feeley (7 starts, 259 att) and Joey Harrington (PS#38) who had 158 attempts (53.2%) for 1,180 yards with a 10-3 ratio. Harrington started the final 4 games of 1999 and never relinquished the starting job last year. After 5 games he completed just 47% but had a big game vs USC, throwing for 382 yards and finished with 2,967 yards (53%) with a 22-14 ratio. Harrington set the school record for most TD passes in a game (6) and finished 16th in the NCAA in total offense (#1 in the Pac 10). After a 145.5 pass efficiency rating in 1999 he dropped to 125.4 last year but he is 14-2 SU as a starter. His ratio was 20-8 prior to the season finale vs Ore St where he had 5 int's and one fumble. Harrington returns for his senior season and should have his best season yet. Feeley (#5DC of PHI) saw action in just 2 games last year throwing for 87 yards. Chris Lombardo (6-1 212 Fr) was PS#66 last year but did not enroll until this year and was in for the spring. He will battle for the backup spot with Jason Fife (6-4 212 So) who was #162 in '99. Scott Vossmeier (6-3 205 rFr) was PS#129. This year's super signee is Kellen Clemens (PS#71) and it will be interesting to see if he is redshirted or given some experience to prepare for the starting job next year. Harrington was deemed better than an NFL draft choice, so he better have a big year, and I do expect solid numbers from this spot.

RUNNING BACKS - Coach Bellotti has had a lot of success with JUCO RB's. In 1997, Saladin McCullough became the first UO RB to lead the Pac 10 in rushing since 1971. Reuben Droughns was PS#5JC and rushed for 1,234 (4.5) in 1999. Last year Bellotti went the JUCO route again, bringing in PS#3JC Maurice Morris. Bellotti said Morris had McCullough's speed and Droughns' ability to break tackles! I made him 2nd Team Pac 10 before he even took a snap and he did not disappoint. Morris had bruised ribs, a shoulder ailment, a sprained toe and a laceration on his thumb during the year and while never 100% was still #25 in the NCAA in rushing with 1,188 yds (4.2). In the first 5 games Morris rushed for 125 ypg but over the last 7 a beat up Morris rushed for 80.2 ypg. A healthy Morris could be the Pac 10's best back this year. Top backup Allan Amundson returns as does the top FB who I list below but backup FB Adam Kannybrew has left the team and will not play for medical reasons. Mario McDowell (6-0 205 rFr) was PS#83. Ryan Shaw (5-11 190 So) was PS#177 and had 30 yards as a true frosh. The big news is the addition of TB Onterio Smith who was PS#22 and had 189 yards (6.1) at Tennessee as a true frosh and is eligible after sitting out last year after transferring. Bellotti will have to find ways to get both Morris and Smith on the field at the same time and this could be the Pac 10's top RB corps!

RECEIVERS - The Ducks always seem to find quality WR's. In 1998 and 1999 they had to replace 2 of 3 starters and 3 of their top 4 WR's but last

year only had to replace their #1 WR. This year they must replace their #2 receiver as Marshaun Tucker (51 rec, 17.3 ypc, HM Pac 10) departs. Tucker had 30 of his rec's in the last 4 weeks including tying a school record with 11 vs Ariz St. Keenan Howry (PS#46) figures to be the go-to man after finishing 3rd on the team in rec's in 1998 and 1st last year. I list the rest of the two deep below and once again Bellotti has a lot of talent to choose from, including a quartet of HT rFr and 3 HT true frosh. I list the top 3 TE's below and any of them would make a quality starter including rFr VHT Walden. Surprisingly, the receiving corps had 10 dropped passes vs Wisconsin which Bellotti flatly stated cost them the game but eventually they lived up to their advance billing. This group looks to be in even better shape than it was last season and I'll call it improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last season UO had to replace 3 starters from the 1999 unit that allowed just 16 sacks and had a 3.9 ypc. That 1999 unit was banged up and many players started. Last year they had 3 players returning with 7 or more starts. OL Coach Neal Zomboukos has been here 21 years and last year they led the Pac 10 with the fewest amount of QB sacks allowed (18) and averaged 3.8 ypc rushing despite the fact that they had 5 different starting lineups during the year with 7 different players. This year they must replace OT Lee Gundy (12 sts, 3 yr str) and C Jeff Austin (7 sts). Five players return with starting experience including 3 who started 10 or more games last year and if they can keep Mike Belisle healthy (missed most of L2Y with inj) he would be a fine addition to the unit. Bellotti also has some top-notch rFr to plug in for depth. This group looks even stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - One thing Mike Bellotti has done well the past couple of years is develop this unit. I must admit that last year when I looked at the fact that they had to replace 3 starters from the front wall, I thought teams would be able to run quite effectively on them. Instead UO went from allowing 3.9 ypc to just 3.4 last year. The front got bigger as it averaged 278 lbs across. This year their losses are heavy again. Those departing include star DE Saul Patu (12 sts, 66 tkl, 11 sks, 9 fl, 2nd TM P10), DT Jed Boice (12 sts, 24 tkl, 6 fl, HM P10), DE Jason Nikolao (11 sts, 19 tkl, 5 sks), DT James Rose (2 sts, 6 tkl) and DT Walker Templeton (1 st, 9 tkl). Last year's defensive line had players returning that were responsible for 17 sacks in 1999. This year's returning DL's combined for just 5 sacks last year. They do have 3 solid JUCO transfers coming in as well as top-notch rFr and I list the 3 deep below. Bellotti has worked wonders with this group recently but clearly it looks weaker in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - The Ducks had to replace 2 starters last year including a 1st Team Pac 10 performer as well as one backup. They had a 2nd Team Pac 10 performer in Matt Smith who led the team with 90 tkl and 11 fl in 2000. This year Smith departs as do OLB Garrett Sabol (11 sts, 68 tkl, 11 fl) and ILB Mike Callier (9 sts, 54 tkl, 9 fl). Somehow Smith, who led the team in tackles, was #2 in int's, #2 in fl and #3 in pbu, did not make 1st or 2nd Team Pac 10 last year but he did in my book. Those are some hefty losses but they do have talent returning including a couple VHT's whom I project as starters in Kevin Mitchell and Ryan Loftin. They also bring in a JUCO transfer in David Martin. Three players have some starting experience but this group is less experienced than the 2000 version and will be weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ducks finished #17 in my pass D rankings in 1999 but last year had to replace 4 players who combined for 40 starts including a 1st Team Pac 10 performer. They did get 1998 starter Rashad Bauman back from injury so basically they had 2 starters returning. Surprisingly the Ducks finished #4 in my pass D rankings, allowing just 43.6% with a 14-17 ratio. This year they must replace SS Ryan Mitchell (10 sts, 39 tkl, 7 pbu), CB Brian Johnson (3 sts, 14 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Jermaine Hanspard (16 tkl) and FS Gary Barker (2 sts, 17 tkl). While 4 of the top 8 depart, I look for Gary McGraw, who was PS#19JUCO last year, to make an impact as should some talented rFr that Bellotti has on hand. Basically 3 starters return and there is some added talent. While this group clearly is more experienced than it was heading into last year, it will be tough to improve upon that #4 ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Perhaps one of the reasons that Mike Bellotti has the best record in the Pac 10 since his arrival is the outstanding job that he's done with this unit. The Ducks have finished #30, #22, #4, #15 and #13 in the past but last year they finished #47, the lowest under Bellotti. He plays a lot of front line regulars on this unit. UO has been in the top 3 in net punting in the Pac 10 four times (#1 last year), has ranked in the top 25 in KR's in 5 of the last 6 years (#1 in the Pac 10 last year) and in each of the last 6 years has been in the top 2 in KR defense in the Pac 10 (#1 last year, 16.1). Tom Osborne (no, not that one) was the special teams coordinator since 1995 but left in the offseason. UO's average starting spot last year was on its own 36 while opponents started on their 25. Josh Frankel, who hit 70% of his FG's in 1999,

OREGON		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS														
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG										
Maurice Morris	286	1313	125	1188	8	4.2										
Allan Amundson	67	302	19	283	2	4.2										
Joey Harrington	66	241	117	124	7	1.9										
Kenny Washington	11	58	8	50	1	4.5										
Jason Willis	6	43	1	42	1	7.0										
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT										
Joey Harrington	405	214	52.8	2967	22	14										
AJ Feeley	13	5	38.5	87	0	0										
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG											
Keenan Howry	52	780	15.0	5	66											
Marshaun Tucker	51	882	17.3	6	71											
Justin Peelle	24	388	16.2	5	58											
Maurice Morris	23	208	9.0	2	55											
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT	TD	AVG	TD	AVG					
Kurtis Doerr	68	2768	40.7	-	37.0	1	25									
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG										
Josh Frankel	5-7	3-6	5-12	0-0	13-25	47										
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT					
Matt Smith	90	0	11	8	4	K. Mitchell	37	1	3	0	0					
Garrett Sabol	68	4	7	5	0	R. Bauman	32	0	2	22	5					
Saul Patu	66	11	9	0	0	W. Mallard	26	2	1	0	0					
R. Webster	59	1	1	3	2	Jed Boice	24	1	5	0	0					
Mike Callier	54	4	5	3	0	Keith Lewis	23	1	3	1	1					
Ryan Mitchell	39	0	2	7	2	Zack Freiter	23	2	2	0	0					
Steve Smith	38	1	0	22	2	Jason Nikolao	19	5	2	1	0					
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	AVG	TD					
K. Howry	36	282	7.8	0	A. Amundson	26	615	23.7	0							

hit just 52% last year but had 2 game winners. Kurtis Doerr followed a long line of solid UO P's like Josh Bidwell who plays for Green Bay. Doerr was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award last year and simply led the Pac 10 in net punting and got my vote for 1st Team Pac 10 although he was just HM Pac 10 by the coaches. They bring in a JUCO to replace him. KR Amundson averaged 23.7 per return and Jermaine Hanspard made 1st Team Pac 10 on special teams. Keenan Howry was the top PR with 7.8. Doerr's directional punting will be missed as they allowed just 107 yards on PR's. UO did not block a punt while they had 3 blocked. The return game still looked solid and UO has proven that it can remain near the top regardless of the replacements so even after losing an outstanding P, this unit should be a contender for top 25 status.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oregon had more victories (49) than any other Pac 10 team in the past 6 years and has been to 9 bowls since 1989. Last year they went 10-2 despite having the fewest amount of starters back of any team in the league (9). They made it to their 4th straight bowl game last year and they finished the season with an upset of a powerful Texas team in the Holiday Bowl. Their #7 finish was the first Top 10 ranking in the last 52 years at the end of the season. The Ducks have a huge home advantage with 20 straight wins at Autzen Stadium (2nd longest streak in the country next to Florida St) playing in front of one of the most raucous crowds in the country. The Ducks are replacing their home surface with NeXturf tm. They achieved last year's 10-2 record despite the fact that Bellotti said at the start of the year "there are more questions in my mind than in any of my 12 years." UO has finished in the Top 20 in the NCAA in pass efficiency in 6 of the last 7 years. The offense reminds me of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL where no matter who they plug in at QB, they do a solid job, showing Bellotti's system does indeed work. Their offense has 8 starters back including QB Joey Harrington who enters his 5th year with the program and a healthy RB Maurice Morris so the unit should be among the most potent in the conference. For the second straight year they have major losses on the defensive side of the ball with just 4 starters back but keep in mind last year they had just 3 starters back yet the 20.8 ppg allowed was their lowest since 1994, their Rose Bowl year. Coincidentally, that 1994 defense was coordinated by Nick Aliotti as he was the architect of the "Gang Green" defense. He moved on to UCLA where he was much maligned by Bob Toledo and he returned to Eugene after 1 season in Westwood. He proved last year what a solid DC he is. The Ducks were fortunate last year in Pac 10 play as they had 4 nail-biter games including 2 that went to OT but came out on top in all 4. They have one of the best schedules in the conference as most of their tougher games are at home where they are unbeatable and 3 of their Pac 10 road games easily fall into the "winnable" category. I do 7 sets of power ratings every year and one actually calls for the Ducks to go 11-0. I will not go that far but it looks like it will be another successful season for Bellotti and if they win all of their home games, they have a shot at another 8 to 10 win season and will be Pac 10 contenders once again.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Kellen Clemens 6-2 193 PS#7	WR Demetrius Williams 6-1 162 PS#50
WR Phillip Goodman 6-2 208 PS#52	DB Terrance Whitehead 5-10 199 PS#60
DL A.J. Mitz 6-3 250 PS#73	DL Robby Valenzuela 6-1 277 PS#102
DL Randall Bowen 6-2 288 PS#113	TE Tim Day 6-3 248 PS#58
TE Devan Long 6-3 236 PS#60	DL Darrell Wright 6-3 235 PS#124JC
OL Ian Reynolds 6-4 277 PS#156	DB Justin Phinisee 5-11 178 PS#159
OL Jason Mohamed 6-1 261 PS#185	PK Jose Arroyo 5-11 185 PS#180JC
WR Mike Willis 5-11 155 PS#182	

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB JOEY HARRINGTON SR. 6-4 220 PS#38, 4 sts in 99, 1180 yds (53%), 10-3 ratio, 74 rush yds. 12 starts last year, 2967 yds (53%), 22-14 ratio, 241 rush. Jason Fife (6-4 212 So).

RB MAURICE MORRIS SR. 6-0 205 PS#3JC, 12 sts here ly, 2nd TM Pac 10, 1188 yds (4.2), 23 rec (9.0), Allan Amundson PS#157, 283 yds (4.2) ly. Onterio Smith (5-11 200 So) PS#22.

FB JOSH LINE SR. 6-2 243 Graduated HS in 94, 7 yds in 99, 12 sts ly, 32 rush yds, 8 rec (14.1), Josh Rogers (6-3 253 So) PS#52LB, Matt Flobeg (6-2 240 So) was PS#164 in 99.

WR KEENAN HOWRY JR. 5-10 167 PS#76, 9 sts in 99, #3 w/29 rec (15.6), 12 sts ly, #1 w/52 rec (15.0), HM Pac 10. Cy Aleman (6-3 199 Jr) PS#91, Paris Warren was PS#92 ly.

WR Keith Allen rFr. 6-1 200 PS#31, Jason Willis (6-1 190 Jr) PS#186DB, 1 st, 21 rec (9.7) ly. Samie Parker (5-10 165 So) PS#94, 11 rec (18.3) is fastest WR here.

TE JUSTIN PEELE SR. 6-5 246 PS#95, 4 sts in 99, 5 rec (13.0), 12 starts ly, #3 w/24 rec (16.2), George Whigther (6-4 235 So) PS#24, Willie Walden (6-6 255 Jr) PS#14.

C RYAN SCHMID SR. 6-4 280 PS#127OL, 8 sts as rFr, 7 starts in 99 (inj) 5), 12 starts last year (5 at C, 7 at LG) added 10 lbs. Dan Weaver (6-4 279 So) LS as a true.

RG JOEY FORSTER SO. 6-4 290 Travel squad but RS as true, 10 starts as rFr and added 10 lbs. Josh Jones (6-2 285 Jr) was PS#106, 6 games as rFr, 3 starts in 2000.

LG JIM ADAMS SR. 6-4 300 PS#73, Lettered as rFr, 8 sts in 99, 12 starts last year, HM Pac 10, Top OL Award here. Robin Knebel (6-5 290 rFr) PS#82OL in 2000.

RT Phil Finzer Jr. 6-5 300 PS#200OL, 2 games as rFr, 2nd string ly.

Adam Snyder (6-4 310 rFr) PS#154 & added 45 lbs. Mike Delagrang (6-6 320 rFr) PS#210.

LT Mike Belisle Jr. 6-5 315 PS#17OL in 99, inj'd L2Y. Corey Chambers (6-4 325 Jr) PS#156, 2 sts at RG (inj) as rFr, 3 sts at RT ly (inj). Josh Atkins was PS#278DL.

K Jared Siegel Fr. 5-10 180 PS#24K. Hit 5 of 7 FG's, long of 46 in high school, 64% of KO's into endzone. Navid Niakan (6-1 178 Jr) PS#206JUCO, 6 FG's from 45+.

DE Kevin Mack rFr. 6-2 235 PS#102, speediest DL ly. Darrell Wright (6-3 235 Jr) PS#124JUCO, 17.5 sks at JUCO last year. Quinn Dorsey (6-4 240 Jr) was PS#242LB.

DT Igor Olshansky rFr. 6-6 270 PS#242DL. Junior Slavil (6-5 335 Jr) PS#205JUCO, 9 sks at JC last year. Kai Smalley (6-2 253 Jr), Randall Bowen is PS#123DL.

DT Zack Freiter Sr. 6-3 280 PS#111DL, 6 tkl, 1 fl as rFr, 13 tkl, 2.5 sks, 3 fl in 99, 4 starts ly (miss 3 inj) 23 tkl, 2 sks, 2 fl. Chris Tetterton (6-0 270 Sr) 1 tkl last year.

DE SETH MCWEEN JR. 6-5 254 PS#252LB in 98, 6 sts ly, 16 tkl, 3 sks, 1 fl. Ed Wandler (6-4 245 Jr) PS#124DL, 6 gms, 3 tkl, 1 fl. Craig Dukes (6-3 250 Jr) JUCO in for spring.

OLB Wesly Mallard Sr. 6-2 208 22 tkl in 98, 2 starts ly, 26 tkl, 3 fl. Sprinter on track team. David Martin (5-11 199 Jr) PS#226JUCO, in for spring, 7 sks at JUCO last year.

ILB Ryan Loftin rFr. 6-3 225 PS#37LB in 98, 2 year LDS mission. Garrett Graham (6-4 240 Jr) was PS#103 in 98, 1 start, 13 tkl in 2000. Erik Nicolaisen (6-2 320 Jr).

ILB Kevin Mitchell So. 5-10 213 PS#25LB, 2 sts as rFr, 37 tkl, 1 sk, 3 fl. David Moretti (6-1 220 Jr), JUCO last year with 5 tkl, 1 fl in 12 gms here. John Harris (6-0 220 Jr).

CB STEVE SMITH SR. 6-1 190 10 sts ly, 38 tkl, 2 int, 22 pbu, HM Pac 10. Courtney Miller (6-1 189 Jr) PS#109QB & orig at Illinois. JC ly. AK Keyes (5-9 168 So) PS#116.

CB RASHAD BAUMAN SR. 5-8 180 11 sts as true, 56 tkl, 2 int, 12 sts in 98, 34 tkl, 1 int, pbu. Med RS in 99, 12 sts ly, 1st TM P10, 5int, 22 pbu. Jason Jenkins (5-11 195 Jr) PS#34WR.

SS Gary McGraw Sr. 5-9 180 PS#19JC, 12 int's at JC in 99. Stephen Clayton (5-11 180 Jr) PS#96, Charles Favroth (5-11 175 rFr) PS#101, Steven Moore PS#188 & PQ ly.

FS RASUL WEBSTER JR. 6-0 210 PS#173, 10 sts in 2000, #4 w/59 tkl, 2 int, 2 int, 3 pbu. Keith Lewis (6-1 185 So) PS#101RB, 23 tkl as true. Marley Tucker was PS#26 in 2000.

P. Jose Arroyo Jr. 5-11 185 PS#180JUCO, 37.5 average at JUCO last year, but 14 of 38 inside 20, long of 70. In for the spring. Gary Daniels (6-2 170 So) is also a WR.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Including bowls, the Ducks are 8-1 ATS their last 9 vs the Big 10. Oregon is 16-2 SU in non-conf games under Coach Bellotti. Ducks are 11-1 ATS in the last of a 2(+) homestand since 1994. OU is 9-4 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games since 1991.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Wisconsin	A												
Sep. 8	Utah	A												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	USC	A												
Sep. 29	at Utah St	G												
Oct. 6	at Arizona	G												
Oct. 13	at California	G												
Oct. 20	Stanford (HC)	A												
Oct. 27	at Washington St	A												
Nov. 3	Arizona St	A												
Nov. 10	at UCLA	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	Oregon St	A												

Gang Green is 8-0 SU but just 2-4 ATS in home openers since '93. OU has covered 10 of 13 lined openers.

Might apply here: Oregon is 7-4 ATS last 11 as a DD favorite. Oregon is 4-6 ATS prior to a bye week but 4-2 since 1996.

Bonus: Oregon is 10-1 ATS the week after a bye since 1986.

The Ducks are an amazing 13-1 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game. The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series.

Oregon is 11-3 ATS their last 14 road openers. OU's last meeting vs Utah St was a 52-7 blowout win in 1990.

Oregon is 18-14 ATS in October since 1993, but 4-7 the last 3 yrs. The Ducks have quacked their way to a 7-3 ATS mark vs Arizona.

Oregon is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs California. This is the 1st time S/'82 OU has played in 3 consecutive road gms.

Past 6 meetings with Stanford have avg'd 74.3 ppg & 951 ypg. Oregon is 1-12 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1987.

Ducks are 10-4 SU & 9-5 ATS their last 14 vs the Cougars. The favorite is 7-1 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.

The Ducks are 1-5 ATS their last 6 vs Arizona State. Oregon is 18-3 SU the L7Y in November but 3-6 ATS the L3Y.

Ducks are 2-7 ATS the last 9 years in their final road game. Visiting team is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series.

Oregon is 15-5-1 SU but 8-13 ATS in this rivalry. The avg total pts in this series was 18.6 from '90-'95 but is 60 ppg L5Y.

STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (46,000) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	9-2	6-5	6-5	8-3	8-3	9-2	55-23
ATS	7-4	7-4	5-5	7-4	6-5	6-5	5-6	43-33
Home Fav	3-1	2-4	2-0	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	19-13
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-3
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	7-8
Away Dog	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-1	10-9
Favorite	4-3	5-4	3-1	3-1	4-4	4-3	4-5	27-21
Dog	3-1	2-0	2-4	4-3	2-1	2-2	1-1	16-12
Grass	2-0	4-0	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	12-8
Artificial	5-4	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-4	5-3	4-5	31-25
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	31-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	12-8
Off SU Win	5-3	4-4	3-1	2-3	5-3	4-3	4-5	27-22
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	2-3	4-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	12-9

Coach: MIKE BELLOTTI (Career 72-47-2) Bellotti's record AT OREGON

7th Year at Oregon	16-12	Home Favorite
49-22 Straight Up	4-3	Home Underdog
36-29 Vs The Spread	7-6	Away Favorite
10-8 Off A S/U Loss	9-8	Away Underdog
25-23 Vs Conference	11-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Cotton	+7	Colorado	6-38	L
97	Las Vegas	-4	Air Force	41-13	W
98	Aloha	-5'	Colorado	43-51	L
99	Sun	+3'	Minnesota	24-20	W
00	Holiday	+7'	Texas	35-30	W

OREGON (10-2) CONFERENCE: PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 31 (18,13,0)
Lost: 19 (5,12,2)



OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%
5*	29.3	21	149	3.8	261	52.4	14.0	+6	2000	3	20.8	16	118	3.4
6	34.2	23	157	3.9	264	52.4	12.3	+11	1999	6	23.7	20	123	3.5
6*	42.8	23	162	4.1	321	56.9	11.3	-10	1998	8	23.9	17	156	4.2
4	31.7	21	154	4.0	258	55.4	13.0	-6	1997	5	29.2	21	186	4.8
8*	34.4	24	147	4.0	302	52.3	13.1	+2	1996	4	32.4	23	185	4.2
9	27.2	22	139	3.6	255	53.4	14.5	-5	1995	7	21.6	15	115	3.0

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Nevada	19	42-225	5.4	12-27	231	0	12	34-(-3)	-0.1	8-30	106	7	+1
at Wisconsin	20	25-92	3.7	22-49	362	2	11	43-302	7.0	5-13	65	2	-2
Idaho	24	46-217	4.7	18-30	233	1	14	25-119	4.8	15-35	186	2	+2
UCLA	22	52-208	4.0	15-34	153	1	11	26-(-9)	-0.3	14-34	206	3	+3
Washington	16	52-229	4.4	9-22	119	1	14	28-111	4.0	14-37	229	2	+3
at USC	25	41-117	2.9	28-42	382	0	18	33-229	6.9	15-36	194	1	-1
Arizona	14	45-137	3.0	9-22	123	3	11	32-17	0.5	15-32	200	8	+1
at Arizona St	25	40-131	3.3	26-43	434	0	29	51-235	4.6	21-33	432	0	+2
at Wash St	14	21-94	4.5	18-39	212	1	16	47-122	2.6	14-34	217	4	0
California	22	38-76	2.0	20-36	252	4	14	28-88	3.1	15-39	197	1	-1
at Oregon St	27	34 137	4.0	25 48	334	2	22	39 153	3.9	14 27	246	0	-5
Texas (Bowl)	21	40 129	3.2	20 32	291	3	19	31 54	1.7	17 33	245	3	+3
TOTALS	249	476-1792	3.8	222-424	3126	18	191	417-1418	3.4	167-383	2523	33	+6
AVERAGES	20.8	40-149	3.8	19-35	261	1.5	15.9	35-118	3.4	14-32	210	2.8	0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	-6'	30-27	L
Nevada	NL	44-30	-
Colorado St	-4'	35-28	W
at Washington St	+2	44-55	L
at Arizona St	+12'	27-48	L
UCLA	+4	22-41	L
at Stanford	+4	24-27	W
Washington	+6'	14-33	L
Arizona	+3	49-31	W
California	-2'	40-23	W
at Oregon St	-8'	49-13	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+3'	16-9	W
at Nevada	-3'	24-20	W
Fresno St	-19	43-40	L
at Stanford	+8'	49-58	L
Washington St	+7'	13-24	L
UCLA	+11'	31-39	W
Utah	-7	31-13	W
at USC	-8	22-24	W
at Washington	+21	31-28	W
at Arizona St	+9'	31-52	L
Oregon St	-16	48-30	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan St	E	48-14	W
at UTEP	-20'	33-26	L
San Jose St	-24	58-3	W
Stanford	-17	63-28	W
at Washington St	-13'	51-29	W
at UCLA	+10'	38-41	W
USC	-7	17-13	L
at Arizona	+2'	3-38	L
Washington	-6'	27-22	L
Arizona St	-8'	51-19	W
at Oregon St	-9'	41-44	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+10	20-27	W
UTEP	-22	47-28	L
Nevada	-14	72-10	W
USC	-1'	33-30	W
at Washington	+2'	20-34	L
at UCLA	+3'	29-34	L
at Arizona	+3	44-41	W
Arizona St	-7'	20-17	L
Washington St	-15'	52-10	W
at California	-7	24-19	L
Oregon St	-6	25-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-32'	36-7	L
at Wisconsin	+6'	23-27	W
Idaho	-21	42-13	W
UCLA	-3'	29-10	W
Washington	-2	23-16	W
at USC	-1	28-17	W
Arizona	-9	14-10	L
at Arizona St	-6	56-55	L
at Washington St	-9'	27-24	L
California	-13	25-17	L
at Oregon St	+5	13-23	L

USC TROJANS



Will new OC Norm Chow work his magic with veteran QB Carson Palmer this year?

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer (6-5 220, PS#7) has NFL size and arm strength. In Palmer's first year he started the last 5 games as a true frosh, throwing for 1,755 yards (55%) with a 7-6 ratio. In 1999 he was leading the Pac 10 in pass efficiency after 3 starts throwing for 490 yards (74%) with a 3-3 ratio but broke his collarbone and was lost for the year. Much was expected of him last year and Paul Hackett was supposed to be an excellent QB coach but Palmer struggled in his 3rd season, throwing for 2,914 yards and completing just 55%. Although Palmer threw 16 TD's, he also had 18 int's while rushing for 246 yards. New OC Norm Chow is known for developing college QB's. Last year at NC State Chow had a true frosh QB and a young offense yet they were 15th in the NCAA in passing. He has even more talent and experience to work with here and I look for a huge year out of Palmer (much like I expected last year). Matt Cassel (6-5 215 rFr) was PS#20 while Matt Harris (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#216 and is a walk-on. Coaches like their own recruits but with Palmer and Cassel available, Matt Leinart (PS#9) will likely redshirt. Palmer has the capability of being the top QB in the country in 2001 but must show marked improvement over his performance of last season and I expect him to do just that.

RUNNING BACKS - The Trojans had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher last year but did have Sultan McCullough. McCullough is simply the fastest player in USC football history and a Pac 10 track champ in the 100 meters which he ran in 10.17. In 2000 McCullough topped 1,000 yards with his 5.1 ypc being the highest USC average since Marcus Allen's in 1981. He was voted 2nd Team Pac 10. Malaefou MacKenzie (PS#8) has over 1,000 yards of total offense in his 3 years and is strong (415 bench). Chris Howard (5-11 180 rFr) was PS#23. Miguel Fletcher (5-11 195 Jr) was PS#38 and is also a sprinter on the track team with a time of 10.36 in the 100m. Carroll did sign two top-notch frosh including a VHT but they both should redshirt. All of the top FB's return and I list them below but surprisingly there are no HT's at that position. The only loss from last year is TD-man Petros Papadakis who was called in on short yardage situations and rushed for only 153 yards (2.4) but scored 8 TD's. As long as McCullough stays healthy, I look for a huge season out of him and this unit has even more experience.

RECEIVERS - The Trojans had to replace two starting WR's who were both drafted by the NFL last year and then lost starting WR Marcell Allmond to injury after 4 starts. This year almost everyone returns but they have a big loss at TE in Antoine Harris who was a 4 year starter (28 rec, HM Pac 10). Also gone is backup WR Matt Nickels who had 3 starts and was the #3 receiver with 32 (12.8). They do have very capable replacements at TE that I list below including a couple of VHT's and they move Kori Dickerson, a starter at LB last year, into this spot. Not listed in the 2 deep is Gregg Guenther (6-8 265 rFr)

who was PS#30. One area in which Hackett excelled was recruiting WR's as there are 4 VHT's returning, all with starting experience and outstanding speed (Kareem Kelly and Allmond participate on the USC track team). Even with the loss of one starter, this group is more experienced than last year and the WR's should be among the best in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit has been known for under performing in recent history and did not top 4.0 ypc rushing from '96-'99. Last year they had to replace 5 players that combined for 23 starts including a 2nd round NFL draft pick. Five players did return with starting experience but LG Trevor Roberts missed the beginning of the year and did not get his first start until the Arizona game. C Eric Denmon also missed 6 games with injury. The team finally broke the 4.0 barrier with 4.1 ypc rushing but allowed 41 sacks. Their top OL last year was Brent McCaffrey who departs (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM Pac 10) along with Denmon (5 sts) and Roberts (L7 sts at LG). Three full-time starters return although Faaesee Mailo moves from RT to LG. Only 3 other lettermen (besides the 3 starters) are back but Carroll has a JUCO who redshirted last year and some VHT's and HT's to plug the holes. Even though this group is learning a new offense, it looks stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This was the most veteran unit for the Trojans last year as six players with six starts or more returned and they allowed just 3.1 ypc while the defense as a whole recorded 30 sacks. This year they suffer some big losses. Gone are DT Ennis Davis (12 sts, 53 tkl's, 6 sks, 2nd Tm Pac 10, #7 DC of NO), DE Sultan Abdul Malik (10 sts, 11 tfl), DE Matt Childers (10 sts, 9 tfl) and DL Shamsud-Din Abdul-Shaheed (2 sts, 6 tfl). I look for newcomer Shaun Cody (PS#1) to have a major impact and project him as a starter. Three players are back with starting experience and there are 7 VHT's listed in the 3 deep below. This is a talented group but clearly is less experienced than it was heading into last season and will be a couple of notches weaker.

LINEBACKERS - The Trojans returned 5 of the top 6 last year with their only loss being an OLB that moved to DE. This year they must replace a couple of outstanding players in Markus Steele (8 sts, 61 tkl's, 17 tfl, #4 DC of DAL) and Zeke Moreno (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2nd Tm P10, 15 tfl, #5 DC of SD). Steele missed the final 4 games last year with injury and Moreno slid over from his MLB spot to OLB which gave Aaron Graham the final 4 starts. Also the only full-time returning starter, Kori Dickerson, was moved to TE by Carroll. I list the 2 deep below and 3 players with starting experience are back plus Carroll signed 2 VHT true frosh. I like the talent available and this has the makings of a good group but is less experienced and will be weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - USC finished #1 in my pass D rankings in 1998. They had to replace 3 starters but still managed a #5 finish in 1999. Last year they had to replace one starter but lost another starter, CB Antuan Simmons, prior to the season due to injury. Starting SS Ieanyi Ohalet was lost after 5 starts. Matt Grooteoged probably would have started as a true frosh but had mono and redshirted. Starting CB Kris Richard missed the start of the year and made just 8 starts after recovering from a knee injury. They had 4 soph starters vs Oregon and Stanford due to injuries. The unit plummeted to #50 in my pass D rankings, allowing 51.3% with a 17-7 ratio. This year the only loss is Ohalet (5 sts, 29 tkl's) and you'll be hard pressed to find a more veteran secondary as 8 players with starting experience return. This group should go from a middle of the road finish back up to its normal spot in the Top 10.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to Hackett's arrival in 1997 the Trojans ranked #69 in my special teams rankings but moved up to #36 in his first year and dropped a little in 1999 to #53. Last year this unit was a major factor in the Trojans' poor season. They had trouble not only in the coverage units but also in the FG game and finished a paltry #107 despite having quality talent. Despite last year's poor performance, this group has a chance to contend for top 25 honors as there is some talent available. P Mike MacGillivray is in his 4th year and had a 41.4 avg in 1999 and a 36.8 net. Last year injuries hurt the PR coverage unit and they were very poor so his net punting of 28.4 can be attributed to the coverage units rather than his leg. I look for him to duplicate his soph stats which were solid. All of the top KR's and PR's are back and with speed provided by Kareem Kelly and Kris Richard as well as Frank Strong's experience on KR's, they have some dangerous weapons and have the talent to rank in the NCAA's upper half. They lose an outstanding KO man in David Bell who had a high percentage of TB's and he handled the long FG's as well. John Wall hit 5 of 5 FG's last year but all were from short range with his long being 27 yards. He could miss the season due to a knee injury. David Newbury won the starting kicking job after hitting 11 of 20 in 1999 but hit just 4 of 9 last year with a long of 47 and lost his job midseason. Also look for the Trojans to improve upon their -4 in the TD/Blk category.

USC 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS										
RUSHING										
Sultan McCullough	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Malaefou MacKenzie	227	1234	71	1163	6	5.1				
Petros Papadakis	41	292	8	284	0	6.9				
Chad Pierson	63	166	13	153	8	2.4				
Marcell Allmond	31	137	4	133	1	4.3				
	2	46	0	46	0	23.0				
PASSING										
Carson Palmer	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Mike Van Raaphorst	415	228	54.9	2914	16	18				
	28	17	60.7	234	3	0				
RECEIVING										
Kareem Kelly	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Keary Colbert	55	796	14.5	4	61					
Matt Nickels	33	480	14.5	3	35					
Antoine Harris	32	408	12.8	3	34					
	28	353	12.6	5	49					
PUNTING										
Mike MacGillivray	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
David Newbury	2-3	0-2	2-4	0-0	4-9	47				
PLAYER										
Zeke Moreno	103	4	11	3	0	K. Dickerson	32	0	2	1
Troy Polamalu	83	1	4	7	2	Kevin Arbet	31	0	1	2
Markus Steele	61	3	14	1	0	I. Ohalet	29	0	1	3
Ennis Davis	53	6	4	3	0	S. Abdul-Malik	27	4	7	1
DeShaun Hill	39	1	2	5	2	S. Abdul-Shaheed	26	1	5	0
Chris Cash	39	1	0	7	2	Aaron Graham	26	1	2	0
Matt Childers	34	4	5	0	0	Ryan Nielsen	25	0	3	4
PUNT RETURNS										
Kris Richard	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
	13	98	7.5	0	Frank Strong	25	540	21.6	0	



WR-Kareem Kelly

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950 to 1989, a period that ended with three consecutive appearances in the Rose Bowl, USC had only eight seasons in which they had lost at least five games. In the eleven years since, the Trojans have reached that 5 loss total eight times with their largest win total coming in 1995 with nine. Last year they tied for last place in the Pac 10, the first time USC had ever been a cellar dweller. Paul Hackett is an excellent offensive coordinator and a great human being but head coaching is not his forte. He inherited talented teams at both Pitt and USC but somehow has managed a career record of just 32-38-1 despite having superior talent over most of his opponents. I made the mistake of pegging USC for the conference title the last couple of years and underestimated Hackett's head coaching impact. USC fans were not thrilled with the hiring of Pete Carroll who has not coached college ball since 1983 and was fired by both the Jets and Patriots. While he was just 33-31 as a head coach in the NFL, he did not have the talent edge in that league. I think he did a good job in the pros plus remember that he has more NFL head coaching experience than Hackett (0). Players said Carroll was too soft in the NFL and he is known as a players' coach. Last year the Trojans got off to a great start, beating Penn St and opening 3-0 and were ranked #8, but for the first time in school history they suffered through a 5 game losing streak. Thirty-three players from last year's 2 deep were not seniors so this is a veteran group that replaces just 19 lettermen. The Trojans, arguably, have the league's best talent again and are a veteran group with 14 starters returning. Now it's up to Carroll to stop them from underachieving. He made a great hire in the offseason by bringing in OC Norm Chow. Chow did wonders at NC State and with a true freshman QB, guiding the team to the 15th most potent offense in the NCAA. Here he inherits a future 1st round DC with 3 years of experience at QB and the results should be even stronger, especially with the overwhelming skill position talent they have. They will easily top last year's 25.8 ppg on offense. Pete Carroll will be his own DC and has a lot of talent to work with on that side of the ball despite the fact that just five starters return. Carroll is more energetic than Hackett and should be able to get more out of the talent on hand. Another big thing USC has going for them is the fact that they were -19 in turnovers last year (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277). If the ball bounces their way this season, they should easily be able to achieve a winning record and actually be a contender in the Pac 10.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CARSON PALMER JR. 6-5 220 PS#7. 5 sts as true, 1755 yds (55%), 7-6 ratio. 3 sts in 99 (inj) 490 yds (74%). 12 sts ly, 2914 yds (55%), 16-18 ratio, 246 rush yds. Matt Cassel was PS#20.
RB SULTAN MCCULLOUGH JR. 6-0 185 PS#10. 413 yds (4.6) as rFr. 10 sts ly, 1163 yds (5.1), 2nd Tm P10. Malaefou MacKenzie (6-0 215 Sr) PS#8, 737 rush yds (4.5), 311 rec yds, 3 yrs.
FB CHARLIE LANDRIGAN SR. 6-0 225 9 sts in 99, 64 yds (5.8). 11 sts in 2000, 81 total yds. Sunny Byrd (6-1 225 Sr) PS#132JC. Chad Pierson (6-1 240 Jr) PS#268, 133 yds (4.3), 10 rec (14.7) ly.
WR KAREEM KELLY JR. 6-1 185 PS#4. 2 sts as true, 54 rec (16.7). 9 sts ly, #1 w/55 rec (14.5). Sprinter on track tm. Steve Stevenson (6-2 200 Jr) PS#22, 1 st as true, 6 rec. 2 sts, 15 rec (18.9) ly.
WR MARCELL ALLMOND JR. 6-1 190 PS#5. 3 sts as true, 14 rec (16.6). 4 sts until broken leg, 16 rec (15.3). Keary Colbert (6-1 185 So) PS#35, 5 sts as true, #2 w/33 rec (14.5).
TE Kori Dickerson Sr. 6-4 230 PS#23. 10 sts at LB ly, 32 tkl's. Moved to TE in spr. Alex Holmes (6-2 295 So) PS#5, 7 rec (7.6) as true. Doyal Butler (6-3 245 Jr) PS#25, 4 rec (13.0) ly.
C LENNY VANDERMADE SO. 6-4 270 PS#27. First 5 sts as rFr at LG, L7 sts at C. AJ Single (6-3 255 rFr) PS#56DL moved to C from LB in spr. Joe Boskovich (6-4 240) PS#199. Also the LS.
RG ZACH WILSON JR. 6-5 315 PS#84OL. Scout Tm Off Player of the Year in 98. Started L7 in 99. 12 sts at RG in 2000, 2 letters. Travis Watkins (6-3 295 rFr) PS#168OL.
LG FAAESE MAILLO SR. 6-4 330 PS#19. 3 sts as true in 96, 2 yr mission. 5 sts in 99 (also FB). 12 sts at RT ly. Derek Graf (6-4 275 Jr) PS#245. No game action ly.
RT Norm Katnik So. 6-5 245 PS#25. 2 gms ly. Phillip Eaves (6-6 320 Jr) PS#75JC. Jacob Rogers (6-6 275 So) PS#25TE. 12 gms as bkup LT. Blair Jones (6-7 265 rFr) PS#54.
LT Joe McGuire rFr. 6-5 280 PS#8OL. Inj'd ly & RS or would have played. Eric Torres (6-5 310 So) PS#122, 1L. Nate Steinbacher (6-6 320 So) PS#33, 2 gms as rFr at RG & RT.
K John Wall So. 5-8 175 PS#13. 5-5 FG's w/ long of only 27 ly. 9-14 xp's (5 blks) ly. Could miss '01 w/ inj. David Newbury (5-9 170 Sr) 11-20 FG's, L48 in 99. 4-9, L47 ly.

DE Shaun Cody Jr. 6-5 255 PS#1DL, 105 tkl's, 22 sks in HS. Omar Nazeel (6-5 215 So) PS#35LB, 2nd string in 5 games last year. Bobby DeMars PS#32LB in 97, 2 games ly.
DT BERNARD RILEY JR. 6-3 305 PS#2. 5 tkl's as true. 7 sts ly, 20 tkl's, 3 tfl. Kenechi Udezue (6-3 320 rFr) PS#69. Nathan Goodson (6-5 270 rFr) PS#33. Jamaal Williams (6-4 260 rFr) PS#106.
DT Ryan Nielsen Sr. 6-5 275 PS#61. 10 sts, 39 tkl's, 6 tfl, HM P10 in 99. 5 sts ly (inj), 25 tkl's. Malcolm Woodridge (6-2 300 Jr) PS#54DL ly, +10 tkl's. Raymond Tago is PS#45.
DE Lonnie Ford Sr. 6-3 250 PS#6TE. 11 sts in 99, 25 tkl's, 5 sks, 5 tfl, 2 sts ly, 16 tkl's, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Anthony Daye (6-1 260 Jr) PS#35LB in 98. Daniel Pryor (6-4 245 Jr) PS#250JC.
WLB Mike Pollard Jr. 6-0 230 PS#29. 3 tfl in 98. Darryl Knight (6-3 225 Sr) PS#29DB, 2 sts, 36 tkl's, 3 yrs. Bobby Otani (6-1 215 Fr) PS#141. 115 tkl's, 6 sks as Sr ly in HS.
MLB AARON GRAHAM JR. 6-1 225 PS#39. 4 sts at MLB, 26 tkl's, 2 tfl ly. Marvin Simmons (6-1 220 Fr) PS#5LB, 15 sks, 45 tfl as HS Sr. Lee Webb (5-11 240 rFr) PS#253LB.
SLB Chris Prosser So. 6-2 225 PS#66. 2 sts as rFr, 7 tkl's in 9 gms as a bkup.
SLB Austin Jackson is PS#27. John Cousins (6-2 200 Jr) RS as JC transfer last year, fast. CB ANTUAN SIMMONS SR. 5-10 190 PS#9. 10 sts as true. 5 sts in 98, 2nd Tm P10. 175 tkl's, 7 int, 27 pbu in 3Y. Med RS ly. Kris Richard (6-0 180 Sr) PS#47. 11 sts in 99, 6 int, 9 pbu, 44 tkl's, 8 sts ly (inj), 5 pbu.
CB DARRELL RIDEAUX JR. 5-9 175 PS#3. 2 sts as true, 31 tkl's, 5 pbu, 6 sts ly, 4 pbu.
CHRIS CASH (5-11 170 Sr) PS#24JC. 6-2, 2 int, 7 pbu ly. Kevin Arbet (5-11 175 Jr) 4 sts, 31 tkl's ly.
SS TROY POLAMALU JR. 5-10 210 PS#141. 12 tkl's as true. 12 sts ly, #2 w/83 tkl's, 2 int, 7 pbu, 5 tfl. DeShaun Hill (6-0 195 Jr) PS#259JC. 5 sts as FS, 39 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu last year.
DT Matt Grooteoged rFr. 5-11 205 PS#3DB. Frank Strong (6-1 220 Sr) PS#34RB. 276 tfl yds in '98-'99. 2 starts at FS ly, 20 tkl's, 1 int, 4 pbu. Aaron Leach (5-11 200 rFr) PS#29.
P MIKE MACGILLIVRAY SR. 5-10 205 PS#40. 86 punts as rFr, 37.6 avg, 34, 1 net. 74 punts in 99, 41.4 avg, net of 36.8. 58 punts in 2000, 39.1 avg, net of 28.4 (poor coverage unit).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Shaun Cody 6-5 255 PS#1
 LB Marvin Simmons 6-1 220 PS#5
 QB Matt Leinart 6-4 220 PS#9
 RB Darryl Poston 5-11 185 PS19
 WR William Buchanan 6-4 175 PS#23
 DL Raymond Tago 6-3 285 PS#45
 QB Billy Hart 6-3 200 PS#33
 LB Austin Jackson 6-4 230 PS#27
 DL Jason Wardlow 6-4 240 PS#53
 RB David Kirtman 6-1 215 PS#82
 DB John Walker 6-1 185 PS#77
 DB David Boler 6-4 205 PS#102
 DL Mike Patterson 6-2 285 PS#140
 LB Bobby Otani 6-1 215 PS#141

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Trojans are 8-2 ATS in their second straight away game.
USC is 7-19 ATS in their last 26 October games.
Trojans are 12-24 ATS off a SU win the last 6 years.
Last year was the first time since 1992 that USC has had a negative turnover ratio.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USC Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	San Jose St	G												
Sep. 8	Kansas St	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	at Oregon	A												
Sep. 29	Stanford	G												
Oct. 6	at Washington	A												
Oct. 13	Arizona St	G												
Oct. 20	at Notre Dame	G												
Oct. 27	at Arizona	G												
Nov. 3	Oregon St (HC)	G												
Nov. 10	at California	G												
Nov. 17	UCLA	G												
Nov. 24														

USC is 3-13 ATS as a favorite the last 2 years.
Southern California is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 home openers.
Trojans are 7-2 SU but only 4-5 ATS vs current Big 12 schools.
Should apply here: USC is 10-3-1 ATS as a home dog since '85.

USC is 14-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1992, but 1-3 the L2Y.
The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series.
The SU winner is 10-1 ATS in this series.
USC is 34-8-1 SU vs Stanford, but lost 32-30 LY in Stanford.
Trojans are 36-24-2 ATS as a dog since '76, 6-8 ATS last 14 as an AD.
The underdog is 11-3-1 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.
Trojans are 3-11 ATS last 14 sandwiched home games.
Southern California is 6-10 ATS vs Arizona St since 1980.
USC has covered 4 of their last 5 vs the Fighting Irish.
The underdog is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series.
Pending prior outcomes, USC is 3-9 ATS off a SU loss the L2Y.
The favorite is 5-2 ATS the last 7 series meetings.
Despite a 1-2 mark LY, USC is 8-4 ATS L4Y in the final 3 gms of the yr.
USC is 17-1 SU & 15-3 ATS in this series, but lost SU & ATS LY.
"So" Cal is 3-8 ATS the last 11 vs their "No" Cal rivals.
USC is 4-7 ATS in their last 11 road finales.
The underdog is 10-2 ATS the last 12 in this left coast rivalry.
USC has covered 4 of 5 home finales.

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-3-1	8-2-1	6-6	6-5	8-4	6-6	5-7	46-33-2
ATS	6-5	4-7	4-8	6-5	9-3	4-8	3-9	36-45
Home Fav	3-3	2-4	1-3	1-3	6-1	2-4	0-5	15-23
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-2
Away Fav	2-1	2-3	2-3	2-0	2-0	1-2	0-2	11-11
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	7-9
Favorite	5-4	4-7	3-6	3-3	8-1	3-6	0-7	26-34
Dog	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-2	3-2	10-11
Grass	4-5	3-6	2-6	5-4	7-3	3-6	3-8	27-38
Artificial	2-0	1-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	9-7
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	24-32
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	12-13
Off SU Win	4-3	3-5	1-4	2-4	4-3	2-3	0-5	16-27
Off SU Loss	1-2	0-1	3-3	3-1	4-0	1-5	2-4	14-16

Coach: PETE CARROLL (Career 0-0)
Carroll's records AT USC

1st Year at USC	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Freedom	-8	Fresno St	7-24	L
93	Freedom	-17	Utah	28-21	L
94	Cotton	-6	Texas Tech	55-14	W
95	Rose	-3	Northwestern	41-32	W
98	Sun	-16	TCU	19-28	L

USC (5-7)

PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 42 (21,18,3)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)



USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF YPP	OFF TOL	2000	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF YPP
6*	25.8	22	154	4.1	262	54.9	16.2	-19	9	28.1	18	126	3.1	217	51.3
9*	29.0	21	145	3.6	258	56.2	13.9	+14	6	23.2	20	117	3.2	256	53.7
6*	26.6	16	127	3.7	217	52.9	12.9	+11	8	18.5	18	156	3.8	177	49.7
8	21.2	18	139	3.6	200	53.1	16.0	+9	7	21.2	20	94	2.7	266	55.5
4*	27.1	18	114	3.3	249	51.7	13.4	+7	6	22.3	20	173	4.1	191	56.4
6	29.6	22	151	4.0	264	61.7	14.0	+4	7	17.7	19	133	3.5	206	58.0

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
† Penn St	15	50-164	3.3	10-20	87	3	10	22-6	0.3	10-30	136	2	0
Colorado	22	38-158	4.2	25-31	275	2	20	38-137	3.6	17-27	231	6	0
San Jose St	29	46-234	5.1	22-38	338	4	17	29-110	3.8	20-41	256	0	-3
at Oregon St	16	30-63	2.1	19-38	282	3	23	53-218	4.1	10-29	157	5	-2
Arizona	18	27-10	0.4	26-50	321	5	10	44-117	2.7	7-13	136	3	-3
Oregon	18	33-229	6.9	15-36	194	1	25	41-117	2.9	28-42	382	0	+1
at Stanford	17	29-230	7.9	15-30	190	2	26	55-198	3.6	20-41	223	3	0
California	22	39-118	3.0	19-39	202	7	11	39-82	2.1	7-12	131	3	-2
at Arizona St	26	45-261	5.8	22-37	279	2	25	36-77	2.1	30-54	314	4	-4
Washington St	29	41-91	2.2	29-54	379	6	18	38-130	3.4	12-32	242	1	-1
at UCLA	29	44-207	4.7	26-38	350	2	12	28-71	2.5	14-23	257	2	-2
Notre Dame	18	30-78	2.6	17-35	251	4	22	62-246	4.0	9-15	142	1	-3
TOTALS	259	452-1843	4.1	245-446	3148	41	219	485-1509	3.1	184-359	2607	30	-19
AVERAGES	21.6	38-154	4.1	20-37	262	3.4	18.3	40-126	3.1	15-30	217	2.5	-1.6

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Penn St	+3	7-24	L	Florida St	+11	7-14	W	† Purdue	-7	27-17	W	at Hawaii	-26	62-7	W	† Penn St	+2	29-5	W
at Illinois	-3	55-13	W	Washington St	-7	21-28	L	San Diego St	-19	35-6	W	at San Diego St	-24	24-21	L	Colorado	-7	17-14	L
Oregon St	-26	46-17	W	at California	-3	27-17	W	Oregon St	-14	40-20	W	at Oregon	+1	30-33	L	San Jose St	-23	34-24	L
at Houston	-20	26-9	L	UNLV	-25	35-21	L	at Florida St	+13	10-30	L	Oregon St	-13	37-29	L	at Oregon St	-6	21-31	L
California	-16	15-22	L	at Arizona St	+2	7-35	L	Arizona St	-3	35-24	W	at Arizona	+1	24-31	L	Arizona	-7	15-31	L
Arizona	-8	14-7	L	at Notre Dame	+6	20-17	W	California	-11	31-32	L	at Notre Dame	+8	24-25	W	Oregon	+1	17-28	L
at Arizona St	+6	35-48	W	Oregon	-8	24-22	L	at Washington St	-9	42-14	W	Stanford	-7	31-35	L	at Stanford	-5	30-32	L
at Washington St	-3	29-24	W	at Washington	+17	0-27	L	at Oregon	+7	13-17	W	at California	-5	7-17	L	California	-8	16-28	L
Washington	-3	10-21	L	Stanford	-3	45-21	W	Washington	-6	33-10	W	Arizona St	-6	16-26	L	at Arizona St	+3	44-38	W
at Stanford	-7	20-24	L	at Oregon St	-12	23-0	W	at Stanford	-10	34-9	W	at Washington St	-8	31-28	L	Washington St	-11	27-33	L
at UCLA	-3	41-48	L	UCLA	+9	24-31	W	at UCLA	+5	17-34	L	UCLA	-6	17-7	W	at UCLA	+3	38-35	W
Notre Dame	+13	27-20	W					Notre Dame	-8	10-0	W	Louisiana Tech	E	45-19	W	Notre Dame	+1	21-38	L

A photograph of two football players in red uniforms running on a field. The player on the left is wearing a helmet with a red and white design and a jersey with the number 5. The player on the right is also in a red uniform and helmet, running alongside the first player. They are both in motion, with their arms and legs extended. The background is a blurred green field and a crowd of spectators.

#10 SS Billy Newman and #5 LB James Price combined for 172 tackles and 10 pbu last year.

QUARTERBACKS The Cougars have produced some fine QB's over the years including Mark Rypien, Ryan Leaf and Drew Bledsoe. Last year Price went with Jason Gesser, a small but mobile QB, and added 35 plays to the offense to take advantage of his mobility. Gesser had a rough start against Stanford but over the next 5 games threw for 1,346 yards with a 13-2 ratio and had 130 straight passes without an int. After an int broke his streak vs Arizona, he completed just 38.8% with a 3-6 ratio the rest of the way but still managed to lead the Pac 10 in pass efficiency with a 132.52 rating. He also had 6 TD's vs Arizona in 3 OT's which set a WSU record. Gesser broke his leg after making the 1st 9 starts. Hopefully he will be fully recovered to maintain that mobility. Ryan Leaf's cousin, Matt Kegel (6-5 225), took his place. Kegel actually has better speed than Gesser (4.6) and a much more powerful arm. Compared to his cousin he is faster, can jump higher, lifts more weights and is a better athlete. He threw for 535 yards but only connected on 44% of his passes with a 1-1 ratio. These two will battle it out for the starting QB job and may end up sharing the position. Both are very talented and capable of guiding the Cougars to a bowl. They also add Tali Ena (6-4 208 Jr) who was PS#261 DB and some true frosh signees that will likely be redshirted. WSU should have one of the Pac 10's best QB positions.

RUNNING BACKS - Deon Burnett (PS#52) took this unit by storm in 1999 and as a true frosh rushed for 974 yards (4.7) which set the WSU frosh record. One of the knocks on him was the lack of yards he gained after contact and he struggled in that area again last year, rushing for just 345 yards (3.7). Over the final 4 games he had just 21 rush attempts gaining 20 yards and shockingly quit the team at halftime of the season finale. Besides Burnett, this unit is also losing Adam Hawkins who had 123 yards (1.9). David Minnich (6-0 215 Sr) is following in the footsteps of Mike Anderson (Denver Broncos). Minnich is a Marine who rushed for 1,576 yards (7.8) as a soph in JUCO and enrolled here at 26 years old. He's a tough physical inside runner and led the team last year with 754 yards (4.6) despite starting just 3 games. He was timed at 4.48 this spring showing good speed. Jeremy Thielbahr (6-2 238 Sr) was PS#379 and has 97 total yards in 3 years. John Tippins (6-1 221 Jr) was a JC transfer who reported out of shape last year and redshirted but should have an impact. Lavell Anderson (5-7 148 Jr) is on the track team. This year Price signed four

frosh who he is very high on, including Dwayne Wright (PS#66) who he calls "the best HS RB we have recruited here in my tenure" and he will play as a true frosh. Jimmy Wilson (PS#75) may redshirt while Allen Thompson (5-10- 190 FR) PS#227LB may play this year. With the top guy back and some added talent, I look for better production in 2001.

RECEIVERS- The last couple of years this group has been inexperienced, and although the top 2 receivers depart this season (3 the top 5 are back), they do lose WR Marcus Williams (11 sts, 33 rec, 19.5), WR Paul Mencke (3 sts, 6 rec) and WR Farwan Zubedi (7 gms, 7 rec). Their biggest loss is WR Milton Wynn (#4CD of STL) who had 4.37 speed and led the team with 52 rec's and a super 18.5 ypc. I list the 2 deep below and this unit has plenty of talent including Derrick Dillion (PS#63 in 1998) who was a JUCO transfer that was injured last year and redshirted. They also add Mike Bush (6-6 195 Jr) who led the basketball team in scoring. The top 3 TE's are back and Price brings in some solid frosh at that spot as well. With the loss of their top 2 guys this unit looks weaker but does have some potential.

OFFENSIVE LINE Injuries have hurt this unit the last 2 years. Last year they had to replace 3 starters to graduation and 2 backups who combined for 6 starts but had 5 players back with starting experience. Price called the unit one of the most athletic that he's fielded. Unfortunately they lost both returning starters (twins Reed and Ryan Raymond) due to injuries early on. Two more OL were hurt in games after the Raymonds were and they were so thin on the offensive line that all 5 OL's had to play the entire game against USC. They had 3 soph and 2 frosh starters against Azur St. WSU surprisingly only allowed 28 sacks but also only averaged 3.2 ypc rushing. They lose long time OL coach McDonnell but bring in Bob Connelly who coached a San Jose St line that allowed just 11 sacks last season. This year they must replace OT Reed Raymond (4 sts), OG Ryan Raymond (5 sts) and backup C Erik Larson. Six players return with starting experience and they bring in a couple of rFr which will help add depth. Provided this unit can stay healthy, they should go from a weakness to a strength in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE When I think of Wash St, I think of the hard charging, tough defensive lines. Last year the Cougars had to replace one full-time starter and 2 others who combined for 12 starts from the defensive front. They then lost DT Ing Aleaga to injury prior to the season and another projected starter, DT Eric Boose, got in Price's doghouse and had just 5 tackles in 4 games. For the second straight year the defense failed to put a lot of pressure on opposing QB's as they had just 23 sacks while allowing 4.3 ypc rushing. This year they must replace DE Austin Matson (8 sts, 13 tkl, 6 tfl), DL Melvin Camarena (4 sts, 20 tkl, 7 tfl) and Boose. The 2 deep contained 5 underclassmen last year and this season six players return with starting experience. They also get some big time additions as Ing Aleaga returns, and Price bagged JUCO Nate Mallory and some top-notch frosh signees. Also a pair of VHT's in Jeremy Williams (PS#17) and Tai Tupai (PS#19) should have much bigger impacts as sophomores. This unit has a lot more experience than it had coming into last year and should resemble the tough defensive fronts the Cougars have put up in the past.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars had to replace two starters from this group due to graduation last year and then lost their star, Curtis Holden, to academics. They did get a 1998 starter back in James Price and he had a fine year with 8 flt. This year the top six LB's from 2000 all return, but unfortunately Holden was ruled academically ineligible again this year and will enter the NFL supplemental draft in July. They do add an HT rFr and 2 HT true frosh to the mix. With everyone back with the exception of Holden, and added talent, this should be a serviceable, but not outstanding group of LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cougars had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts last year who were lost to graduation and then FS Lamont Thompson (7 sts in '99) redshirted due to injury. They also had to replace their secondary coach Craig Bray. Under Bray WSU twice led the Pac 10 in pass efficiency defense and finished lower than fourth just once. Last year they only allowed 51.8% but with a 24-13 ratio and 238 yards per game but they did take on a very tough slate of opposing QB's and finished #38 in my pass defense rankings. This year they must replace FS Mory Banks (10 sts, 58 tkls, 6 pbu) and CB Chris Martin (11 sts, 49 tkls, 16 pbu) but have six of the top eight back and also get the benefit of Thompson's return to the lineup as well as a couple of rFr that I list below. Provided Thompson is able to overcome his neck injury, they will have three starters back compared to one last season which means this is an improved group that once again should rank near the top of the Pac 10 in pass defense.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cougars usually have a pretty decent special

WASHINGTON ST		2006 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Dave Minnick		165	792	38	754	4	4.6				
Deon Burnett		94	405	60	345	1	3.7				
Adam Hawkins		64	148	25	123	3	1.9				
Jason Gesser		58	200	153	47	2	0.8				
Milton Wynn		2	32	0	32	1	16.0				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Jason Gesser		246	128	52.0	1967	16	10				
Matt Kegel		91	40	44.0	535	1	1				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Milton Wynn		52	964	18.5	5	57					
Marcus Williams		33	643	19.5	4	88					
Nakoa McElrath		14	303	21.6	5	56					
Collin Henderson		14	150	10.7	1	28					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+ NET	BLK	INT20				
Alan Cox		71	2726	38.4	-	33.9	1				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Anoushth Wilaikul		3-3	4-6	1-4	0-0	8-13	41				
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PSU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PSU	INT
B. Newman	100	3	3	9	4	Fred Shavies	29	2	4	0	0
James Price	72	2	6	1	0	T. Kongsika	29	1	5	3	0
R. Smith	71	3	9	5	0	Isaac Brown	26	3	0	0	0
M. Simmons	59	4	3	1	0	M. Camarerna	20	1	6	1	0
Mory Banks	58	1	1	6	3	Erik Coleman	19	0	1	2	0
M. Trufant	53	0	1	16	3	Rien Long	15	1	4	0	0
Chris Martin	49	0	0	16	3	Tupo Tuupo	15	1	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
C. Henderson		15	91	6.1	0	C. Nettles		22	380	17.3	0

teams unit and after ranking #71 in 1999 they improved a little last year up to #66. Coming into last season they had to replace super K Rian Lindell who was 2nd Team Pac 10 and used 3 different K's and the team hit just 11 of 19 FG's including 1 of 5 from 40+. Nick Lambert 5-11 189 SR has a strong leg for K's and started the first 3 games but then injured a knee and did not play much the rest of the year. Price talked about using a scholarship for a K due to last year's results and simply signed PS#3K this year in Graham Siderius. They lose K Anoushi Wilaikui who hit 8 of 13 with a long of 41 but missed 2 potential game winners and a another crucial kick in OT. True frosh Erik Coleman was outstanding on KR's, averaging 25.4 which would have led the Pac 10 but suffered a broken hand and had just 8 returns. He should be 100% healthy. Their top PR was Collin Henderson who averaged just 6.1 but should improve. P Alan Cox averaged 43.7 in JUCO but just 38.4 here last year with a net of 33.9 and I look for him to clearly improve. Basically everyone returns and with the added talent I look for WSU to climb up the special teams rankings.

Since going to the Rose Bowl in 1997, WSU has finished last in the Pac 10 three straight years, with a 3-21 SU record in conference play. Price put some pressure on himself last year saying they needed to win but they went just 2-6 in Pac 10 play. The 2000 version of the Cougars was the youngest team in the Pac 10, but this year they are the most experienced. The 2000 version lost 2 straight OT games and on the season had 3 OT losses so they could have easily achieved a winning record last year. Price is #1 among current Pac 10 coaches in wins due to his longevity and this has the makings of one of those special Mike Price seasons. Only 3 times in his tenure has Price had 13 or more returning starters because he usually relies on JUCO's. The previous 2 times he has recorded his best records. In 1992 they had 18 starters back and went 9-3 including a bowl win. In 1997 they had 13 starters back and had a veteran team like this one that simply went to the Rose Bowl. This year he has 18 starters back and 52 lettermen, both tops in the conference. The Cougars switched their home stadium to Field Turf last year which helped them cut down on injuries. Offensively, if they keep their QB's healthy, they should easily top last year's 25.5 ppg with 9 starters back. I look for the defense to go from the weakness that it was last year (allowed 32.2 ppg) to rank among the upper half of the conference with a veteran unit including 9 returning starters plus a 1999 starter that missed

DEFENSE
3 sts ly, 15 kls, 2
ann (6-5 250 Ft).
tfl. Injured ly. Tai
(285 Ft) PS#102.
tfl. 7 sts ly, 29 kls,
PS#118 in 97.
29 kls, 2 tfl. 11 starts
11 games as rFr.
3 kls, 3 tfl last year.
as a true last year.

19 kls at 17. 10, 10, 11, 11 sts McDonald PS#80. 2nt, 1 spbu, 1 av, 7 kls in 1999. at Oklahama. K nannon PS#166. bu. 11 sts ly, 2nd nt, 19 kls as true. in 3r, 4nt, 71 kls. 3r, 10 kls in 2 yrs. av in 99 at JC. KC specialist.	E Tim Burnette 6-6 235 PS#17 RB Dwayne Wright 6-1 185 PS#66 WR Tandon Harvey 5-11 185 PS#65 RB Jimmy Wilson 6-2 205 PS#75 K Graham Siderius 6-2 195 PS#3 LB Pat Bennett 6-0 210 PS#73 CE Chris Hurd 6-2 185 PS#78 TE Troy Biennemann 6-5 250 PS#48 LB Ben Woodard 6-5 230 PS#109 QB Riley Filt-Chappell 6-7 265 PS#94 WR Thomas Ostrander 6-2 185 PS#139 RB Joshua Swogger 6-5 242 PS#109 WR Matt Smith 6-5 245 PS#66 LB Will Dertling 6-0 205 PS#142 DB Jeremy Robinson 6-1 175 PS#152	Get my 2001 Fresh Report Just \$15.00! 1-800-654-3448
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DEFENSE

QB JASON GESSER JR. 6-1 200 PS#38. 445 yds. 0-3 ratio in 99. 9 sts (inj) ly. 1967 yds (52%). 16-10 ratio. 200 rush. HM P10. **Matt Keeg** (6-5225) SS PS#41, 2 sts, 535 yds (44%) 1-1 ratio.

RB DAVE MINNICH SR. 6-0 215 PS#38/JUCO ly. 26 yrs old, Marine. 4 sts here in ly. 754 yds (4.6), 9 rec (6.1). Dwayne Wright is PS#66 & Price says top frosh RB he's had.

SB COLLIN HENDERSON JR. 6-1 191 PS#110. 4 sts in 99, 20 rec (8.8). 8 sts ly, 14 rec (10.7), 4 of 4 pass, 154 yds. Mike Bush (6-6195 Sr) was the leading scorer on basketball team.

WR Nakoa McElrath Sr. 6-2 185 PS#45/JC. 4 speed, 14 rec, 21.6 average here ly. Derrick Dillion (6-6299 Jr) PS#63 in 98, JUCO in 1999 and injured here last year.

WR Curtis Nettles Jr. 5-7 154 PS#244. 4.3 speed, fastest Cougar in spg ly. 14 rec in 2 yrs. Anthony Buchanan (5-8 107 Jr) 4.27 spd! Tjyan Mayfield (6-0 180) is a JC.

TE RUSSELL MIZIN JR. 6-4 237 PS#50. 9 sts at fr. 6 rec (10.7). 11 sts ly. 12 rec (6.6). Mark Baldwin (6-6 235 Sr) PS#162/JC. 1 st ly. Tim Burnette (6-6 235) is PS#17.

C TYLER HUNT JR. 6-4 265 PS#329 in 1998. 3 games as rF. 11 starts last year, earned letter. Brian Hollenberg (6-6 278 Jr) was PS#113DL. 3 games as ol in 2 years.

RG DERRICK ROCHE JR. 6-6 280 PS#244DL. 3 starts as rF. 11 starts last year.

HM Pac 10. Calvin Armstrong (6-7 286 Jr) was PS#256, Scott Swenson (6-3 300 Jr).

LG JOEY HOLLENBECK SR. 6-4 281 PS#119DL. 1 start as true, 7 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 7 games as OL in 1999. Last 5 sts in 2000. Billy Knotts (6-7 275 So) PS#180. 3 starts as a rF.

RT PHIL LOCKER JR. 6-5 311 PS#363OL. 3 starts as rF in 1999, 11 games.

9 starts in 2000 (4 at LT, 5 at RT), added 11 lbs. Sam Lightbody (6-9 299 Jr) PS#299OL.

LT JOSH PARRISH SO. 6-6 284 PS#347E. L7 sts as rF, lettered. Josh Shavies (6-6 284 Jr) PS#11TE. 1 rec ly. Gerry Cook (6-6 243 Jr) 2 gms, 4 tkls at DE in 99. 2nd string OG ly.

K Graham Siderius Jr. 6-2 195 PS#3K. Hit 111 of 14 FG's in HS ly, 106 of 54.

also played QB & 1,100 passing yds. Nick Lambert (5-11 189 Sr). Drew Dunnipo (5-10 165 So).

DE Tupo Tupo Sr. 6-3 263 PS#165LB, 15 tkIs in 98 & 99, 3 sts ly, 15 tkIs, 2 tfl. *Jeremy Williams* (6-4 260 So) PS#17, 1 st, 14 tkIs, 2 tfl ly. Troy Biemann (6-5 250 Fr) DER ING ALEAGA JR. 6-3 280 PS#53, 4 sts as rFr, 15 tkIs, 1 tfl. Injured ly. Tai Tupai (6-4 326 So) PS#19DL, 6 sts as true, 10 tkIs, 2 sks. Norvell Holmes (6-3 285 Fr) PS#10; 2 TOMASI KONGAICHA JR. 6-1 285 PS#294OL, 7 sts as rFr, 22 tkIs, 3 tfl, 7 sts ly, 29 tkIs, 6 tfl. *HMP Pac* 10, 44o benck. Rien Long (6-7 262 So) 4 sts, 15 tkIs, 5 tfl ly. Nette Mallory PS#18 in 99. DE FRED SHAVIES JR. 6-1 245 PS#109LB, 1 start as rFr, 15 tkIs, 2 tfl. 11 starts last year, 29 tkIs, 6 tfl. *Isaac Brown* (6-3 221 So) PS#37TE, 26 tkIs, 3 sks in 11 games as rFr. WLB MELVIN SIMMONS JR. 6-1 212 PS#113, 10 starts, 59 tkIs, 4 sks, 3 tfl last year. Pat Bennett (6-0 210 Fr) PS#67. Aaron Wagner (6-2 221 So) had 7 tackles as a true last year. MBL JAMES PRICE SR. 5-11 211 PS#308RB, 10 starts in 98, 83 tkIs, 9.5 tfl. Med RS in 1999, 10 starts last year, 72 tkIs, 8 tfl. Al Genatone (6-0 227 So) 1 start, 11 tkIs as a rFr. SLB RAONALL SMITH SR. 6-2 243 PS#124LB, 7 tkIs in 98 & 99, 64 tkIs, 10 tfl. 11 tkIs ly, 71 tkIs, 12 tfl. *HMP Pac* 10. Serign Marong (6-2 31 Sr) 3 sts, 48 tkIs, 3 yrs. Lacy McDonald PS#80. CB MARCUS TRUFANT JR. 6-0 183 PS#160, 6 sts as true, 37 tkIs, 2 int, 13 pbu. 11 starts ly. *HMP Pac* 10, 53 tkIs, 3 int, 16 pbu. Virgil Williams (6-1 181 Jr) PS#189, 7 tkIs in 1999. CB Michael Freeman Sr. 5-10 172 PS#94JUCO in 2000 & orig at Oklahoma. 8 games here ly, 21 tkIs. Jason David PS#148RB (5-8 154 So) 2 tkIs. Jeremy Bohannon PS#166. SS BILLY NEWMAN SR. 5-10 204 12 sts in 99 #1 w/105 tkIs, 5 tfl, 6 pbu. 11 sts, 2 tfl. 2m *Pac* 10, 100 tkIs, 6 tfl, 4 int, 9 pbu. Erik Coleman (5-10 187 So) PS#197, 1 st, 19 tkIs as true. FS LAMONT THOMPSON SR. 6-2 213 PS#137, 4 sts as true, 6 int, 11 sts in 98, 4 int, 71 tkIs. 7 sts in 99, 4 int, 54 tkIs. Meds RS ly, 4.37 spd. NFL prospect. Josh Moon (6-2 195 Sr) 10 tkIs in 2 yrs. P ALAN COX JR. 6-2 185 PS#40, 19 tkIs in 95, PS#27JUC ly, 43.7 avg in 99 at JC. 71 P's barely 38.4 dwn net of 33.9 18 inside the 20. Arden Holdy in PS#366 JC. KQ specialist

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cougars are 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs Big 10 teams.
WSU is 9-2 SU & 8-3 ATS L/11 years vs teams from "small" conf's.
WSU is 10-5-2 ATS in the 1st of back to back away games.
Cougars have had a negative turnover ratio in 5 straight seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Idaho (Thurs)	A												
Sep. 8	at Boise St	A												
Sep. 15	Colorado	A												
Sep. 22	California	A												
Sep. 29	at Arizona	G												
Oct. 6	Oregon St (HC)	A												
Oct. 13	at Stanford	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Oregon	A												
Nov. 3	UCLA	A												
Nov. 10	at Arizona St	G												
Nov. 17	at Washington	A												
Nov. 24														

WSU is 15-7 ATS in their last 22 non-Pac 10 encounters.
Cougars are 7-2 SU L/9 & 5-3 ATS L/8 home openers but 0-3 ATS L/3.
Wash St is 4-1 ATS the last 5 years as an away favorite.
Wazzou is 3-0 SU & ATS vs the Broncos the last 4 years.
May apply here: Prior to 2001 WSU was 26-16-1 ATS L/43 off a SU win.
Last meeting in '96 & CU won 37-19 but WSU covered as a 21 pt AD.
Cougars are 6-3 ATS in their Pac 10 opener.
The home team is 10-2 ATS in the last 12 series meetings.
WSU is 6-10-1 ATS on grass the L/6Y but were 4-0 ATS in 2000.
Visiting team is 6-2-1 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
Cougars are 9-15-2 ATS (just 38%) in their L/26 October games.
Washington St is 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs the Beavers.
Wazzou is 1-8 SU & 0-9 ATS vs Stanford.
Mention this ad & deduct \$15 off this weekend's Late Phone Pkg.
Washington St is 5-10 ATS their last 15 vs Oregon.
The underdog has covered just once in the last 8 meetings.
Wazzou is 7-14 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
Cougars are 5-10 ATS in their last 15 Palouse finales.
The visitor is 7-3-1 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
WSU is 2-13 ATS (but 2-0 L2Y) the week before playing Wash.
Cougars are 6-9 ATS in their last 15 road finales.
WSU is 4-10 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games.

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	5-6	10-1	3-8	3-9	4-7	35-43
ATS	6-4-1	6-5	5-5-1	8-3	2-9	6-6	6-5	39-37-2
Home Fav	2-1	2-1	2-1	4-2	0-2	1-1	0-1	11-9
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-3	9-11
Away Fav	0-2-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-5-1
Away Dog	3-0	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	0-4	2-3	4-1	15-12-1
Favorite	2-3-1	2-3	3-2	6-2	1-2	1-1	0-1	15-14-1
Dog	4-1	4-2	2-3-1	2-1	1-7	5-5	6-4	24-23-1
Grass	2-0-1	1-1	0-2-1	1-1	0-4	0-2	4-0	8-10-2
Artificial	4-4	5-4	5-3	7-2	2-5	6-4	2-5	31-27
vs Conf	3-4-1	4-4	3-4-1	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	24-30-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	15-7
Off SU Win	3-3	3-0	2-2-1	6-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	18-13-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-4	2-3	1-0	1-6	5-4	4-2	18-20

WASHINGTON ST (4-7) CONFERENCE: PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9* **Returning: 52 (22,28,2)**
DEFENSE: 8 **Lost: 22 (12,9,1)**

LETTERMEN:



WASHINGTON STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
6	25.5	18	121	3.2	241	50.4	14.2	-1	2000	4	32.2	21	174	4.3
5*	20.7	19	114	3.4	228	55.1	16.5	-4	1999	6	27.3	20	168	3.9
2	20.3	18	127	3.7	247	47.2	18.4	-17	1998	4	31.7	19	183	4.3
7*	40.3	23	150	4.1	343	55.2	12.3	-1	1997	6	24.7	19	117	3.2
6*	28.5	20	105	3.4	266	51.3	13.0	-10	1996	7	28.8	20	136	3.2
7*	21.5	19	115	3.4	240	56.9	16.5	0	1995	4	24.9	19	130	3.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Stanford	16	36-91	2.5	20-36	161	3	17	38-118	3.1	17-28	256	2	-1
at Utah	22	51-213	4.2	11-18	211	1	20	28-136	4.9	20-43	282	3	+1
Idaho	26	36-183	5.1	16-32	292	2	27	44-216	4.9	22-36	246	1	+2
at California	17	36-41	1.1	15-24	238	4	17	46-149	3.2	11-31	89	0	0
Boise St	22	47-131	2.8	21-31	290	5	21	29-139	4.8	24-41	335	2	+3
at Arizona	19	34-112	3.3	20-37	378	3	22	57-254	4.5	15-31	236	2	-3
Arizona St	16	37-167	4.5	14-32	321	0	19	50-117	2.3	20-32	251	4	-3
at Oregon St	13	31-56	1.8	17-37	184	2	20	43-267	6.2	13-30	146	1	-1
Oregon	16	47-122	2.6	14-34	217	4	14	21-94	4.5	18-39	212	1	0
at USC	18	38-130	3.4	12-32	242	1	29	41-91	2.2	29-54	379	6	+1
Washington	12	28-88	3.1	12-28	122	2	28	53-336	6.3	11-21	190	1	0
TOTALS	197	421-1334	3.2	172-341	2656	27	234	450-1917	4.3	200-386	2622	23	-1
AVERAGES	17.9	38-121	3.2	16-31	241	2.5	21.3	41-174	4.3	18-35	238	2.1	-0.1

Coach: MIKE PRICE (Career 109-117)

Price's records AT WASHINGTON STATE

13th Year at Washington State	21-17	Home Favorite
63-73 Straight Up	13-14	Home Underdog
64-65-4 Vs The Spread	8-9-3	Away Favorite
27-35-1 Off A S/U Loss	22-25-1	Away Underdog
43-51-2 Vs Conference	21-14-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	Holiday	+3	BYU	36-38	W
88	Aloha	+4	Houston	24-22	W
92	Copper	-9	Utah	31-28	L
94	Alamo	-5	Baylor	10-3	W
97	Rose	+7	Michigan	16-21	W

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+21	19-37	W
at Temple	-10	38-34	L
Oregon	-2	55-44	W
San Jose St	-27	52-16	W
at Arizona	+8	26-34	T
at Oregon St	-9	24-3	W
California	-3	21-18	L
USC	+3	24-29	L
at UCLA	+4	14-38	L
at Stanford	+1	17-33	L
Washington	+10	24-31	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	-1	37-34	W
at USC	+7	28-21	W
at Illinois	-12	35-22	W
Boise St	-39	58-0	W
at Oregon	-7	24-13	W
California	-16	63-37	W
Arizona	-13	35-34	L
at Arizona St	+3	31-44	L
SW Louisiana	-46	77-7	W
Stanford	-15	38-28	L
at Washington	+6	41-35	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-12	20-13	L
at Boise St	-11	33-21	W
Idaho	-16	24-16	L
at California	+4	14-24	L
at UCLA	+23	17-49	L
Oregon	+13	29-51	L
USC	+9	14-42	L
Arizona St	+6	28-38	L
at Arizona	+24	7-41	L
at Stanford	+7	28-38	L
Washington	+9	9-16	W

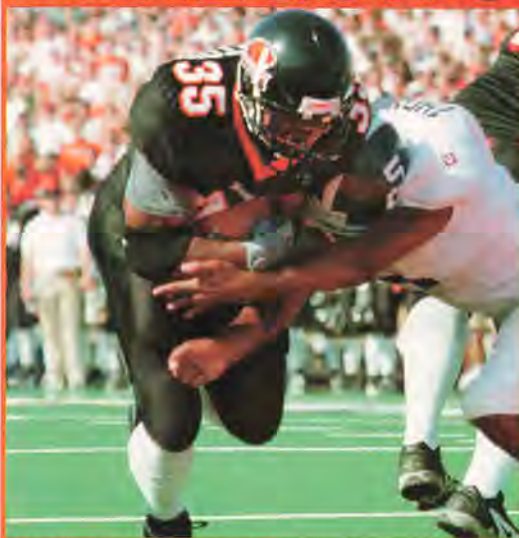
1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	-2	7-27	L
at Stanford	+6	17-54	L
at Idaho	+3	7-28	L
Arizona	+13	24-30	W
California	+4	31-7	W
Louisiana-Lft	-21	44-0	W
at Arizona St	+7	21-33	L
Oregon St	+4	13-27	L
at Oregon	+15	10-52	L
USC	+8	28-31	W
at Washington	+14	14-24	W
at Hawaii	+5	22-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Stanford	+2	10-24	L
at Utah	+11	38-21	W
Idaho	-10	34-38	L
at California	+6	21-17	W
Boise St	+2	42-35	W
at Arizona	+12	47-53	W
Arizona St	+1	20-23	L
at Oregon St	+13	9-38	L
Oregon	+9	24-27	W
at USC	+11	33-27	W
Washington	+8	3-51	L

OREGON ST BEAVERS



RB Ken Simonton is a busy Beaver, rushing for 1000 yds in his frosh, soph and junior seasons.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - You won't see Jonathan Smith on an NFL roster in the future as he is a small, thin QB who is slow footed. However, he has put up big numbers as he possesses good arm strength and makes good decisions, as last year's 20-7 ratio will attest. He started the last 3 in 1998 and threw for 1,427 yards (45%) with a 6-5 ratio. He made big strides in 1999 as a full-time starter throwing for 3,053 yards (49%) with a 15-7 ratio and 158 yards rushing. Smith is an avid weight lifter and has upped his bench to 245. He entered the season with a streak of 140 passes without an int but was picked off twice vs E Wash. He later had a streak of 156 during the year. Smith got off to a slow start due to lack of quality WR's (see Receivers). He threw for just 137 ypg (43%) with a 3-2 ratio in the first 4 games and the receiving corps dropped many passes. Over the last 8 games he threw for 2,223 yards or 277 ypg, 53% with a 17-5 ratio. Smith missed spring practice this year due to surgery on his broken left wrist which began to hurt during the third game of last season. Check out the Pac 10 (page 94) in the Conference Forecast Section for an interesting stat on 4th year starting QB's in the Pac 10. Shayne House (6-5 222 So, PS#159) is more of the prototypical QB and yet has 4.6 speed. House has the physical tools that Smith lacks but does not have the experience. Last year he had shoulder surgery and missed the year. Nick Stremick (6-2 201 Sr) was PS#194 and had 1 pass attempt in 2000. Ryan Kanekeberg (6-2 199 rFr) was PS#111 and he too has 4.6 speed. Adam Rothenfluh (6-3 198 rFr) was PS#151. The HUGG news at this spot is the signing of a rare VHT in Derek Anderson (PS#6) who is big yet mobile, but unless Smith gets hurt he will likely redshirt and be the QB of the future. This unit should show continued improvement in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton became the first Pac 10 player to rush for 1,000 yards as a frosh, soph and junior and could become the first ever to rush for 1,000 yards in 4 different seasons. He has improved each season after averaging 4.2 yards as a frosh to 5.1 as a soph and 5.5 last year with a career high 1,559 yards. Many times in the second half of games Patrick McCall took over with fresh legs and finished with 658 yards (5.1). A Michigan transfer, McCall was PS#25 and should be even stronger in his 2nd season here. Antonio Battle rushed for 178 yards (3.8) but he departs. Last year's success helped Erickson to sign Steven Jackson (PS#35) a 210 lb back with power and also 4.4 speed. Dwight Wright (5-8 196 rFr) is also in the mix. The Simonton/McCall tandem could be the Pac 10's best duo and if Jackson plays it would be the best trio but it will be tough to top last year's stellar production.

RECEIVERS - Last year OSU had to replace two starting WR's but had 2 starters back and got a huge JUCO transfer in Chad Johnson. It took Johnson half the year to get into the groove as he had 11 rec's after the first 6 games but 26 over the last 6. OSU also had their top 3 slotbacks suspended prior to the season for the first 3 games and their replacements

dropped a lot passes early. As I mentioned in the QB write-up, the WR's got much more productive in the second half of the season. OSU did not rotate much with this unit as the starters had 134 rec's and the rest of the receiving corps had just 9! Unfortunately for Erickson, those 4 starters were all seniors. Gone this year is Chad Johnson (#2 DC of CIN) who is 6-3 198 with 4.3 speed and averaged a nifty 21.8 on his 37 rec's. SB Robert Prescott averaged 23.0 on his 28 grabs in just 8 games. TJ Houshmandzadeh (#7 DC of CIN) led the team with 48 rec's and was 2nd Tm Pac 10. TE Martin Maurer (36 rec, 12.9) was a 2 year starter and his backup also departs. I list 5 TE's below and many are HT's plus a 3 deep at all WR spots with some top-notch JUCO's, rFr and frosh coming in. There is some talent here but it is very lightly seasoned and naturally the group looks weaker in 2001 with the loss of their top 4 pass catchers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Beavers returned 3 starters but Keith DiDomenico, an NFL prospect and 2 year starter, quit the team prior to the season. The unit still did well opening up holes for 4.1 ypc although it did allow 36 sacks. Two players made All Pac 10 honors in C Chris Gibson who was 1st Team in his first year as a starter and RT Mitch White (#6 DC of NO) grabbed 2nd Team honors. This year 3 starters depart in LG Robert Sykes (12 sts, 2 yr str), RG Jared Cornell (12 starts) and White. They get DiDomenico back as he decided to return for 2001 so basically 3 starters return and 8 of the top 11. Erickson says OL coach Gregg Smith is the best in the business (college or pro) and has confidence he will fashion another strong group. I list the two deep below and this group is more experienced than last year and could be even stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Beavers had to replace one starter and 2 backups from this unit last year and had James Allen and Tevita Moala, a pair of starters, bothered by injuries. Rfr Richard Seigler emerged at MLB as the starter and OLB Darnell Robinson earned 2nd Tm Pac 10 honors with 14 tfl while leading the team with 80 tackles. Robinson departs but Seigler and the two players who split the other position, Allen and Nick Barnett, return. Also gone is Tevita Moala (20 tkl, 1 tfl) and Greg Brown-Davis (13 tkl, 2 pbu). They also bring in a solid recruiting class of true frosh, some of whom may play, a top-notch JUCO who was in for the spring and 2 quality rFr. After his big bowl game Allen appears to be this year's top LB and would have been more productive last year if not for a hip injury. While the top LB departs, this unit could be just as strong as last year's productive crew.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This has clearly been an area of strength for the Beavers over the last 5 years as they finished #43 in 1996, #37 in 1997, #14 in 1998 and then in 1999 with just two starters returning and having one lost for the season due to injury, they still finished #3 in my rankings. Last year's group had all 4 starters returning and finished #19, allowing just 49.1% with an outstanding 11-24 ratio. CB Dennis Weathersby was a big part of that as he is their best cover corner and he returns for his junior season. This year they suffer some losses. Gone are CB Keith Heyward-Johnson (12 sts, 4 int, 11 pbu), CB Ricky Walker (2 sts, 2 int, 4 pbu), SS Terrence Carroll (11 sts, 65 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu) and CB Terrence Gray (13 tkl). Two starters are back and 5 of the top 8 overall. Erickson also brings in three top-notch newcomers in JUCO DJ Coote, whom I project as a starter and 2 true frosh that I list in the 2 deep. Donte Nicholson was PS#121WR in 2000 and originally signed at Washington. I really like their CB combo of Weathersby and Coote as they both have good size and cover abilities. Overall this is a gifted group but it is less experienced and might drop a few notches in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Erickson's 2 years here the Beavers have ranked #91

OREGON ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ken Simonton	284	1627	68	1559	19	5.5					
Patrick McCall	129	700	42	658	7	5.1					
Antonio Battle	47	188	10	178	1	3.8					
Robert Prescott	1	25	0	25	0	25.0					
Jonathan Smith	56	89	267	-178	0	-3.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Jonathan Smith	338	170	50.3	2773	20	7					
Tyler Thomas	5	1	20.0	11	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
TJ Houshmandzadeh	48	730	15.2	7	76						
Chad Johnson	37	806	21.8	8	97						
Martin Maurer	36	465	12.9	1	30						
Robert Prescott	28	643	23.0	4	55						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Mike Fessler	68	2726	40.1	—	36.0	0	24				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Ryan Cesca	3-3	9-10	4-6	0-0	16-19	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D. Robinson	80	6	8	5	1	James Allen	40	1	6	2	0
R. Seigler	72	2	5	10	3	Ryan Atkinson	32	2.5	5	2	0
T. Carroll	65	0	1	9	4	Eric Manning	31	2	1	2	0
L. Jackson	52	11.5	9	1	1	D. Edwards	27	5	4	1	0
Calvin Carlyle	49	1	1	1	0	Jake Cookus	26	0	0	7	5
Nick Barnett	44	0	3	1	0	Tevita Moala	20	0	1	1	0
D. Grant	41	7	6	1	1	T. Roberts	20	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
TJ Houshmandzadeh	28	278	9.9	0	Ricky Walker	19	411	21.6	0		

and #65 in this area. PK Ryan Cesca greatly improved in his 2nd season. After hitting just 7 of 15 FG's in 1999, he hit 16 of 19 last year with a long of 49 including 4 of 6 from 40+. Cesca also set a school record with 80 straight xps. They must replace 4 year P Mike Fessler who averaged 40.1 with a net of 36.0. Their return game was decent last year with averages of 9.9 on PR's and 20.4 on KR's but all of the top returnmen depart. Cesca is back to handle KO's and last year they regressed a little, allowing 21.3 per KR but should improve this season. They also lose their long snapper Tim Murdock. This looks like a below average group unless true frosh Ryan Cuzzetto lives up to his PS#4 billing and some top-notch returnmen emerge.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU had a tremendous year in 2000. They moved into the AP Poll for the first time since 1969. The Beavers even ended their 26 game losing streak to USC which had dated back to 1967. They've been to 2 straight bowls after having a streak of 28 consecutive losing seasons. OSU has turned their home stadium into a pit as the crowd is raucous throughout and OSU has won 9 straight games there. OSU's average home attendance was 33,649 with their last 4 games sellouts, a school record. Season ticket sales have gone from 6,000 in 1998 to possibly 20,000 this year. OSU finished #4 in the final polls which is their highest ever end of season ranking (previous high was 7th in 1967). Last year was also their first 10 win regular season and OSU earned its share of the Pac 10 Title (first time since 1957). OSU became the highest scoring team in school history, breaking records set by the 1999 team. OSU was +18 in turnovers last year, but that news does not bode well if you look at page 277. OSU did not play a true frosh during the regular season and came within a missed 46 yard FG in a 33-30 loss to Washington from being unbeaten and playing for the National Title. For the first time in school history OSU swept the four California schools of the Pac 10 in one season. OSU capped their wonderful season with a dominating win over ND in the Fiesta Bowl. In the Pac 10 where most games were close, OSU was the dominant team with their average winning margin being 16.7 ppg. For comparison's sake, co-champ Washington had 6 of their wins by 7 points or less. Now the question is will OSU become a team like Kan St and Virg Tech which went from years of losing to perennial national title contenders or will they prove to be a 2 year wonder? I really like the job that Dennis Erickson and Mike Riley (yes, give him credit, he began the turnaround) have done here and despite the fact that OSU has the fewest amount of returning starters

in the Pac 10 (9) and loses the highest percentage of lettermen (37%) they should once again contend for a bowl bid, especially with a soft non-conf slate. I do 7 sets of power ratings every preseason and one actually calls OSU a Top 10 team and gives them a shot at an undefeated season. With the fact they have just 9 returning starters and benefitted from +18 turnovers last year, I will not go that far but it would make quite a statement for this program that even in a rebuilding year, they have an excellent shot at returning to a bowl game.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Derek Anderson 6-6 230 PS#6	DL Bill Swancutt 6-4 230 PS#42
RB Steven Jackson 6-1 210 PS#35	DB Rodney Landingham 6-1 185 PS#45
DB D.J. Coote 6-2 195 PS#20JC	WR Josh Hawkins 6-1 185 PS#68
WR Josh Hawkins 6-1 185 PS#68	DB Chad Scott 6-3 206 PS#74
WR Andre Cyrus 6-0 180 PS#36JC	DL Alvin Steen 6-2 260 PS#40JC
DL Alvin Steen 6-2 260 PS#40JC	DL Jason Fyda 6-3 260 PS#108
K Ryan Cuzzetto 6-0 195 PS#4	LB Jason Lowe 6-3 230 PS#56JC
WR Jayson Boyd 6-4 190 PS#101	WR Travis Brown 5-11 169 PS#104
TE Travon Magee 6-7 250 PS#86JC	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JONATHAN SMITH SR. 5-11 202 3 sts in 98, 1427 yds (45%) 6-5 ratio. 12 sts in 99, 3053 yds (49%) 15-7 ratio. 12 sts ly, 2773 yds (50%). 20-7 ratio. Shayne House (6-5 222 So).
RB KEN SIMONTON SR. 5-8 191 1028 yds (4.6) as Fr. 1486 yds (5.1) in 99. 1559 yds (5.5) ly, 2nd Tm AA. Patrick McCall (5-10 200 Sr) PS#25, 658 yds (5.1), Mich trans.
SB Ron Monteith rFr. 5-11 193 PS#65. Andre Cyrus (6-0 180 Jr) PS#36/JUCO. James Newson (6-1 209 So) PS#96, 1 rec last year (susp for 3). Mike Payton (5-9 183 Sr).
WR Shawn Kintner Jr. 6-3 204 PS#67. 11 rec as rFr. 1 start last year, 2 rec. George Gillett (6-1 196 rFr) was PS#57. Jayson Boyd (6-4 190 Fr) PS#101, has 4.4 speed.
WR Seth Trimmer Jr. 6-5 201 PS#102JC in '98. 3 starts last year, 3 rec (8.7). Aaron Hill (6-2 192 So) PS#102. 2 rec (13.5) as rFr. Josh Hawkins is PS#68, 4.4 speed.
TE Tim Euhus So. 6-5 239 PS#29. Travon Magee (6-7 250 Jr) PS#86/JUCO. Mark Walsh (6-3 262 Sr) PS#36. Jermaine Jackson is PS#197/JUCO. Rfr Pat Loney is PS#42.
C CHRIS GIBSON SR. 6-3 279 2nd string in '98. 3 starts, 7 games in '99, 375 bench. 12 starts in 2000, 1st Tm Pac 10, 3rd Tm AA. Matt Brook (6-1 298 rFr) PS#177DL.
RG KEITH DIDOMENICO SR. 6-5 304 2 sts, 8 gms as true. 11 sts in '98, 350 bench. 9 sts in '99. HM Pac 10. DNP in 2000. Paul Davidson (6-4 285 Sr) PS#241JC & lettered ly.
LG Mike Kuykendall Jr. 6-6 323 PS#97. 12 gms as rFr & 12 gms ly as 2nd string, 2 letters. Tyler McClaughey (6-4 285 Sr), 2 letters. Kanan Sanchez (6-4 327 rFr) PS#219.
RT VINCENT SANDOVAL SR. 6-4 298 PS#293 in '97. Lettered as 2nd string 1998 & 1999. 12 sts last year, 400 bench & added 11 lbs. Doug Nienhuis (6-5 282 rFr) was PS#236.
LT Lee Davis Jr. 6-3 312 51 pancakes at JC in '99, PS#190JC, RS ly. Brian Kilenny (6-4 282 So) PS#305, 3 games ly. Dustin Jank (6-3 294 Sr) has 3 letters as backup.
K RYAN CESCA JR. 5-8 176 PS#28J. 7 of 15 FG's with a long of 43 as true. First Team Pac 10 in 2000, 16 of 19 FG's, long of 49, school record 80 straight xps made.

DE Jayson Jean-Baptiste Jr. 6-4 225 PS#269JC, 4.6 spd. Kyle Rosselle (6-5 256 Sr) PS#170, 1 st, 18 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 yrs. Brian Tulikihilo (6-4 279 Sr) JUCO in 99, 9 gms, 2 tkl, 1 tfl ly.
DT Dwan Edwards So. 6-3 284 PS#148DL, 27 tkl, 5 sks, 4 tfl as rFr. Added 17 lbs. Paul Soto (6-1 288 rFr) added 28 lbs. Jason Fyda is PS#108. David Lose (6-2 296 So).
DT ERIC MANNING JR. 6-1 298 PS#331, 15 tkl, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts ly, 31 tkl, 13 tfl. James Lee (6-5 300 Jr) PS#109JC, in for spring. Mike Havens (6-5 271 Jr) PS#102TE.
DE Alvin Steen Jr. 6-2 260 PS#40JUCO, 21 tfl last year, in for spring. Dan Rothwell (6-2 246 So) PS#278DL, 3 tkl as rFr. Bill Swancutt (6-3 242L, 17 sks as Sr in HS).
SLB Nick Barnett Jr. 6-2 202 PS#332, 11 tkl as true. 5 starts ly, 44 tkl, 3 tfl. Seth Lacey (6-1 221 rFr) PS#71RB. Jason Jacobs (6-1 205 So) was PS#452DB, 4 tkl as rFr.
MLB RICHARD SEIGLER SO. 6-3 216 PS#230, 12 starts as rFr, 72 tkl, 7 tfl, 10 pbu. Jonathan Pollard (6-1 237 rFr) was PS#151 and added 14 pounds. Chaz Scott is PS#74DB.
WLB JAMES ALLEN SR. 6-3 230 300 bench. 12 starts in '99, 64 tkl, 4 sks, 2 tfl, 3 pbu, 6 starts ly (inj) 40 tkl, 7 tfl. Jason Lowe (6-3 230 Jr) is PS#56/JUCO & in for the spring.
CB DENNIS WEATHERSBY JR. 6-1 201 PS#144, 12 sts as rFr, 17 pbu, 10 sts ly, 1st Tm Pac 10, 2 int, 13 pbu. Rodney Landingham is PS#45. Johan Thomas (5-8 172 Fr) was PS#190.
CB D.J. Coote Jr. 6-2 195 PS#20JUCO and in for the spring. Shamod Jamerson (5-11 178 So) PS#161WR, 8 tkl as true, RS last year. Travis Brown is PS#104.
SS CALVIN CARLYLE SR. 6-0 184 12 sts in '99, 53 tkl, 7 pbu, HM Pac 10, 10 sts ly, 49 tkl, 2 tfl. Terrell Roberts (5-10 198 Jr) PS#233, 29 tkl, 2 years. Eric Mobley is ex-WR.
FS Jake Cookus Sr. 5-10 191 PS#136QB, 24 tkl, 2 int in '99, 4 sts, 5 int, 7 pbu ly. Mitch Meeuwens (6-2 209 Jr) PS#69QB. Donte Nicholson is PS#121WR & orig at Washington.
P Ryan Cuzzetto Jr. 6-0 195 PS#4K this year, 43 punts last year & 40.3 average in high school. Also 65 yard FG. Carl Tobey (6-1 222 So) was 2nd string P in 2000.

OREGON ST BEAVERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

OSU has not beaten Washington SU since 1985 & the Huskies handed them their lone loss last year.
Oregon St is 9-0 ATS as home chalk over the last 3 years.
The underdog is 8-3-1 ATS in the Stanford series.
Erickson's teams (OSU & NFL's Seattle) are 17-9-1 ATS the L4Y on the road. Also, they are 15-5-1 ATS as a dog overall.
OSU is 6-1 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 3 years.
Oregon St is 1-5 ATS in their last 6 road openers.
Beavers are 2-7 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more away games.
Oregon St is 9-19 SU on grass since 1993, 5-2 ATS last 2 years.
Pending the L2W, OSU has won 13 in a row SU vs non-conf opponents.
Does not apply since this is a "NL" game but OSU is 9-3 ATS prior to a bye week.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Fresno St	G												
Sep. 8	at New Mexico St	G												
Sep. 15	Montana St	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	UCLA	A												
Oct. 6	at Washington St	A												
Oct. 13	Arizona	A												
Oct. 20	at Arizona St	G												
Oct. 27	California (HC)	A												
Nov. 3	at USC	G												
Nov. 10	Washington	A												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	at Oregon	A												

STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (35,362)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	1-10	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-4	10-1	32-45
ATS	7-4	2-8-1	4-7	3-7-1	8-3	8-2	8-2	40-33-2
Home Fav	1-2	0-1	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	3-0	4-0	12-5-1
Home Dog	2-1	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	12-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	3-4
Away Dog	4-1	1-2-1	1-4	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-0	13-14-1
Favorite	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	4-0	4-0	4-2	15-9-1
Dog	6-2	2-5-1	3-6	2-6	4-3	4-2	4-0	25-24-1
Grass	3-1	0-2-1	1-2	0-3	2-2	3-0	2-2	11-12-1
Artificial	4-3	2-6	3-5	3-4-1	6-1	5-2	6-0	29-21-1
vs Conf	6-2	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-1	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1	9-9-1
Off SU Win	2-2	0-1	0-2	1-1-1	2-2	5-1	7-2	17-11-1
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-6-1	4-4	2-4	5-1	2-1	1-0	20-18-1

Coch: DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 131-46-1)
Erickson's record AT OREGON STATE

3rd Year at Oregon State	7-0	Home Favorite
18-6 Straight Up	2-1	Home Underdog
16-4 Vs The Spread	1-2	Away Favorite
3-1 Off A S/U Loss	6-1	Away Underdog
13-3 Vs Conference	3-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Rose	NL	Iowa	19-35	-
62	Liberty	NL	Villanova	6-0	-
64	Rose	NL	Michigan	7-34	-
99	Oahu	-9	Hawaii	17-23	L
00	Fiesta	-3'	Notre Dame	41-9	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana	-2'	14-35	L	N Texas	-13	33-7	W	Nevada	-7'	48-6	W	at Nevada	+1	28-13	W	E Washington	NL	21-19	-
at USC	+26	17-46	L	Stanford	+11'	24-27	W	Baylor	-7	27-17	W	Fresno St	-3'	46-23	W	at New Mexico	-9'	28-20	L
at Baylor	+18	10-42	L	Arizona St	+11	10-13	W	at USC	+14	20-40	L	Ga Southern	NL	48-41	-	San Diego St	-16'	35-3	W
at California	+15'	42-48	W	San Jose St	-18	26-12	L	at Arizona St	+11	3-24	L	at USC	+13	29-37	W	USC	+6'	31-21	W
Washington St	+9	3-24	L	Utah St	-8	24-16	T	at Utah St	-3'	20-16	W	Washington	+2'	21-47	L	at Washington	+9'	30-33	W
Stanford	+9	26-12	W	at UCLA	+22'	10-34	L	at Stanford	E	30-23	W	at Stanford	+7	17-21	W	Stanford	-9	38-6	W
at Arizona	+19'	7-33	L	Washington	+24	17-45	L	Arizona	+8	7-28	L	UCLA	+1	55-7	W	at UCLA	+3	44-38	W
Arizona St	+23'	14-29	W	at California	+5	14-33	L	at Washington	+16'	34-35	W	at Washington St	-4'	27-13	W	Washington St	-13	38-9	W
at Washington	+23'	3-42	L	at Arizona	+16'	7-27	L	California	+2	19-20	W	California	-9	17-7	W	at California	-6'	38-32	L
N Illinois	-21	67-28	W	USC	+12	0-23	L	UCLA	+16'	34-41	W	Arizona	-3	28-20	W	at Arizona	+1	33-9	W
Oregon	-8'	13-49	L	at Oregon	+16	30-48	L	Oregon	+9'	44-41	W	at Oregon	+6	14-25	L	Oregon	-5	23-13	W

OREGON ST (11-1) PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (21,19,1)
Lost: 24 (12,16,2)



OREGON STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
6*	33.3	21	181	4.1	233	49.9	12.4	+18	2000	7	17.7	18	87	2.5	214	49.1
6*	28.9	22	149	3.9	286	48.7	15.0	+7	1999	5	23.1	21	158	4.0	198	49.9
9*	26.0	20	116	3.5	256	47.5	14.3	-3	1998	9	26.5	22	136	3.2	255	55.0
5*	17.7	18	84	2.4	210	46.4	16.6	+6	1997	8	25.9	22	153	3.5	227	53.9
4*	19.6	17	231	4.5	85	36.4	16.8	-2	1996	6	35.3	19	197	4.5	199	53.5
6*	12.4	16	210	3.9	72	32.9	22.8	-7	1995	6	21.5	17	122	3.0	181	50.8

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
E Washington	22	49-194	4.0	13-29	132	2		14	33-58	1.8	13-30	139	1		-1
at New Mexico	16	49-222	4.5	12-28	78	5		8	31-42	1.4	12-21	130	2		+2
San Diego St	19	46-153	3.3	15-30	183	3		16	38-71	1.9	15-30	156	4		+7
USC	23	53-218	4.1	10-29	157	5		16	30-63	2.1	19-38	282	4		+2
at Washington	20	40-160	4.0	13-25	314	4		31	47-281	6.0	20-32	223	2		0
Stanford	21	37-147	4.0	14-26	324	2		22	49-148	3.0	18-33	185	2		+2
at UCLA	31	53-253	4.8	23-37	351	2		22	31-72	2.3	19-33	363	3		-2
Washington St	20	43-267	6.2	13-30	146	1		13	31-56	1.8	17-37	184	2		+1
at California	21	47-207	4.4	11-28	317	4		18	30-27	0.9	17-44	349	6		0
at Arizona	22	41-73	1.8	17-31	231	5		9	31-69	2.2	9-22	89	9		0
Oregon	22	39-153	3.9	14-27	246	0		27	34-137	4.0	25-48	334	2		+5
Notre Dame (Bowl)	20	39-127	3.3	17-25	319	3		18	37-17	0.5	13-33	138	5		+2
TOTALS	257	536-2174	4.1	172-345	2798	36		214	422-1041	2.5	197-401	2572	42		+18
AVERAGES	21.4	45-181	4.1	14-29	233	3.0		17.8	35-87	2.5	16-33	214	3.5		1.5

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS



QB Kyle Boller seemed to be hibernating in the past, but looks to claw his way out of that this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Tom Holmoe's biggest signing was that of QB Kyle Boller (PS#3) in 1999. Boller took over and started 8 games as a true frosh but completed just 38.6% with a 9-15 ratio while rushing for 90 yards. He piloted a young offense with a WR corps that was decimated by injuries and inexperience. Boller figured to be much improved last year with 7 returning starters but the Bears' O-line was hit hard by injuries as was the receiving corps. Boller threw for 2,121 yards (46.7%) but improved his ratio to 15-13 while rushing for 216 yards. Boller has gotten bigger and stronger in each of his first 2 years but in 11 of 12 road games he has completed under 50% with the only game over 50% being just a 7 of 12 effort vs USC. In fact in his career he has topped 50% in just 5 of 21 games. New OC Al Borges was hired for his ability to tutor QB's like Cade McNown at UCLA. There was talk last year about giving Eric Holtfreter more playing time and he saw action vs Ariz St hitting 1 of 4 for 22 yards but Boller took every snap the rest of the way. Holtfreter was PS#143JC and threw for 2,667 yards (55.1%) with 24 TD's at JC in 1999. Reggie Robertson (6-2 185 rFr) could be this year's backup. He was PS#30 and redshirted after throwing for over 7,000 yards in his HS career with a 34-5 ratio as a senior. This finally could be the year that Boller lives up to his VHT billing and I look for big things out of him especially under the tutelage of Borges.

RUNNING BACKS - Cal implemented the H-back position to take advantage of Marcus Fields' size (6-2 225) and speed (track time 100m & 200m in '98). Fields, however, was injured in the opener and missed the rest of the year. Borges ran a 2 back offense at UCLA and I look for him to use Fields more as a FB but also keep the H-back role available. Fields led the team in rushing in 1998 with 734 yards (4.5) and has over 1,500 yards rushing in his career. Joe Igber (PS#62) has been compared to Barry Sanders and after rushing for 694 yards (4.7) as a true frosh, he had 901 last year (4.6). Saleem Muhammad (PS#57) is a good north/south runner and had his most productive year in 2000 with 264 yards (4.3) while leading the team in rushing in the last 2 games with 160 yards. He may be a bigger contributor in the new scheme. Joe Echema (5-11 215 Jr) was PS#209 and rushed for 215 yards (3.7). Ryan Stanger got in 8 starts at FB with Fields out and had 69 total yards. Pana Faumina (6-0 235 rFr) was PS#135 and had 2 rec's as a true frosh but still redshirted. Michael Sparks (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#289 and Eddie Garcia (5-11 195 So) was PS#430. With the return of Fields and the addition of this year's top recruits, this unit has added talent and I look for Igber to top 1,000 yards.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 Cal's WR corps was decimated by injuries and at the end of the season they had RB's, DB's and even a backup QB playing WR. Last year they had to replace their top 2 receivers but did have their starting TE back. This year the top 4 receivers return and the 3 biggest losses are TE Brian Surgener (9 sts, 4 rec), WR Phillip Pipersburg (13 rec, 21.1!) and FB/H-back Keala Keanaaina who had 15 rec's (12.7). Chad Heydorff (PS#11JC) had hamstring injuries and missed the start of last season. He was never 100% effective and this could be his breakout year. It would not surprise me to see some of this year's top signees break into the lineup. I list the top TE's below. This unit is more experienced than it was coming into last season and also has added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Cal's OL showed some improvement in 1999 as they went from 2.3 ypc rushing to 2.8 and trimmed the sacks allowed total to 36. That year the Bears had 6 of their top 10 back but ended the year with 2 frosh and 2 soph in the 2 deep. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including an NFL draft pick and then were hit hard by injuries throughout the year. OT Langston Walker was lost after 4 starts to a broken ankle. OL Robert Truhitte was injured after 3 starts and did not start again. G Brandon Ludwig was injured vs Illinois and missed 4 weeks. G Scott Tercero missed the first couple of games and C Reed Diehl missed a few starts. Marvin Philip started some but was lost for the year after Wk 6 and Diehl ended up starting at 3 different positions. Surprisingly Cal held the sack total to 28 and improved their ypc rushing to 3.4. This year the only losses are C Diehl (7 sts, 2 yr str), OL Chris Chick (4 sts) and Philip (2 sts). Basically 4 full-time starters are back including Walker, who is an NFL prospect. As long as this unit can stay healthy, I look for them to continue to improve and have their best year yet under Holmoe.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bears have had one of the Pac 10's top D-lines in each of the last 3 years. Last season they had to replace 2 starters, one of which was a 7th round NFL draft pick, while the other had 13 sacks as well as a DT that had 4 starts. They also had 2 players from my preseason two deep who were lost prior to the year. This year only 2 starters depart but one is a huge loss in DE Andre Carter (1st Tm AA, 13 sts, 19 tfl, #1 DC of SF!) They also must replace NT Jacob Waasdorp (9 sts, 2nd Tm Pac 10, 9 tfl) and DE Shaun Paga (25 tfls, 4 tfl). They got a huge true frosh signing in Lorenzo Alexander (PS#11) and hope he has the same success Carter did as a true frosh. Holmoe also brings in JUCO Tom Canada who was in for the spring and had 16 sacks at JUCO last year. This is still a fairly deep unit and in the fall Holmoe will add JUCO Josh Gustaveson (PS#45) who had 30 tfl at the JC level. They also get Jamaal Cherry (PS#76LB) after he missed last year. Chris Linderman (6-3 245 rFr) was PS#210LB and I was not able to fit him in on the 3 deep. Also look out for LP Ladouceur this year who does not have a high PS# because he played in Canada but was recruited by Miami (Fla) and impressed Holmoe enough to make the travel squad as a true frosh. Provided the 3 newcomers as well as some talented rFr like Toshi Lupoi (PS#36TE) can live up to their advanced billing, this unit could come close to last year's standards. That is a big "IF" and with the loss of a player like Carter, this unit will probably be weaker in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - The Bears had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation last year and then 2 players with starting experience who I projected as 1st stringers did not play. That left a very lightly seasoned group with soph's Matt Nixon and John Klotzsche becoming the starters and prior to the season they had 5 career tackles combined. This year they are in much better shape as the top 6 LB's all return and they get some solid additions like rFr Wendell Hunter who Holmoe's been very impressed with and true frosh Mike Wells (PS#88). Also in the mix but not listed below are Eli Thompson (6-2 230 rFr) who was PS#153 and Jason Smith, a Vanderbilt transfer. I look for Smith and JUCO Marcus Daniels (6-1 230) to have a bigger impact in their 2nd year with the team. This should be a much improved LB corps in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year was Holmoe's 4th season and in his first 2 seasons Cal was exceptional in my pass defense rankings, finishing #7 and #10 in '98 and '99. Last year they had to replace their star CB Deltha O'Neal and as I've talked about throughout the years, when losing a cover CB of his caliber, many times the unit gets much weaker. They also had to replace 2 other starters last year and had only 2 players returning with starting experience. As a result Cal fell down to #36 in my pass D rankings, allowing a respectable 49.6% but with 18 TD's and only 11 int's. Clearly their top CB was Chidi Iwuoma who had 11 pbu and had teams throwing away from him all year and he will be missed. Also gone is CB Harold Pearson (3 sts, 21 tfls, 6 pbu) and FS David Watts (19 tfls). Six players return with starting experience and Holmoe brings in a JUCO at CB and has a couple of HT frosh to plug in. Despite the loss of their top cover CB, this unit is more experienced and should be improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 Cal finished #103 in my special teams rankings but I called for them to contend for Top 10 honors in 1999 and they did just that with P Nick Harris having a super 39.7 net punting and Deltha O'Neal being a game breaking returnman including a 29.2 avg on KR's. They had to replace O'Neal last year and the return game suffered. Joe Echema did well on KR's, averaging

CALIFORNIA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Joe Igber	195	939	38	901	5	4.6					
Saleem Muhammad	61	271	7	264	2	4.3					
Joe Echema	58	247	32	215	3	3.7					
Ryan Stanger	13	51	2	49	0	3.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Kyle Boller	349	163	46.7	2121	15	13					
Eric Holtfreter	4	1	25.0	2	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Derek Swafford	25	335	13.4	3	81						
Joe Igber	23	229	10.0	2	36						
Geoff McArthur	20	336	16.8	2	63						
Chase Lyman	19	313	16.5	2	47						
Keala Keanaaina	15	190	12.7	0	24						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Nick Harris	73	3030	41.5	—	35.0	3	36				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mark-Christien Jensen	7-9	3-3	1-4	0-0	11-16	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
N. Asomugha	76	3	7	5	1	J. Waasdorp	37	3	6	2	2
Andre Carter	59	13	19	0	0	Bert Watts	36	0	5	1	0
Dewey Hale	50	1	6	0	0	T. Banta-Cain	35	5.5	13	0	0
Matt Nixon	49	5	15	0	0	J. Powell	34	1	1	16	4
Chidi Iwuoma	46	0	2	11	1	Chris Ball	31	3	5	1	1
John Klotzsche	44	1	4	1	0	Jason Smith	26	1	5	1	0
Scott Fujita	41	4	13	1	0	J. Beckham	26	2	5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Jemeel Powell	12	218	18.2	1	Joe Echema	22	516	23.5	0		

23.5 and Jemeel Powell averaged 18.2 on 12 PR's but the team averaged just 20.2 and 9.7 on the two units. Powell finished #1 in the Pac 10 in PR's. Harris had a great game vs Illinois, pinning them inside the 5 yard line 5 times and UI Coach Ron Turner said that he would vote for him for the Heisman at that point. He was 1 of 3 finalists for the Ray Guy Award but his net dropped to 35.0 as the team had protection problems and not only suffered 4 blocked punts, but Harris also dropped 2 others resulting in TO's. He became the first P in NCAA history to top 13,000 yards in a career and his averages would have been higher if not for the fact that 23 of his 73 punts came from inside the opponents' territory. He pinned opponents inside the 20 thirty-six times last year and will clearly be missed and in fact was a #4 DC of DEN, which is rare for a punter. They also allowed 20.4 per KR and the TD/Blk category contributed highly to their #85 finish in my special teams rankings. Holmoe has hired a full time special teams coach for the first time in his tenure. As long as they shore up the punt protection in this unit they could rise in the rankings but clearly need to find a capable punter to replace Harris.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This must be a make or break year for head coach Tom Holmoe, who is just 15-29 SU in his 4 seasons including 9-23 in Pac 10 play. Cal's last winning season was in 1993 and their last Rose Bowl trip was 1959. There are some things pointing to a Cal breakthrough season, however. First of all, the breaks have clearly not gone their way. Last year they played Pac 10 powers Washington, Oregon St and Oregon to the wire. They beat UCLA and led Washington (the Rose Bowl champ) 24-13 in the 4Q but somehow lost 36-24. They had 12 frosh & soph in the starting lineup. After having just 5 home games a season the last 2 years, they get six at home this season and 8 in 2002. Holmoe has perhaps the top 2 coordinators in the Pac 10. The Bears get a solid addition by bringing in OC Al Borges who has been at UCLA for the past 5 years and his offenses there averaged 31.9 ppg in his tenure. He inherits a unit that was making strides at the end of last season, as after averaging 13.8 ppg in the first 5 they averaged 29.5 over the last six. After the offense was 10th in the Pac 10 in 3 of 4 major categories, the players complained that last year's OC Hagen's schemes were too complex. Borges is known as a QB mentor and has some great talent to work with in Kyle Boller (PS#3) who has struggled in his first few years but will clearly benefit from his experience and Borges' attention. They should easily top last year's 22.4 ppg and produce the highest point totals in Holmoe's tenure. No complaints on the defensive side of the ball for the Bears as Lyle Setencich is the DC there. He has fashioned some strong defenses including #3 and #1 finishes in the Pac 10 in 2 of the last 3 years after inheriting a team that was dead last in the conference prior to his arrival. Last year's squad had just 4 starters back and allowed 26.8 ppg and they will clearly improve upon that number. He has 8 returning starters to work with on defense and should rank in the upper half of the conference again. Overall, they have just 4 senior starters and looking at next year's schedule, should be a Pac 10 contender in 2002 but have the talent and the schedule this year to be a sleeper in the conference and possibly bag a winning record and a bowl bid.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Lorenzo Alexander 6-3 280 PS#11	RB Terrell Williams 6-0 195 PS#46
OL Keith Omelas 6-4 290 PS#74	QB Richard Schwartz 6-4 205 PS#65
TE Jordan Hunter 6-4 235 PS#35	DL Josh Gustaveson 6-3 255 PS#45JC
WR John Rust 6-5 210 PS#90	LB Mike Wells 6-3 215 PS#88
LB Tom Canada 6-3 265 PS#82JC	LB Brett Bischofberger 6-3 235 PS#104
LB Ryan Foltz 6-2 195 PS#151	DL Jordan Povia 6-2 265 PS#180
OL Josh Fukami 6-4 255 PS#181	RB Will Scott 5-8 185 PS#200
OL Ryan O'Callaghan 6-7 325 PS#192	

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB KYLE BOLLER JR. 6-4 205 PS#31 1303 yds (39%), 9-15 ratio as true. 11 sts ly; 2121 yds (46.7%), 15-13 ratio, 216 rush. Reggie Robertson (6-2 185 rFr) PS#30. Eric Holtfreter PS#143JC.
RB JOE IGBER JR. 5-8 200 PS#62. 4 sts as true, 694 yds (4.7), 9 sts ly, 901 yds (4.6), 23 rec (10.0). Saleem Muhammad (6-0 210 Sr) PS#57. 240 yds in 98 & 99. 264 yds (4.3) ly.
HB MARCUS FIELDS SR. 6-2 225 PS#58. 419 yds (4.4) as true. 11 sts in 98, 734 yds (4.5). Track 100m: 5 sts, 368 yds (3.8) in 99. Inj ly. Ryan Stanger (6-2 245 Jr) PS#160. 8 sts, 69 tfl yds ly.
WR GEOFF MCARTHUR SO. 6-1 200 PS#61. 6 sts as true, 20 rec (16.8). Chad Heydorff (6-1 185 Sr) PS#11JC. 7 rec (12.7) here ly. Charon Arnold (5-11 175 Sr) PS#212JC. 12 rec (9.2) ly.
WR DEREK SWAFFORD JR. 5-10 175 PS#99RB in 93. 5 yrs pro baseball. JC in 99. #1 rec ly, 25 (13.4). Chase Lyman (6-4 200 So) PS#225. 6 sts as true. 19 rec (16.5). Sean Currin 6 sts, 12 rec, 3Y.
TE Jordan Hunter Fr. 6-6 235 PS#34TE. Terrance Dotsy (6-4 285 Jr) JUCO ly. Tom Swoboda (6-4 235 Jr) PS#61TE. Corey Smith (6-4 250 Sr) PS#22. 8 rec in 3 years.
C Nolan Bluntzer So. 6-4 265 PS#307. 2 starts as rFr & added 15 lbs. Derek Deutsch (6-3 280 So) was PS#155DL. 2 tfls, 9 games last year. Ryan Jones (6-4 270 Jr).
RG SCOTT TERCERO JR. 6-5 295 PS#180. 8 sts as true. 7 sts ly (inj) now healthy. Chris Murphy (6-6 300 So) PS#194. lettered as rFr. David Hays (6-3 280 So) PS#173.
LG BRANDON LUDWIG JR. 6-4 285 PS#174DL. 5 sts as rFr. 10 sts at RG in 99. 7 sts ly. 2nd Tm Pac 10, 440 bench. Michah German (6-5 270 So) PS#63DL. 6 tfls as true, lettered.
RT MARK WILSON SO. 6-6 295 PS#178. 9 sts as rFr. **HM Pac 10.** Nofolaali Tuitama (6-7 285 Sr) PS#213JUCO. lettered here last year. Keith Omelas is PS#74OL.
LT LANGSTON WALKER SR. 6-8 345 PS#75. 10 starts at RT as rFr. 11 sts in '99 (9 at LT), 4 sts tfl inj ly, NFL potential. Eric O'Brien (6-8 295 rFr) was PS#170OL, added 35 lbs.
K MARK-CHRISTIAN JENSEN JR. 6-2 185 Hit 4 of 8 FG's as rFr, L/37. Did KO's. Hit 11 of 16 FG's ly, L/40 but 1 of 4 from 40-49. Jeremy Hershey (6-0 205 Jr) PS#8. 1 of 5 as true.

DE TULLY BANTA-CAIN JR. 6-4 250 9 sts, 35 tfls, 5.5 scks, 13 tfl ly. Josh Gustaveson PS#45JC, 30 tfl at JC last year. Jamaal Cherry (6-4 260 Jr) was PS#76LB, 2 sts, 5.5 tfl in 99.
DT DANIEL NGWANGWU JR. 6-4 290 PS#185. 2 sts, 7 tfl as true. 2 sts, 12 tfls ly. Josh Beckham (6-2 280 Sr) PS#134. 5 sts as rFr. 26 tfls, 2 scks, 5 tfl. Nate Desomber (6-4 285 Sr).
DT Lorenzo Alexander Fr. 6-3 280 PS#11DL. Jonathan Giesel (6-2 285 rFr) PS#273OL. 2 tfls as true. Tom Sverchek (6-3 290 rFr) PS#375DL. Brandon Povia is PS#180.
DE Toshi Lupoi Jr. 6-3 255 PS#36TE. Travel squad as true. **Tom Canada** (6-3 265 Jr) PS#82JUCO in for spring. LP Ladouceur (6-5 260 rFr) 7 sts in Canada in 1999.
ILB MATT NIXON JR. 6-1 220 PS#170. 8 sts, 44 w/49 tfls, 5 scks, 15 tfl, **HM Pac 10** ly. Chris Ball (6-3 215 Sr) PS#60JC, 31 tfls, 3 scks, 5 tfl ly. Paul Ugenti (6-0 210 Jr) PS#96.
ILB JOHN KLOTSCHE JR. 6-0 240 4 tfls as rFr. 7 sts ly, 44 tfls, 1 sck, 4 tfl. Wendell Hunter (6-1 235 Jr) PS#112, added 15 lbs. JP Segura (6-0 235 Sr) 3 starts, 25 tfls in 99.
LB SCOTT FUJITA SR. 6-5 250 2 sts in 99, 15 tfls, 9 sts ly, **HM Pac 10** 41 tfls, 4 scks, 13 tfl. Jason Smith (6-0 228 Sr) Vandy stars. 2 sts here ly, 26 tfls, 6 tfl. Calvin Hoesey PS#210.
CB LaShaun Ward Jr. 6-1 195 PS#67. 18 tfls, 3 pbu as rFr. 1 start ly (inj), 17 tfls, 4 pbu. Ray Carmel (5-11 185 Jr) PS#257JUCO. James Bethea (6-0 190 So) PS#186RB.
CB JEMEE POWELL JR. 6-1 185 PS#215. 2 rec at WR in '99. 8 sts at CB in 2000. 34 tfls, 4 int, 16 pbu, 2nd Tm P10. Atari Callen (5-9 190 So) PS#21. 1 start as true, RS in 2000.
SS DEWEY HALE SR. 6-0 205 PS#87. 1 start, 19 tfls in 99. 6 starts ly, 50 tfls, 6 pbu. Bert Watts (6-1 210 Jr) PS#237. 5 sts ly, 36 tfls. Ryan Gutierrez (6-0 175 rFr) PS#182.
FS NNAMDI ASOMUGHA JR. 6-2 205 PS#22DB. #1 w/76 tfls, 10 tfl, 5 pbu in 2000. Jeremy Drake (6-0 210 So) PS#216. James Smith (6-1 190 So) PS#169RB, 1 rec last year.
P Tyler Fredrickson So. 6-3 205 4 punts as true only 29.2 avg with 1 inside the 20. Anthony Fassero (6-1 200 rFr). Jeremy Hershey (6-0 205 Jr) was PS#8. 40.1 avg in HS.

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cal has not won SU in the state of Washington since 1979.
Golden Bears are 9-2-2 ATS vs current Big 12 schools since 1979.
Bears are 3-12 ATS as road chalk since '91, 1-6 ATS the L7Y.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CAL Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Illinois	G												
Sep. 8	BYU	G												
Sep. 15	at Rutgers	G												
Sep. 22	at Washington St	A												
Sep. 29	Washington (HC)	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Oregon	G												
Oct. 20	at UCLA	G												
Oct. 27	at Oregon St	A												
Nov. 3	Arizona	G												
Nov. 10	USC	G												
Nov. 17	at Stanford	G												
Nov. 24														

Could apply: Cal is 6-14 ATS as a home favorite the last 7 years.
Bears are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 season openers.
Cal has covered their last 3 vs current Mountain West teams.
Last meeting w/BYU resulted in a 10 pt loss (38-28) as 14 pt dogs.
Bears won SU in their only previous meeting vs the Scarlet Knights in '99.
California is 5-10 ATS in their last 15 road openers.
Home team is 10-2 ATS in this series, logical considering weather differences.
Bears have covered just 5 of their last 14 Pac 10 openers.
Cal is 23-7-2 overall as a home dog, 9-2-1 ATS when getting DD.
Home team is 2-5 ATS the last 7 in this series, but 0-5 the last 5.
Bonus: Golden Bears are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 Oct contests.
Cal is 8-2 ATS since 1987 the week after a bye.
Berkeley Boys are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs the Ducks.
Bears are 13-5 ATS the last 18 vs their cubs (Bruins=bear cub).
Cal is 13-7 ATS their last 20 as an away dog under Holmoe.
Bears are 5-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away game the last 4 yrs.
California is 4-9 ATS the last 13 vs OSU.
Cal is 0-12 SU in their L12 November gms, 7-5 ATS in that span.
The dog has covered 13 in a row in this series.
California is 1-6 SU, 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home finales.
Bears are 4-2 SU, 5-1 ATS last 6 years vs USC - all as dogs.
The underdog is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this season ending meeting.
The visitor is 8-1 ATS in this left coast rivalry.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (75,028) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	28-49
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	7-4	39-36-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-2	6-14
Home Dog	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	3-0	13-4-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-6
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	2-2	4-1	3-1	2-3	4-2	19-12
Favorite	2-4	2-3	1-4	1-2	1-3	0-2	0-2	7-20
Dog	3-2	4-2	3-2	5-3	5-1-1	5-4	7-2	32-16-1
Grass	1-2	5-5	3-5	5-4	5-3-1	5-3	4-4	28-26-1
Artificial	4-4	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	11-10
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	4-4	5-3	31-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	8-11-1
Off SU Win	2-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	3-1-1	0-4	3-0	13-12-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	5-2	1-4	4-3	3-2	5-1	3-4	24-20

Coch: Tom Holmoe (Career 15-29) Holmoe's records AT CALIFORNIA

5th Year at California	2-6	Home Favorite
15-29 Straight Up	9-3-1	Home Underdog
24-19-1 Vs The Spread	0-3	Away Favorite
15-10 Off A S/U Loss	13-7	Away Underdog
19-13 Vs Conference	5-6-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Garden	-1	Temple	17-28	L
90	Copper	-7	Wyoming	17-15	L
91	Citrus	E	Clemson	37-13	W
93	Alamo	-11'	Iowa	37-3	W
96	Aloha	+1	Navy	38-42	L

CALIFORNIA (3-8) CONFERENCE: PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* Returning: 54 (27,25,3)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

LETTERMEN:



CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
7*	22.4	16	124	3.4	194	46.6	14.2	-4	2000	4	26.8	20	111	2.7	255	49.6	13.6
6	16.4	13	100	2.8	151	39.4	15.3	-5	1999	7	23.1	19	118	2.9	235	47.4	15.3
6*	16.6	17	79	2.3	213	53.1	20.2	+6	1998	8	22.8	18	134	3.3	207	46.1	14.9
5	26.8	22	146	3.3	249	56.8	14.7	-3	1997	7	30.8	19	144	4.0	237	50.8	12.4
9*	31.8	23	135	3.4	321	60.2	14.3	-5	1996	6	33.9	22	195	4.5	281	55.6	14.0
7	22.1	19	112	3.3	251	54.1	16.4	-4	1995	6	26.0	22	194	4.1	188	56.2	14.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
Utah	18	45-120	2.7	18-28	209	2	18	38-139	3.7	16-31	158	4	+1
at Illinois	15	33-114	3.5	15-22	162	2	20	57-222	3.9	7-24	112	3	0
at Fresno St	14	35-108	3.1	16-36	197	2	20	30-64	2.1	24-41	325	3	0
Washington St	17	46-149	3.2	11-31	89	4	17	36-41	1.1	15-24	238	0	0
at Arizona St	15	40-255	6.4	14-32	135	3	21	44-146	3.3	12-32	420	5	-1
UCLA	18	43-107	2.5	16-34	252	3	19	45-45	1.0	20-40	309	3	-1
at Washington	17	29-132	4.6	14-32	213	2	23	42-113	2.7	19-35	225	5	-2
at USC	11	39-82	2.1	7-12	131	3	22	39-118	3.0	19-39	202	7	+2
Oregon St	18	30-27	0.9	17-44	349	4	21	47-207	4.4	11-28	317	6	0
at Oregon	14	28-88	3.1	15-39	197	1	22	38-76	2.0	20-36	252	4	+1
Stanford	17	37-181	4.9	22-34	195	2	11	41-48	1.2	12-23	242	4	-4
TOTALS	174	405-1363	3.4	165-354	2129	28	214	457-1219	2.7	175-353	2800	44	-4
AVERAGES	15.8	37-124	3.4	15-32	194	2.5	19.5	42-111	2.7	16-32	255	4.0	-0.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Jose St	-24	45-25	L
San Diego St	-3	42-37	W
Nevada	NL	33-15	-
Oregon St	-15'	48-42	L
at USC	+16	22-15	W
at Washington St	+3'	18-21	W
UCLA	-2'	29-38	L
Arizona	+1'	56-55	W
at Arizona St	+15	7-35	L
at Oregon	+2'	23-40	L
Stanford	-2'	21-42	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2'	35-3	W
Oklahoma	-4'	40-36	L
USC	+3'	17-27	L
at Louisiana Tech	-9	34-41	L
Washington	+16	3-30	L
at Washington St	+16'	37-63	L
at UCLA	+23'	17-35	W
Oregon St	-5	33-14	W
Arizona St	+11	21-28	W
at Arizona	+11'	38-41	W
at Stanford	+3'	20-21	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-14'	14-10	L
Nebraska	+21	3-24	T
at Oklahoma	+3	13-12	W
Washington St	-4'	24-14	W
at USC	+11	32-31	W
at Washington	+9	13-21	W
UCLA	+14	16-28	W
at Oregon St	-2	20-19	L
at Arizona St	+5'	22-55	L
at Arizona	+10'	23-27	W
Stanford	-7	3-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-18'	21-7	L
at Nebraska	+32	0-45	L
Arizona St	+1'	24-23	W
at Washington St	-4	7-31	L
at BYU	+14	28-38	W
at UCLA	+13	17-0	W
Washington	+3	27-31	W
USC	+5'	17-7	W
at Oregon St	+9	7-17	L
Oregon	+7	19-24	W
at Stanford	+10'	13-31	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+3	24-21	W
at Illinois	+14	15-17	W
at Fresno St	+3	3-17	L
Washington St	-6'	17-21	L
at Arizona St	+7	10-30	L
UCLA	+10'	46-38	W
at Washington	+16	24-36	W
at USC	+8	28-16	W
Oregon St	+6'	32-38	W
at Oregon	+13	17-25	W
Stanford	-1'	30-36	L

ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS



TB Tom Pace kept the running game going when the other RBs fell to injuries in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year ASU started 3 different QB's but still finished 20th in the NCAA in passing offense and set a school record with five 300+ yard passing games. Ryan Kealy was suspended just prior to the season and when he returned to the team he saw action in just 2 games before his career ending ACL injury. Jeff Krohn opened as the starter but then missed 2 games due to illness (mono) and it took a game or two to get back to full health. He finished throwing for 1,751 yards (49.2%) with a 12-6 ratio and had the 2nd best passing yardage total for a frosh in Pac 10 history. He's 5-4 SU as a starter. JUCO Griffin Goodman had the stronger arm and started 2 games when Krohn was out. He played in 9 and threw for 947 yards (44.2%) with a 7-5 ratio. Matt Cooper (6-5 240 Jr) was PS#64 and saw action in 4 games, throwing for 169 yards (39.1%). Krohn and Cooper are both back. Also in the mix is VHT Andrew Walter (6-5 227 rFr) who is PS#16 and Snyder went through great pains to redshirt him last year. He has the most talent of the trio and is my favorite to win the job. No matter who wins the starting job this looks like a deep and solid position.

RUNNING BACKS - This unit appeared in great shape last year as Delvon Flowers (PS#9JC), who has blazing speed and rushed for 512 yards in a backup role in 1999, looked to be one of the Pac 10's premier runners. Unfortunately he injured a knee prior to the season and would not play which hurt Coach Snyder's chances of staying at ASU. New Coach Koetter is fortunate to inherit him in the starting lineup. The entire RB corps was banged up at one time or another. Exciting true frosh Mike Williams (PS#11) rushed for 143 yards against Col St but injured his ankle and was never the same after. He finished with 514 yards (4.2). He is more of an outside runner. Davaren Hightower (6-1 208 Sr) rushed for 70 yards in the opener against a tough SD St defense but then suffered from a serious bout with the flu and lost 20 lbs. He also never quite regained his form and finished with just 164 yards (3.8). He moves to DB this year. The only loss from this unit is FB Stephen Trejo (PS#34) who rushed for 38 yards and had 3 rec's. The flyback position will be replaced by the traditional fullback in Koetter's offense. Mike Karney was a backup as a true frosh and will battle Derick Arnold for the starting FB job. The leading rusher was actually Tom Pace who did not join the team until the 3rd game. Pace played for Idaho in 1996 and was #2 in the NCAA in KR's that season, while also rushing for 212 yards (5.2). He went on a 2 year mission and had a year at JUCO and finally found a home here with 720 yards (4.0) in just 10 games. Koetter also signed a couple of his own recruits. If Flowers returns healthy, this should be one of the most improved positions in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last season ASU returned their top 2 receivers including 2nd Team AA TE Todd Heap who led the team with 48 rec's (13.4). Unfortunately for ASU, he left early for the NFL (#1 DC of BAL) and also gone is WR Richard Williams who was the team's #2 receiver with 44 (16.9). Fortunately Koetter has a lot of talent to plug in and signed 3 HT receivers this year (see Top Newcomers). Donnie O'Neal had 39 rec's (16.9) and was HM Pac 10 while the open WR spot figures to be occupied by Shaun McDonald (PS#27) who had 22 receptions. Justin Taplin (PS#15) may finally be able to make an impact after snagging 13 rec's (13.0) and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Skyler

Fulton (6-2 199 rFr) was PS#24 and moves in from RB. I see great depth at WR but the TE's are average. I would expect Koetter to get his playmakers on the field and use a lot of 3 & 4 WR sets. This group clearly is talented but with the loss of the top 2 guys including an All American, I'll call it weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Bruce Snyder did a good job molding offensive lines here and last year figured to have one of his better groups with 4 returning starters from a unit that paved the way for a 4.0 ypc rushing and allowed just 35 sacks in '99. The group was a little on the thin side as they practiced with 7 OL's most of the year due to injuries and surprisingly they averaged just 2.8 ypc rushing and allowed 42 sacks. This year they must replace RT Victor Leyva (12 sts, 4 yr st, 1st Tm P10, .5% DC of CIN) and LG Kenneth Williamson (3 sts, lost job). Once again 4 starters return and super JUCO Travis Scott (PS#22JC), who quit the team last year due to lack of playing time, has returned to the program due to the new coach. They also add in 5 solid rFr, 3 who I list in the 2 deep below, which should add depth immediately. After last year's group under performed, I look for big improvement this season even learning a new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year ASU had some heavy losses at this position as 4 players departed who combined for 31 starts including #1 and #4 NFL draft picks. DT Danny Masanai took one starter's spot but suffered ankle & shoulder injuries for most of the season. DE Terrell Suggs lived up to his VHT label (PS#11) and became the first ASU true freshman to start in the team's season opener since 1974. He finished the year with 10 sacks and was named the Pac 10 Freshman of the Year. This year they must replace DE Quincy Yancy (8 sts, 22 tkl, 3 sks) but everyone else returns including 7 players with starting experience. ASU allowed 4.3 ypc but the team recorded 36 sacks. This is a much more experienced defensive front which includes 4 VHT's and I look for solid improvement in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - ASU's LB corps was in great shape last year as it returned all 3 starters plus added a 1998 starter and 2 JUCO transfers. Their star was Adam Archuleta (#1 DC of STL) who benched 450 lbs and yet had solid speed. He led the Pac 10 in tackles, had 15 tfl, was the Pac 10 Def POY and was 2nd Team AA. They are shifting to a 4-2-5 defense eliminating one LB and adding another safety but I will list the WS here at LB and the SS as a DB. RB Davaren Hightower, who had 4 starts and 604 yards rushing in 3 years, asked for and received a move to the safety spot and I list him and Falkner as contenders for the new WS slot. This still looks like a quality LB corps but with the loss of its star and the fact that it's a little less experienced than last year, I'll call it down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sun Devils finished #43 in my pass D rankings in both '98 and '99. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's but had 3 players returning to safety that had 7 or more starts with 2 VHT's waiting in the wings. ASU actually improved, moving up to #23 allowing 49% with a 19-14 ratio. This year they once again must replace both starting CB's in Nijrell Eason (11 sts, 54 tkl, 5 int, 18 pbu, HM P10) and Kenny Williams (8 sts, 24 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu) as well as backup CB Christian Rance (22 tkl) and backup FS Craig Kootz (13 tkl). They bring in a JUCO and 2 VHT true frosh who could contend for the open CB slots. I list the 2 deep below and this unit looks to be in about the same shape as it was heading into last year so it should be another strong finish for ASU in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Snyder always had this group ranked in the upper half of my rankings but the last 2 years they finished #77 and only #63, respectively. ASU allowed 19.2 per KR and that should improve as Snyder redshirted Travis Cloyd (PS#19) who had 84% TB's on kickoffs in HS. He will also battle for the starting FG job. Mike Barth did a good job last year hitting 15 of 23 FG's including 5 of 9 from 40-49 with a long of 49. Three of his misses were from 50+. Barth was also injured at midyear and his back injury forced Snyder to go for 2 vs Oregon and the failed 2 pt conversion probably cost Snyder his job. P Nick Murphy is back for his 3rd year and last year he was 1 of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. He had a solid net of 36.1. Brian Biang was PS#33 and averaged 45 ypp in HS while Cloyd averaged 45 yards on 54 punts in HS and both will contend. Their top PR was Shaun McDonald (PS#27) who was just a frosh last year and could even improve on his solid 9.4 avg. Richard Williams was the leading KR but averaged just 20.9 and Justin Taplin (PS#15) averaged 19.1 on 7 returns. The return game should be stronger as should the KR defense and last year ASU had 3 punts blocked and allowed 2 TD's while blocking 2 punts of their own and scoring 1 TD for a -2 in the TD/BK department. This could be a top-notch unit in 2001. For a little background on Coach Koetter, his special teams in 3 years at Boise ranked #97, #32 and last year they were #23 so this is clearly a Top 20 contender. They also bring in Tom Osborne (no not that one) to coach the unit. He was Oregon's special teams coach and had them at the top every year.

ARIZONA ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Tom Pace	180	763	43	720	6	4.0					
Mike Williams	121	544	30	514	5	4.2					
Davaren Hightower	43	169	5	164	0	3.8					
Mike Karney	14	42	0	42	0	3.0					
Stephen Trejo	9	39	1	38	0	4.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Jeff Krohn	254	125	49.2	1751	12	6					
Griffin Goodman	129	57	44.2	947	7	5					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Todd Heap	48	644	13.4	3	50						
Richard Williams	44	744	16.9	7	90						
Donnie O'Neal	39	661	16.9	7	61						
Shaun McDonald	22	358	16.3	1	68						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Nick Murphy	86	3551	41.3	-	36.1	3	30				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Barth	8-8	2-3	5-9	0-3	15-23	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
A. Archuleta	127	4	11	5	1	Kurt Wallin	34	4	8	2	0
S. Bates	99	3	8	2	1	T. Townsend	25	1	2	0	0
A. Williams	94	2	3	1	1	Kenny Williams	24	0	0	9	1
Willie Daniel	62	3	2	4	0	Quincy Yancy	22	3	1	1	0
Nijrell Eason	54	0	18	5	0	C. Rance	22	0	1	0	0
Terrell Suggs	48	10	6	3	1	R. Denelso	17	0	0	0	0
Eric Fields	44	2	9	2	0	P. Wilson	17	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
S. McDonald	28	263	9.4	1	R. Williams	24	501	20.9	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Sun Devils reached great heights in 1996 under Bruce Snyder contending for a National Title and going 11-0 during the regular season. In 1996 and 1997 they were a combined 20-4 including bowl games. Unfortunately over the last 3 years ASU has managed just a 17-18 record including a pair of bowl losses. Last year they looked loaded on offense in the pre-season but lost their starting QB Kealy and star RB Delvon Flowers prior to the season and had just 7 OL's practicing most of the year. Somehow they averaged 26 ppg and 379 ypg. Perhaps offsetting those injuries a little was the fact that ASU benefited from +8 in turnovers. Those player injuries probably cost Snyder his job. Meanwhile, his successor Dirk Koetter did a tremendous job at Boise St. Koetter will be his own OC, just like he was at BSU, and he inherits a talented group including 7 returning offensive starters and the addition of Flowers who will contend for All Pac 10 honors. With a much healthier O-line they should be potent. Defensively 15 different players return with starting experience showing that the unit was also banged up last year but still was respectable allowing 24.8 ppg. They should improve on those numbers this year. ASU was stronger than their 6-6 record indicated as they took Rose Bowl champ Washington to the wire and suffered consecutive OT defeats to Oregon and USC. While Koetter should go 3-0 vs the non-conf slate, his first 3 Pac 10 games are all on the road vs top teams and they may be 3-3 by mid-October. Four of their final 5 games are at home which means ASU has the talent and schedule to get to its third straight bowl game and 5th in the last 6 years.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Daryl Lightfoot 5-9 170 PS#27
DB Lamar Baker 5-11 190 PS#31
RB Hakim Hill 6-0 210 PS#34
DB Courtney Sterling 5-8 165 PS#48
WR Matt Miller 6-2 180 PS#59
CB Chad Christensen 6-2 185 PS#49
TE Lee Burghgraff 6-5 230 PS#27
WR Cornell Carande 5-9 175 PS#72
DB Jason Shivers 6-1 190 PS#75
OL Grayling Love 6-3 297 PS#84
DB Joey Smith 5-11 195 PS#92
WR Lance Rhodes 5-11 185 PS#105
LB Barton Hammit 6-0 215 PS#236
DB O.J. Hackett 5-10 165 PS#357JC
DL Josh Kirkwood 6-3 235 PS#391

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB ANDREW WALTER rFr. 6-5 227 PS#16. Strong arm, mobile. Jeff Krohn (6-2 186 So) PS#179, former walk-on. 9 sts as rFr in 2000, 1751 yds (49.2%), 12-6 ratio, 182 rush.
RB DELVON FLOWERS SR. 5-11 196 PS#9JUCO. 4.4 spd. 1 st in 99, 512 yds (6.4), HM Pac10. Inj & RS ly. Mike Williams (6-0 193 So) PS#11. Tom Pace (5-11 191 Sr) 720 yds (4.0) ly.
FB Mike Karney So. 6-0 261 PS#120. 10 games as true, 42 yds (3.0). Derick Arnold (6-1 206 So) 3 games ly, 16 yds (2.0). Hakim Hill (6-0 210 Fr) is PS#34. Steve Hoppe (6-2 203 So) 6-2 181 Co-Off MVP. Track champ in HS. JUCO in 99. 12 sts here ly, #3 w/39 rec (16.9). Justin Taplin (6-0 190 Jr) PS#15, 1 st, 13 rec (13.0) ly.
WR Shaun McDonald So. 5-9 168 PS#27. 2 sts as rFr, 22 rec (16.3). Ryan Dennard (6-4 218 Sr) PS#85JUCO. 1 st, 12 rec, 2 years. Mike Smith (6-4 202 Jr) PS#77.
TE Mike Pinkard Jr. 6-5 263 PS#36DL. 6 tkl, 1 tfl as rFr, 4 starts at TE last year, 6 rec (16.7). Frank Maddox (6-3 249 So) PS#117TE. Lee Burghgraff is PS#27TE.
C SCOTT PETERS SR. 6-3 293 PS#116OL. Last 9 sts as rFr, 12 starts in 99, HM Pac 10. 12 sts ly (not 100% - Inj'd). 1st Tm Pac 10. Brian Goggin (6-3 275 rFr) PS#45.
RG KYLE KOSIER SR. 6-6 290 PS#78LB. Added 30 lbs as rFr. Last 2 starts at LG in 1999. Added 25 lbs last year, 12 starts at RG. Adrian Ayala (6-4 324 rFr) was PS#124.
LG MARQUISE MULDRON SR. 6-3 320 PS#316JUCO. 460 bench, 4 speed, 2 games in 99. Med RS. 9 sts in 2000 after adding 12 lbs. Regis Crawford (6-3 320 So) PS#31OL.
RT Travis Scott Sr. 6-6 311 PS#22JUCO in 2000. Quit team but rejoined when Koetter was hired. #1 RT in spring. Damien Niko (6-4 324 So) PS#22OL, reserve OT ly.
LT LEVI JONES SR. 6-6 316 13 tkl, 2 tfl as rFr, 12 starts at LG in 99, 12 starts at LT in 2000, 2nd Tm Pac 10, added 11 lbs. Drew Hodgdon (6-3 325 rFr) PS#121 in 2000.
K MIKE BARTH JR. 6-0 213 PS#10K. Did KO's as true & hit only FG from 40. 15 of 23 in 2000 (Inj at midseason) long of 49 & 3 misses 50+. Travis Cloyd (6-0 190 Fr) PS#19.

DE TERRELL SUGGS SO. 6-5 232 PS#10. 10 sts as true, 48 tkl, 10 sks, 6 tfl, 1 int. 3 pbu. Pac 10 Frosh of Year. Chad Howell (6-4 239 So) PS#143. 2 sts as rFr, 15 tkl, 5 tfl.
DT PAUL GLASS SR. 6-8 335 PS#51JUCO. 2 starts in 2000, 12 tkl, 4 sks, 1 tfl, added 25 lbs. Danny Masanai (6-2 315 Sr) PS#351JUCO. 6 sts in 2000 (last 4), 9 tkl, 1 sack.
DT KURT WALLIN SR. 6-2 270 PS#168 in '96. Mission, 12 sts ly, 34 tkl, 4 sks, 8 tfl. Tommie Townsend (6-3 294 Sr) PS#246DL, USC trans. 4 sts, 25 tkl, 3 tfl ly. Anthony Aguilar PS#14 in '99.
DE Brian Montesano So. 6-5 248 PS#110DL, 4 sts as rFr, 11 tkl, 2 sks, 12 games.
Jimmy Verdon (6-3 260 rFr) PS#25DB. +40 lbs. Jared Wolgramm (6-5 218 Fr) PS#31DL.
SLB ERIC FIELDS SR. 6-3 235 PS#267. 8 sts as rFr, 42 tkl, 14 tfl, 3 sts in 99, 5 tfl, 12 sts, 44 tkl, 11 tfl ly. Mason Unck (6-2 235 Jr) 10 sts, 57 tkl, 8.5 tfl in 99. Inj'd ly, 9 tkl.
MLB SOLOMON BATES JR. 6-2 257 PS#14LB. 6 sts as true, 42 tkl, 5 tfl, 12 sts ly, 99 tkl, 12 tfl, 2 int, 8 pbu, HM Pac 10. Eric Keefner (6-3 235 rFr) PS#46. Jamall Anderson JUCO ly.
WS Brandon Falkner Jr. 6-0 202 PS#19DB in 98. 8 tkl as rFr, 16 tkl, 1 sk, 1 int ly. Davaren Hightower (6-1 208 Sr) PS#201RB, 3 starts at RB in 3 years, 604 yds rushing.
CB Lamar Baker Fr. 5-11 190 PS#31DB 4.5 speed. 126 tackles, 1100 yards rush as senior in high school. RJ Oliver (5-9 168 rFr) PS#174WR. Quick, excellent cover skills.
CB Emmanuel Franklin rFr. 5-11 184 PS#6SLB. Dropped 11 lbs. Josiah Igono (5-10 183 Jr) 2 sts, 14 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int ly. OJ Hackett (5-10 165 Jr) PS#357JUCO. Courtney Sterling is PS#48.
SS WILLIE DANIEL SR. 6-0 205 PS#36. 3 sts as true, 41 tkl, 8 sts in 99, 43 tkl, 2 int. 11 tfl ly #4 w/62 tkl, 5 tfl. Mike Holloway (6-0 200 Jr) PS#87. Riccardo Stewart PS#3WR ly.
FS ALFRED WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 200 PS#217, 7 starts as rFr, 50 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 starts in 2000, 93 w/94 tkl, 4 tfl, 3 pbu, HM Pac 10. Patrick Wilson (5-10 198 Jr) 1 start, 33 tkl, 2 years.
P NICK MURPHY SR. 6-0 185 JUCO trans in 99, 68 punts here (38.4), 1 of 10 semifinalists for Ray Guy Award ly, 86 punts, 41.3 and net of 36.1. Brian Biang (6-0 203 Jr) PS#33.

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Arizona St is 3-8-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 home game.
ASU is 7-2 ATS in the California series.
Sun Devils are 8-4-1 ATS in their L/13 sandwiched away games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	San Diego St	G												
Sep. 15	at UCLA	G												
Sep. 22	at Stanford	G												
Sep. 29	San Jose St	G												
Oct. 6	Louisiana-Lft	G												
Oct. 13	at USC	G												
Oct. 20	Oregon St	G												
Oct. 27	Washington	G												
Nov. 3	at Oregon	A												
Nov. 10	Wash St (HC)	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 23	Arizona (Fri)	G												

ASU beat SDSU 10-7 in last year's season opener.
Arizona St is 7-4-1 ATS at home in September the last 5 years.
Sun Devils are 5-3 SU, 6-1-1 ATS vs the Bruins.
The SU winner is 11-1-1 ATS the last 13 games in this series.
ASU is 11-4 SU & 9-6 ATS vs Stanford since 1981.
The avg combined total score is 61.3 ppg in the last 8 meetings.
Devils last meeting with SJS was a 28-21 victory back in 1989.
Arizona St is 8-0 SU but only 4-1-1 ATS vs current WAC teams.
ASU came into 2001 with a 4-8 ATS mark in their L/12 non-Pac 10 gms.
Sun Devils are 2-6 ATS the last 4 years as a DD favorite.
ASU is 18-4-1 ATS in October since 1995.
The home team is 4-2 ATS in the last 6 series games.
Sun Devils are 10-2-1 ATS when hosting an artificial turf team.
The home team is 11-1-1 ATS in this series.
Pending LW's results: ASU is 21-9 ATS in the final 5 gms of the season the L6Y.
The home team is a dismal 2-9-2 ATS in this series.
Arizona St is 8-1 ATS last 9 in their final away contest.
The Sun Devils are 5-1 ATS vs the Ducks.
Arizona St is 52-15-3 SU & 6-1-1 ATS in Homecoming games.
Sun Devils are 5-1-1 ATS their last 7 vs the Cougars.
Sun Devils are 3-4 SU but 5-2 ATS vs the Wildcats the L/7 meetings.
The visitor has covered 8 of 9 in this Cactus Clash.

STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (73,379) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	11-0	8-3	5-6	6-5	6-5	45-32
ATS	4-6-1	6-3-2	9-1-1	6-5	4-7	7-4	6-3-2	42-29-6
Home Fav	0-2	1-1-2	5-0-1	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	15-13-3
Home Dog	1-2-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0-1	8-2-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	5-6
Away Dog	3-2	3-2	0-0	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1-1	14-8-1
Favorite	0-2	1-1-2	8-1-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	3-2	20-19-3
Dog	4-4-1	5-2	1-0	3-0	1-2	5-1	3-1-2	22-10-3
Grass	3-4-1	4-2-2	9-0-1	5-4	3-6	5-4	5-3-2	34-23-6
Artificial	1-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	8-6
vs Conf	3-4-1	5-2-1	6-1-1	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-2-2	33-18-5
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1-1	3-0	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	9-11-1
Off SU Win	0-3	3-3	9-1	5-3	3-2	2-3	3-0-2	25-15-2
Off SU Loss	4-2-1	2-0-2	0-0	1-1	1-4	4-1	3-2	15-10-3

Coch: DIRK KOETTER (Career 26-11)

Koetter's records AT ARIZONA STATE

1st Year at Arizona State	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Freedom	-6'	Air Force	33-28	L
96	Rose	+2	Ohio St	17-20	L
97	Sun	+6'	Iowa	17-7	W
99	Aloha	-3	Wake Forest	3-23	L
00	Aloha	-3'	Boston College	17-31	L

ARIZONA ST (6-6) PAC 10

CONFERENCE:

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 51 (23,25,3)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

LETTERMEN:

ARIZONA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
7*	26.1	20	116	2.8	263	47.2	14.5	+8	2000	6	25.3	19	168	4.3	232
7*	23.8	20	172	4.0	218	52.6	16.4	-9	1999	7	25.9	19	166	4.3	223
8*	30.3	21	153	3.7	259	56.1	13.6	-2	1998	3	30.7	21	149	4.1	258
5	27.0	19	200	4.5	204	51.9	15.0	+8	1997	5	17.5	17	105	2.9	221
9*	40.6	24	234	4.9	240	56.3	11.7	+10	1996	8	18.0	17	101	2.8	205
5*	28.0	21	184	3.9	208	57.2	14.0	+7	1995	4	30.0	22	186	4.5	241

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at San Diego St	17	40-110	2.8	18-42	160	2		21	28-100	3.6	24-57	219	1		0
Colorado St	20	48-184	3.8	11-24	77	6		18	34-64	1.9	14-31	225	3		+2
Utah St	19	48-131	2.7	12-21	374	4		15	32-103	3.2	17-38	240	4		+2
at UCLA	19	24-98	4.1	24-49	365	4		23	48-233	4.9	17-31	267	5		0
California	21	44-146	3.3	12-32	420	5		15	40-255	6.4	14-32	135	3		+1
Washington	16	38-60	1.6	15-46	202	4		10	42-186	4.4	13-30	110	2		0
at Wash St	19	50-117	2.3	20-32	251	4		16	37-167	4.5	14-32	321	0		+3
Oregon	29	51-235	4.6	21-34	432	0		25	40-131	3.3	26-43	434	0		-2
USC	25	36-77	2.1	30-54	314	4		26	45-261	5.8	22-37	279	2		+4
at Stanford	14	34-23	0.7	13-38	151	6		18	45-145	3.2	17-30	169	3		-2
at Arizona	15	31-75	2.4	15-35	189	2		21	50-195	3.9	16-31	176	8		+3
Boston Coll (Bowl)	20	47-140	3.0	17-34	220	1		14	34-180	5.3	9-22	209	5		-3
TOTALS	234	491-1396	2.8	208-441	3155	42		222	475-2020	4.3	203-414	2784	36		+8
AVERAGES	19.5	41-116	2.8	17-37	263	3.5		18.5	40-168	4.3	17-35	232	3.0		0.7

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-3	45-42	T	N Mexico St	-39'	41-10	L	Washington	-6	38-42	L	Texas Tech	-6'	31-13	W	at San Diego St	-4	10-7	L
N Texas	-33	52-7	W	at Miami (Fla)	+9'	23-12	W	at BYU	-6'	6-26	L	New Mexico St	-25'	7-35	L	Colorado St	+3	13-10	W
Nebraska	+25	19-0	W	BYU	-8'	10-13	L	N Texas	-37	34-15	L	at California	-1'	23-24	L	Utah St	-21'	44-20	W
Oregon	-12'	48-27	W	at Oregon St	-11	13-10	L	Oregon St	-10'	24-3	W	UCLA	+1'	28-27	W	at UCLA	+7	31-38	T
Boise St	-38	56-7	W	at Washington	+15	14-26	W	at USC	+3'	24-35	L	at Notre Dame	+12'	17-48	L	California	-7	30-10	W
at UCLA	-4'	42-34	W	USC	-2'	35-7	W	Notre Dame	-3'	9-28	L	at Washington	+10	28-7	W	Washington	+6	15-21	T
USC	-6	48-35	W	at Stanford	+1'	31-14	W	Stanford	-15'	44-38	L	Washington St	-7'	33-21	W	at Washington St	-1'	23-20	W
at Stanford	-14	41-9	W	Washington St	-3'	44-31	W	at Washington St	-6'	38-28	W	at Oregon	+7'	17-20	W	Oregon	+6	55-56	W
at Oregon St	-23'	29-14	L	at California	-11	28-21	L	California	-5'	55-22	W	at USC	+6	26-16	W	USC	-3	38-44	L
California	-15	35-7	W	Oregon	-9'	52-31	W	at Oregon	+8'	19-51	L	Stanford	-2'	30-50	L	at Stanford	+2	7-29	L
at Arizona	-7'	56-14	W	Arizona	-9	16-28	L	at Arizona	+11'	42-50	W	Arizona	+1'	42-27	W	at Arizona	+6'	30-17	W

ARIZONA WILDCATS



LB Lance Briggs finished #2 in the Pac 10 last year with 113 tackles.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - From 1997-99 Arizona alternated QB's Keith Smith and Ortege Jenkins and had a lot of success. Last year Smith graduated, leaving Jenkins as the starter. He was considered an NFL prospect with good size, excellent speed and a powerful arm. He had 3 years of experience and close to 4,000 yards passing with a career 33-15 ratio heading into the season and was 9-5 SU as a starter. With an injury plagued offensive line he had little time to pass and had nowhere near the season expected, throwing for just 1,647 yards (47.1%) with a poor 9-12 ratio. He was the lowest rated passer in the Pac 10. Jason Johnson (PS#55) saw action in 4 games and has 11 career pass attempts in 8 games in 2 years and is the most experienced returnee. He was #1 out of spring and hit 10 of 14 for 141 yards in the spring game (Mackovic called 60 passes in the game). John Rattay (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#9 and originally signed at Tennessee. He's a lefty who has excellent size. There is some talent in the wings. Cliff Watkins (6-4 212 So) was PS#90, Erik Garcia (6-1 190 Jr) was PS#277JC and redshirted last year, Kyle Slager (6-1 194 So) was PS#91 and had 1 rush attempt and Steve Fleming (6-6 219 rFr) was PS#117. Garcia and Slager are the most mobile. A 7th QB will be added to the battle this summer when Mackovic's own recruit Nic Costa (PS#15) comes on board. If either Costa or Rattay win the job and live up to their VHT billings this unit should put up better stats than it did last year in a disappointing season for Jenkins.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Wildcats had to replace one of the most exciting players in the Pac 10 over the previous 2 seasons in Trung Canidate. He was a 1st round DC in the NFL and had 1,602 yards rushing with the next closest returning RB having just 165 yards. They went to a 3 man rotation at TB and were quite successful. Leo Mills (PS#7) has 4.3 speed and had 165 yards rushing in 1999 and 585 last year with a team high 5.1 ypc. Larry Croom (5-10 209 Jr) was PS#64 and got in 4 starts with 257 rush yards (4.0) and 78 yards receiving. Clarence Farmer (PS#124) was the biggest, most powerful back but just doesn't have the breakaway speed of Mills and Croom. Still, he led the team in rushing with 666 yards (4.8) in 6 starts and has decent speed for his size. Those 3 all could return. I would have listed Mills #1 but he has injury and academic concerns and was not with the team in the spring. New coaches like their own recruits and Mackovic signed two top-notch RB's (see Top Newcomers). I list the FB candidates below. Chris Harris (5-10 177 rFr) was PS#69 and has 4.35 speed and could have been a VHT after rushing for over 3000 yards as a junior in HS but was injured his senior season. This looks like one of the Pac 10's stronger units and is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cats returned 3 of their 4 starters to this unit but their one loss was a big one in Dennis Northcutt who had over triple the amount of receiving yards as the #2 man. This year they lose two solid players in Brad Brennan who was the team's ypc leader for 3 years of his career, averaging 16.6, 23.1 and 19.9 per reception and TE Brandon Manumaleuna (#4DC of STL). While Brennan had just 4 starts due to injury he was still the team's #2 receiver with 15 and Manumaleuna was an outstanding receiver and top-notch blocker. Much was expected from Bobby Wade heading into last year

and while he did not completely live up to expectations, he still was 1st Team Pac 10 as a return specialist and led the team with 45 grabs (13.9) in 8 starts. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and Tomey recruited a lot of HT's that could easily step into the mix. Not listed below are Lance Relford (6-0 194 So) who was PS#72, return specialist Gary Love (5-9 179 So) who was PS#131 and Michael Hairgrove (6-2 208 Jr) who was PS#196. I list Ricky Williams in the two deep below and Mackovic can only hope he has as much success with this "RW" as he did the last one (at Texas). Their TE coach has vowed to make that position a much bigger part of the pass offense and I list 4 contenders for the position below. Even with the losses, this unit should be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Arizona had its most explosive offense ever, thanks in part to the continuity of the O-line (including their TE's) as the six starters across the front missed just 1 start all year. The Cats had 5 of the 6 return last year, losing just a 7th round draft pick, but after rushing for 5.2 ypc and allowing just 31 sacks in 1999, they gave up 41 sacks last year and the ypc dropped to 3.6. The OL was clearly the trouble area of the team. The reason? Injuries. OG Steven Grace missed 10 games, OT Makoa Freitas missed 8, C Bruce Wiggins missed 5 and no player managed to start all 11 games and stay healthy for the entire year. This year they must replace OT Marques McFadden (10 sts, 2 yr str), RT Makai Freitas (9 sts) and Wiggins (6 sts, HM P10). Six players return with starting experience plus Mackovic gained some solid rFr to plug in. Having Grace and LT Makoa Freitas, 2 full-time starters from '99, back at their #1 spots gives this unit a large talent upgrade. The unit was decimated by injuries in the spring and with most of the front liners out they yielded 18 sacks in the spring game. I list the 2 deep below and provided this group does not get wracked by injuries again, it should put on a much better performance.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In the early 1990's, when Larry MacDuff was the DC here, UA had one of the top rush defenses in the country. After allowing just 1.8 ypc in 1994 they slipped in recent years, including 3.7 ypc rushing allowed in 1999 despite the fact that the DL had 3 players returning. Last year all 4 starters were back and DE Joseph Tafuya (#7 DC of TB) was the team MVP with 54 tackles, 6 sacks and 12 tfl. UA trimmed its ypc allowed to 2.5 and were among the national leaders in rushing defense. This year they must replace Tafuya as well as DE Idris Haroon (9 sts, 25 tkl, 4 sks, HM P10) but 7 players return with starting experience in a deep group. They move FB Eli Wnek (who was a 9 game starter in 1998 at DE) back to the DL after he had 14 starts at FB the last 2 years. Fata Avegalio was the Scout Team Defensive POY in 2000 and could have an impact. I also expect more out of Johnny Jackson, a late signer (eligibility) who had just 8 tackles. There are plenty of HT's in the mix but with the loss of 2 top-notch players, it will be tough to match last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - Last season Arizona had to replace #4 and #7 draft picks as well as another player that had 4 starts. That #4 DC, Marcus Bell, led the Pac 10 in tackles in both 1998 and 1999. This year they must replace LB Antonio Pierce (11 sts, 77 tkl, 10 tfl, HM P10) and OLB Adrian Koch (11 sts, 32 tkl, 6 tfl). Last year's unit also lost a projected starting OLB who decided not to return for his senior season. LB Lance Briggs stepped up in his first year at LB after playing FB as a true frosh and had 113 stops, good for #2 in the Pac 10 in tackles. Tomey did a good job of recruiting here with some HT's and VHT's listed in the 2 deep. Despite the losses this unit actually has a little more experience than last year's version, especially with the top guy back, and should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Cats had to replace their star CB Chris McAllister and despite returning 3 starters, slipped from #10 in my pass D rankings down to #77. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup who had 5 starts and it was a lightly experienced unit. CB's Hinton and Chatman battled for one CB spot all year. Chatman and fellow CB Worcester were both injured vs Ore St and frosh Hardt started at safety with walk-on Banks at CB. Arizona still managed to climb back up to #10 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 49.2% with a 13-16 ratio. This group is the most experienced unit on the team as the top 8 players all return including 7 players with starting experience and Mackovic was able to add in a couple of HT rFr, one of whom I project as a starter. This should be one of the stronger secondaries in the Pac 10.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dick Tomey stressed special teams and the Wildcats were almost always just that, special. The Cats have had four Top 20 finishes in my rankings in the previous 6 years. Surprisingly in 1999 they slipped to #57 and would have been even lower had FG accuracy been included as they hit just 6 of 18 FG's. Last year they finished at #40 overall but were greatly improved in FG accuracy as Sean Keel hit 13 of 17 with a long of 44 and two of his misses were from 50+. Keel is back. Tomey tried sky kicks on many KO's last year but the team still allowed 22.1 on KR's and that area should improve. Tomey's teams blocked a lot of kicks with 14 in 1998-99 and 5 more last year (2 punts, 3 xp's). Peter Hansen is a six foot-eight inch TE who has 5 blocked FG's or xp's in the last 2 years. Tomey had P Chris Palic punt rugby style 13 times to cut down on the odds

ARIZONA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
Clarence Farmer	138	721	55	666	5	4.8			
Leo Mills	114	611	26	585	4	5.1			
Larry Croom	64	286	29	257	1	4.0			
Ortege Jenkins	133	514	348	166	5	1.2			
Bobby Wade	8	30	3	27	0	3.4			
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Ortege Jenkins	261	123	47.1	1647	9	12			
Jason Johnson	6	3	50.0	23	0	0			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Bobby Wade	45	626	13.9	3	75				
Brad Brennan	15	299	19.9	1	43				
Andrae Thurman	14	145	10.4	0	22				
Brandon Manumaleuna	13	161	12.4	1	36				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK			
Chris Palic	75	2779	37.1	-	34.6	0			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
Sean Keel	2-2	7-8	4-5	0-2	13-17	44			
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT				
L. Briggs	113	1	10	7	2	A. Thomas			
A. Pierce	77	3	7	3	1	J. Worcester			
Joseph Tafuya	54	6	12	4	0	Idris Haroon			
M. Jolivet	42	1	2	14	5	Keoni Fraser			
B. Nash	40	3	4	7	2	Alex Luna			
J. Chatman	34	0	3	5	3	David Hinton			
Adrian Koch	32	2	4	0	0	Shelton Ross			
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Wade	26	262	10.1	1	Gary Love	15	318	21.2	0

of opponents blocking his kicks. While he had an overall season average of just 37.1 his net was a respectable 34.6 and he only had 2 TB's all year. UA has some of the best returners in the game. Gary Love averaged 21.2 on KR's and Bobby Wade got 10.1 per PR as UA ranked 18th and 27th in the NCAA in those categories. The good news is that all of the key players are back and this unit has Top 20 potential provided Mackovic places the same emphasis on it.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona had a 5 game losing streak to end the year, its longest in one season since 1958 and Dick Tomey, annoyed by the media's pressure to oust him, stepped down after the season finale. Despite the fact that Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to a Rose Bowl, I think Tomey did a tremendous job here. He guided the team to six bowl bids in the 1990's but was probably undone by undue expectations. The Cats appeared to be caught in mediocrity as they had records of 6-5 and 5-6 in 1995 and 1996 and were just 3-5 in 1997 before going on a 16-1 run over their next 17 games. They came into the 1999 season the favorites to win the Pac 10 and ranked #3 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll. I did not even have Arizona in my Top 10 that year and after being blown out by Penn St in the opener they finished just 6-6. The Cats benefitted from +10 turnovers last year and at midseason were +13 and had a record of 5-1 before that 5 game losing streak. That 5th win was a 3 OT game vs Wash St which seemed to drain them. During the losing streak, they completely outplayed Oregon but lost by 4, gave up a 12 yard TD on 4th & 4 vs UCLA to lose in the final seconds, had a 19-4 FD edge vs Washington at the half but lost by 3, giving up a TD with 1:10 left and missing a last second 52 yard FG. They outscored their opponents 254-237 for the season. Tomey was #2 in the Pac 10 in winning percentage in the 1990's and is replaced by John Mackovic who has coached at Wake Forest, Illinois and Texas. In 1999 Arizona set a school record on offense with 472 ypg, thanks in part to an offensive line that did not miss a single start due to injury. Last year with 7 offensive starters back, including their QB, the O-line was racked by injuries and the team managed just 308 ypg. Rich Dykes, who was the OC at Texas Tech from 1996-99, takes over and has 6 starters back on that side of the ball but also has one of the few teams in the league without a veteran QB. Last year's 23.1 ppg were probably fueled by being +10 in turnovers but they should come close to matching or exceeding that this year. Mackovic did the smart thing by keeping the Desert Swarm type of defense around as they were ranked 8th nationally in rush defense last year and their 38 sacks were 2nd in the Pac 10. While DC Rich Ellerson departs, Larry MacDuff ran the Double

Eagle Flex here from 1987-96 before leaving for the NFL but now returns. He has 7 starters back on that side of the ball and loses just 6 lettermen. Speaking of lettermen, the Cats lose only 12 this year, the lowest amount in the Pac 10. Last year's squad could easily have been an 8-3 or 9-2 contingent but are going through a coaching change and may not get the +10 turnovers they did last year. Surprisingly the Cats have won just 2 Pac 10 home games in the last 2 years. I will call this a rebuilding season for the Cats and look for them to finish in the lower half of the Pac 10 standings.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB Mike Bell	6-1 200 PS#9
QB Nic Costa	5-11 195 PS#15
RB Gaius Scott	5-10 180 PS#37
DB Landon Kantzleis	6-1 195 PS#69
DB Antoine Singfield	6-1 234 PS#94
OL Brandon Hopkins	6-6 275 PS#98
OL Pedro Limon	6-2 230 PS#101
DB Darrell Brooks	6-1 183 PS#132
TE Carlos Williams	6-5 230 PS#57
OL Matt Page	6-3 300 PS#148
LB Kirk Johnson	6-1 185 PS#129
OL Thomas Stevens	6-3 270 PS#165
TE Brad Brittain	6-5 261 PS#79
TE Isaac Watts	6-2 237 PS#90
WR Robert Spells	6-3 185 PS#233

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Jason Johnson Jr. 6-2 200 PS#55, 8 games, 2 years, 11 passes. John Rattay (6-3 200 rFr) PS#9, lefty & originally signed at Tennessee. **Nic Costa** is PS#15QB.
RB CLARENCE FARMER SO. 6-0 224 PS#124, #1 w/666 yds (4.8). **Larry Croom** (5-10 209 Jr) PS#64, 257 yds (4.0). **Mike Bell** is PS#9, Leo Mills (6-0 212 Jr) PS#7, 165 yds as true, 2 sts ly, 585 yds (5.1).
FB Anthony Fulcher SO. 5-11 200 PS#51RB, 7 yds, 8 games as true, Mike Detweiler (6-2 231 Jr) PS#132JUCO, 1 start, 4 yards ly, Tremaine Cox (5-11 190 rFr) PS#131.
WR BOBBY WADE JR. 5-11 187 PS#51RB, 6 sts at WR as true, 30 rec (15.1). 8 sts ly, #1 w/45 rec (13.9). Brandon Marshall (5-11 194 Sr) PS#63JC, 2 sts, 11 rec (15.9) here ly.
WR Andrae Thurman SO. 6-0 179 PS#63DB, 1 st, 14 rec (10.4) as rFr, Ricky Williams (6-2 206 rFr) PS#69, Malosi Leonard (6-2 212 Sr) 1 st in 99, 11 rec (16.1), 7 sts ly, 10 rec (12.7).
TE James Hugo Jr. 6-6 271 2 sts in 99, 0 rec, Justin Levasseur (6-5 236 So) PS#39TE, Peter Hansen (6-8 238 Sr) PS#99QB, Tyrone Brown (6-3 236 rFr) PS#66.
C STEVEN GRACE JR. 6-3 293 PS#326, 13 starts as rFr, 12 sts in 99, 2nd TM Pac 10, 1 start ly & med RS. All sts at G. Keoni Fraser (6-2 318 rFr) PS#85, added 18 lbs.
RG KEVIN BARRY SR. 6-5 330 PS#20JC in 99, 10 starts as Jr, has good size.
John Vorsehek (6-4 300 Jr) originally signed at San Jose St. PS#245JUCO & RS last year.
LG REGGIE SAMPAY SO. 6-3 276 PS#250OL, 7 sts as 17 yr old true frosh despite ankle injuries. Aaron Higgenbotham (6-5 270 Jr) was PS#138, 2 letters, top backup.
RT Brandon Phillips SO. 6-7 278 PS#43DL, added 22 lbs as rFr but 0 tkl.
Moved to OL. **Darren Safranek** (6-7 270 Jr) 6 sts ly, Chris Johnson (6-3 311 rFr) PS#276.
LT MAKOA FREITAS JR. 6-4 304 PS#159, 415 bench, 13 games as a true, 11 starts at LT in 1999, 3 starts ly then inj'd & missed 8. Perry Thompson (6-6 303 rFr) PS#159DL.
K SEAN KEEL JR. 6-0 200 FG man last 4 in 99 as rFr, hit 5 of 8, with a long of 35. 13 of 17 FG's in 2000, with a long of 44 & 2 of 4 misses from 50+. 4 of 5 from 40-49.

DE Eli Wnek Sr. 6-3 246 PS#264, 9 sts at DE, 32 tkl, 5 sks, 4 tfl as rFr, 14 sts at FB L/2Y. Austin Uku (6-1 234 Sr) 3 sts in 99, 18 tkl, 4 tfl. Tony Thompson PS#77JC ly.
DT ANTHONY THOMAS SR. 6-2 290 PS#93, 9 tkl, 2 sks as true, 2 sts in 99, 4 tfl, 9 sts ly, 26 tkl, 11 tfl, Ben Alualu (6-1 275 Jr) 1 st, 2 tkl, Matt Perry (6-2 270 rFr) PS#132OL.
NT KEONI FRASER SR. 6-1 282 11 sts as true, 23 tkl, 6 tfl, 10 sts in 99, 24 tkl, 6 tfl, 11 sts ly, HM Pac 10, 24 tkl, 10 tfl, 225 bench 25x. Young Thompson (6-2 298 Jr) 1 st, 3 tfl ly.
DE Alex Luna Sr. 6-0 230 5 sts in 99, 15 tkl, 4 tfl, 3 sts ly, 22 tkl, 3.5 sks. Johnny Jackson (6-3 256 Sr) PS#68OL in 97, 30 sks at JC in 99, 1.5 tfl here ly. **Fata Avegalio** (6-3 218 rFr).
OLB Joe Siofelo So. 6-1 240 PS#11LB, 17 tkl, 2 sks, 2 tfl as rFr, Pedro Limon (6-2 230 rFr) PS#101, 41 tfl as HS senior. Scott McKee (6-3 220 Jr) special teams last two years.
ILB LANCE BRIGGS JR. 6-1 230 PS#53LB, 2 starts at FB at true, 163 yds, 11 starts at LB ly, #2 in Pac 10 w/113 tkl, 11 tfl, 7 pbu, Pat Howard (6-0 230 rFr) was PS#152LB.
LB Raymond Wells Jr. 6-0 214 PS#137JUCO, 120 tkl, 8 sks at JC in 99, RS ly. Matt Molina (6-2 220 So) PS#91, 1 game as rFr, Shelton Ross (6-0 220 Sr) 19 tkl, 2 tfl ly.
CB JERMAINE CHATMAN SR. 5-11 177 PS#127WR in 98, 12 pbu at JC in 98, 24 tkl, 6 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. David Hinton (5-11 170 So) PS#103, 5 sts, 21 tkl, 4 pbu last year.
CB MICHAEL JOLIVETTE SO. 5-9 175 PS#41, 10.6 in 100m, 11 sts as rFr, 42 tkl, 5 int, 14 pbu, 3 tfl, 2nd TM Pac 10. Anthony Banks (6-0 165 Sr) 4 starts in 2 years, 20 tkl, 3 pbu.
SS BRANDON NASH SR. 6-1 215 PS#67WR, 1 st in 99, 7 rec, RS & ST TM MVP in 99, 11 sts at SS ly, 40 tkl, 7 tfl, Zaharius Johnson (6-0 194 Sr) 12 tkl, 2Y, Tony Wingate (6-1 190 rFr) PS#58.
FS JUSTIN JOCHUM rFr. 6-1 187 PS#37DB, Jarvie Worcester (6-0 195 Jr) 7 sts as rFr, 34 tkl, 1 tfl, 9 sts ly, 5 pbu. Clay Hardt (6-1 192 So) PS#339RB, 2 sts, 14 tkl as rFr.
P CHRIS PALIC SR. 6-3 206 40 punts as true, 37.6 avg net of 33.5, 60 punts in 99, 39.1 avg and 34.1 net, 75 punts ly, 37.1 avg, net of 34.6. 18 inside 20 and only 2 TB's

ARIZONA WILDCATS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Arizona is 7-21-1 ATS their last 29 Pac 10 home games.
AU is 7-19 ATS their last 26 as a double digit home favorite.
Wildcats are 9-18 ATS as an away favorite.
AU is 13-2 ATS as a non-conference away dog.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Aug. 30	at San Diego St (Thur)	G													Wildcats have been tamed in road openers with a 4-9 ATS mark. Cats are 21-39-1 ATS the last 8 years as a favorite.
Sep. 8	Idaho	G													UA is 8-5 ATS in 1st lined home games, but are 1-4 ATS L5Y. Wildcats are 2-9 ATS the week prior to a bye.
Sep. 15															
Sep. 22	UNLV	G													Cats are 16-6-1 ATS the week after a bye. UA is 1-6 ATS the last 2 years vs non-conference foes.
Sep. 29	Washington St	G													Zona is 4-10-1 ATS in their 1st conference home game. The underdog is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Oct. 6	Oregon	G													Cats are 10-6 ATS their last 16 October games. Arizona is 3-7 ATS last 10 vs the Ducks.
Oct. 13	at Oregon St	A													Wildcats are 15-5 ATS the last 7 years as an away dog. UA is 7-2-1 SU their last 10 meetings w/OSU but lost in '99 & '00.
Oct. 20	at Washington	A													Arizona is 3-6 ATS last 9 vs the Huskies. Wildcats are 5-2 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf.
Oct. 27	USC	G													Strange but true: UA is 5-15 ATS at home after an AG (0-5 L/5). Arizona is 3-9-1 ATS in their L/13 sandwiched HG's (0-4 L/4).
Nov. 3	at California	G													Arizona is 5-6 SU, 2-9 ATS vs California. Cats are 9-3 ATS in their last 12 sandwiched road games.
Nov. 10	Stanford	G													UA is 6-16 ATS in November since 1994. The home team is 1-6 ATS the last 7 series meetings.
Nov. 17															
Nov. 23	at Arizona St (Fri)	G													Arizona is 13-7 ATS vs their arch rival, but 3-7 ATS last 10. The underdog is 8-1 ATS in this "hot" rivalry.

STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (57,803)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	5-6	6-5	11-1	6-6	5-6	47-32
ATS	3-8	5-6	5-5-1	5-6	9-3	2-10	5-6	34-44-1
Home Fav	1-5	1-3	3-1-1	1-3	4-1	1-5	0-5	11-23-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-6
Away Fav	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	4-1	1-3	0-0	7-10
Away Dog	0-1	4-0	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	5-0	15-5
Favorite	3-7	1-4	3-3-1	1-4	8-2	2-8	0-5	18-33-1
Dog	0-1	4-2	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	5-1	16-11
Grass	2-6	3-5	5-3-1	4-5	6-3	2-8	3-6	25-36-1
Artificial	1-2	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-0	9-8
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	5-3	2-6	4-4	23-32-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	0-4	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	2-5	2-3	2-3	3-2	7-3	1-5	3-2	20-23
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-3	3-1-1	2-3	1-0	1-4	1-4	11-17-1

Coach: JOHN MACKOVIC (Career 85-64-3)
Mackovic's records AT ARIZONA

1st Year at Arizona	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	John Hancock	-6'	Baylor	15-20	L
93	Fiesta	+6	Miami (Fla)	29-0	W
94	Freedom	-4	Utah	13-16	L
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14	L
98	Holiday	+3	Nebraska	23-20	W

ARIZONA (5-6) CONFERENCE: PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6 Returning: 47 (23,20,4)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 12 (5,6,1)

LETTERMEN:



ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP
7	23.1	16	154	3.6	154	46.5	13.4	+10	2000	6	21.5	17	88	2.5	229	49.2
7*	28.3	21	219	5.2	253	57.9	16.7	-12	1999	9	30.3	20	143	3.7	235	55.2
7*	33.8	20	205	4.7	226	59.3	12.8	+11	1998	4	18.2	18	102	2.9	229	47.4
6*	26.4	20	175	4.0	220	48.4	14.9	+7	1997	8	26.0	16	112	3.0	218	51.5
10	33.0	17	173	4.1	166	59.0	11.3	+13	1996	6	27.4	20	160	3.8	226	57.4
3	18.8	17	104	2.7	204	49.6	16.4	-8	1995	4	18.1	15	127	3.1	143	47.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Utah	9	39-135	3.5	3-15	11	2		21	39-60	1.5	21-51	310	6		+5
Ohio St	11	39-57	1.5	11-23	137	8		12	40-101	2.5	12-20	240	2		+2
San Diego St	19	36-185	5.1	19-31	200	1		14	37-72	1.9	15-29	124	3		-3
at Stanford	17	46-192	4.2	12-23	198	0		13	30-68	2.3	14-32	177	3		+3
at USC	10	44-117	2.7	7-13	136	3		18	27-10	0.4	26-50	321	5		+3
Washington St	22	57-254	4.5	15-31	236	2		19	34-112	3.3	20-37	378	3		+3
at Oregon	11	32-17	0.5	15-32	200	8		14	45-137	3.0	9-22	123	3		-1
UCLA	15	45-211	4.7	7-18	105	1		17	39-54	1.4	19-35	230	4		-2
at Washington	26	51-263	5.2	13-34	208	2		18	30-211	7.0	17-34	196	2		+3
Oregon St	9	31-69	2.2	9-22	89	6		22	41-73	1.8	17-31	231	5		0
Arizona St	21	50-195	3.9	16-31	176	8		15	31-75	2.4	15-35	189	2		-3
TOTALS	170	470-1695	3.6	127-273	1696	41		183	393-973	2.5	185-376	2519	38		+10
AVERAGES	15.5	43-154	3.6	12-25	154	3.7		16.6	36-88	2.5	17-34	229	3.5		0.9

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-27'	23-3	L
at Iowa	+6'	20-21	W
Illinois	-8	41-0	W
at Washington	+5'	17-31	L
Washington St	-8	34-26	T
at USC	+8'	7-14	W
Oregon St	-19'	33-7	W
at California	-1'	55-56	L
at Oregon	-3	31-49	L
UCLA	-1'	35-17	W
Arizona St	+7'	14-56	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	-3'	9-16	L
UAB	-33	24-10	L
at Ohio St	+17	20-28	W
at UCLA	+8	27-40	L
San Diego St	-12	31-28	L
Stanford	+3	28-22	W
Washington	+11'	28-58	L
at Washington St	+13	34-35	W
Oregon St	-16'	27-7	W
California	-11'	41-38	L
at Arizona St	+9	28-16	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-17	27-6	W
at Stanford	-7'	31-14	W
Iowa	-12	35-11	W
at San Diego St	-16	35-16	W
at Washington	+2	31-28	W
UCLA	+5	28-52	L
at Oregon St	-8	28-7	W
NE Louisiana	-33	45-7	W
Oregon	-2'	38-3	W
Washington St	-24	41-7	W
at California	-10'	27-23	L
Arizona St	-11'	50-42	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+4'	7-41	L
at TCU	-13	35-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-44	34-19	L
Stanford	-13	22-50	L
at Washington St	-13'	30-24	L
USC	-1	31-24	W
UTEP	-22	34-21	L
Oregon	-3	41-44	L
at UCLA	-3'	33-7	W
Washington	-5	25-33	L
at Oregon St	+3	20-28	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-42	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+3	17-3	W
Ohio St	+5'	17-27	L
San Diego St	-19'	17-3	L
at Stanford	+1'	27-3	W
at USC	+7	31-15	W
Washington St	-12'	53-47	L
at Oregon	+9	10-14	W
UCLA	-5'	24-27	L
at Washington	+7	32-35	W
Oregon St	-1	9-33	L
Arizona St	-6'	17-30	L

ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 ACC TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Woodrow Dantzler, Clem	Philip Rivers, NC St	George Godsey, Ga Tech
RB Antwoine Womack, Virg	Joe Burns, Ga Tech	Ray Robinson, NC St
RB Greg Jones, Fla St	Travis Zachery, Clem	Bruce Perry, Maryland
WR Kelly Campbell, Ga Tech	Billy McMullen, Virg	Robert Morgan, Fla St
WR Javon Walker, Fla St	Jackie Robinson, Clem	Bosley Allen, N Car
TE Mike Hart, Duke	Jeff Dugan, Maryland	Russell Matvay, Ga Tech
C Kyle Young, Clemson	Melvin Fowler, Maryland	Vince Azzolina, WF
G Montrae Holland, Fla St	Michael Collins, WF	Milford Brown, Fla St
G Josh Lawson, Virginia	John Miller, Duke	Will Merritt, Clemson
T Brett Williams, Fla St	Akil Smith, Clemson	Reggie Poole, NC St
T Jermese Jones, Virginia	Matt Crawford, Maryland	Blake Henry, W Forest
DL Julius Peppers, N Car	Calvin Pace, W Forest	Donnell Washington, Clem
DL Darnell Dockett, Fla St	Ryan Sims, N Carolina	Ricky Fowler, NC St
DL Jeff Womble, Fla St	Nick Rogers, Ga Tech	Monsanto Pope, Virg
DL Greg Gathers, Ga Tech	Kevin Emanuel, Fla St	Nick Eason, Clemson
LB Levar Fisher, NC State	Merceda Perry, N Car	Recardo Wimbush, Ga Tech
LB Kendyll Pope, Fla St	Chad Carson, Clemson	Ryan Fowler, Duke
LB Daryl Smith, Ga Tech	Bradley Jennings, FSU	EJ Henderson, Maryland
CB Bryant McFadden, Fla St	Michael Waddell, N Car	Jeff Phillips, Duke
CB Adrian Duncan, W Forest	Brian Williams, NC St	Brian Mance, Clemson
SS Jeremy Muyres, Ga Tech	Abdual Howard, Fla St	Charles Hafley, Clem
FS Chris Hope, Florida St	Terrence Holt, NC St	BJ Hill, Duke
K Luke Manget, Ga Tech	Jeff Reed, N Carolina	Brent Garber, Duke
P Mike Abrams, Virginia	Brooks Barnard, Mary	Dan Dyke, Ga Tech
KR John Stone, W Forest	Kelly Campbell, Ga Tech	Chris Douglas, Duke
PR Bosley Allen, N Carolina	Arlen Harris, Virginia	Joe Don Reames, Clem



N Carolina DL Julius Peppers led the NCAA in 2000 with 15 sacks!

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 ACC FORECAST

1. Florida State - Bobby Bowden says that this is his biggest rebuilding job since 1994 when they had to replace Heisman winner Charlie Ward and had just 10 starters back. That team was among his weakest but still finished fourth in the final NCAA poll! FSU is an amazing 70-2 in ACC play and while the gap between them and the rest of the teams in the league has narrowed, they clearly are still the most talented team in the league and a national title contender once again. I will call for ANOTHER perfect record in ACC play and a conference title.

2. Georgia Tech - Tech has the 2nd highest amount of overall talent in the league in all 7 of my preseason power ratings. They also get other contenders like Clemson, N Carolina, Maryland and NC St at home. That makes them the clear favorite to win the ACC Title of the teams not named Florida St. Two things concern me this year and those are replacing Offensive Coordinator Ralph Friedgen, and the fact that they benefitted from +13 turnovers last year and may not be as fortunate this time around. Still with only 14 lettermen lost and QB Godsey now being experienced, they rate the edge and get my call for 2nd.

3. Clemson - The Tigers have TWO quality QB's which always helps when injuries strike. Despite the fact they have just 11 returning starters, that is the same amount they had in Bowden's first year and he took a 3-8 squad to a bowl game. Head coaches usually show dramatic improvement in their 3rd year and this team rates as a clear ACC contender. Should they pull an upset of GT on the road on Sept 29, they could very well be 8-0 for their home game with Florida St. Remember that they almost upset the Seminoles the last time FSU traveled to Death Valley. Clemson is a darkhorse contender for the National Title this year!!

4. North Carolina - The Tar Heels have a great deal of pure athletic talent and have the most players who are of NFL caliber in the conference next to the Noles. They also were -12 in turnovers last year and were still bowl eligible which could mean big things if the breaks even out this season. They are just the opposite of GT regarding the schedule however as they must face the top 4 teams in the league not named Florida St on the road this year. That means to rank this high, they will have to pull off a couple of road upsets. I actually look for NC, NC St and Maryland to all finish at the 4-4 mark in league play but will rank the most talented team of those 3 in this spot.

5. North Carolina St - As I mentioned above, it looks like teams 4 thru 6 could all finish at 4-4 this year in league play and the Wolfpack have an advantage as they are the only one of those three with an experienced head coach and are in the 2nd year of his system. They were the only ACC team to win their bowl but that was perhaps due to a Gopher letdown after they jumped out to a 24-0 lead before allowing a big comeback. This team has the schedule to easily go 6-2 in league play should they take care of their winnable home games. Two things concern me here. First of all replacing Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow will be a tough task as Rivers will have to learn a new system. Secondly, this team was fortunate last year winning SIX games that they trailed in the FOURTH quarter.

6. Maryland - Ralph Friedgen takes over after 31 years as an assistant but has one of the best offensive minds in the game. His defensive coordinator is Gary Blackney who was the head coach at BG last year. They inherit a veteran team that loses just 20 lettermen and has 16 starters back. "New" QB Shaun Hill is the perfect fit for the offense and has starting

experience. They have a solid situation in their league opener as N Carolina will be in an Oklahoma/Texas sandwich and playing their 2nd of 3 straight games on the road. Should they win that game they could open 5-0 and the sky would be the limit for a team that would completely buy into the new regime. Based on pure talent on the field however, this is the 6th best team in the league and that is where I peg them although a bowl is a distinct possibility.

7. Virginia - Replacing a legend like George Welsh is never easy. While the Cavs lose just 16 lettermen, they must go through changes on both sides of the ball and face an extremely tough schedule which could beat them up. The non-conference slate includes Wisconsin, Penn St and Virginia Tech and most of their winnable ACC games are on the road. This team could be a surprise and has 4 players who made my 1st Team ACC squad, the 3rd most in the league. If Groh can overcome the schedule that they face and get this team back to the postseason, he would have Coach of the Year potential.

8. Duke - The Blue Devils were not just 0-11 last year, they were not even competitive with only 2 losses by less than double digits and their average loss on the year was by a 39-14 margin!!!! Franks called last year an obvious rebuilding year with just 10 starters back and I agreed, pegging them for the cellar. This is his 3rd year in charge and year 3 is the season in which normally a team shows the most improvement. They have 14 starters back and are much more experienced. They also get some winnable ACC games at home (like Wake) and I will call for them to escape the cellar.

9. Wake Forest - Nothing against new Head Coach Jim Grobe who did a TREMENDOUS job at Ohio U but Wake could finish in the cellar this year despite having the most experienced team in the league with 60 lettermen returning. Two years ago, I called for a similar Wake team to have a big year and they simply went to, and won, a bowl game. Last year they had the most inexperienced team in the country and got much stronger as the season went on. Yes, had Caldwell still been the head man I would have been calling for the same this year, but Grobe brings in new schemes on both sides of the ball and not all of it mixes well. He puts a lot of emphasis on smaller, speedier OL's whereas Caldwell's group was big and strong. Facing Duke on the road was my clincher and I will call this a rebuilding year for the Deacons.

ACC Notes: The past 3 years Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida St are 9-0 SU in their respective annual rivalries with SEC teams Georgia, S Carolina and Florida. The ACC has a winning record vs ranked, non-conference opponents the past 3 years, and just set a total league-wide attendance record. The Big 10 used to be known as the Big 2 and the little 8 with Ohio St and Michigan dominating the conference titles for years. The ACC could also be known as Florida St and the old ACC, as the Seminoles have had a stranglehold on the conference title since they joined. With Florida St having just 8 returning starters, the rest of the league may feel THIS is the year to finally end their dominance. The ACC also leads the NCAA with most head coaching changes as 4 of the league's 9 teams have a new top guy. Three teams also suffer the losses of their very talented offensive coordinators. Last year 5 ACC teams made it to bowls but only one won their bowl and that was NC State who made a miracle comeback vs Minnesota. The league will fare better in the postseason this year and one or two of the new coaches will enjoy a banner season.



GT WR Kelly Campbell is a BIG part of the GT offense.



Virginia RB Antwoine Womack looks to top last year's 1,028 yard effort.



Duke LB Ryan Fowler bedevils another QB.

2000 ACC CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Antwoine Womack, VA	11	210	1028	4.9	9	93.5
Travis Zachery, Clemson	11	201	1012	5.0	13	92.0
Woodrow Dantzler, CU	11	172	947	5.5	13	86.1
LalMont Jordan, MD	11	213	920	4.3	11	83.6
Joe Burns, Geor Tech	11	220	908	4.1	12	82.5
Travis Minor, Florida St	12	181	923	5.1	5	76.9
Ray Robinson, NC St	11	193	788	4.1	7	71.6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Chris Weinke, Fla St	431	266	61.7	11	4167	9.7	33	163.1
George Godsey, GT	349	222	63.6	6	2906	8.3	23	151.9
Woodrow Dantzler, CU	212	122	57.5	6	1691	8.0	10	134.5
Dan Ellis, Virginia	210	116	55.2	4	1642	7.8	7	128.1
Philip Rivers, NC St	441	237	53.7	10	3054	6.9	25	126.1
Ronald Curry, N Car	304	163	53.6	12	2325	7.6	11	121.9
Calvin McCall, MD	199	105	52.8	9	1533	7.7	5	116.7

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	NO	YDS	YDS/PG	TD	AVG
Marvin Minnis, Fla St	12	63	1340	111.7	5	21.3
Koren Robinson, NCS	11	62	1061	96.5	5	17.1
Kelly Campbell, GT	11	59	963	87.5	5	16.3
Rod Gardner, Clemson	11	51	956	86.9	4	18.7
Bosley Allen, N Car	11	40	634	57.6	3	15.9
Atreus Bell, Fla St	12	37	675	56.2	3	18.2
Anquan Boldin, Fla St	12	41	664	55.3	3	16.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING			PASSING			TOT OFFENSE	
	G	YDS	AVG	ATT	YDS	AVG	YDS	YDS/PG
Chris Weinke, Fla St	12	30	-97	431	4167	4070	4070	339.2
Philip Rivers, NC St	11	143	-85	237	3054	2969	2969	269.9
George Godsey, GT	11	146	39	349	2906	2945	2945	267.7
Ronald Curry, NC	11	119	351	304	2325	2676	2676	243.3
Woodrow Dantzler, CU	11	172	947	212	1691	2638	2638	239.8
Dan Ellis, Virginia	9	56	81	210	1642	1723	1723	191.4
Calvin McCall, MD	9	52	58	199	1533	1591	1591	176.8

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brian Morton, Duke	11	77	3478	45.2
Brooks Barnard, Maryland	11	49	2191	44.7
Mike Abrams, Virginia	11	65	2768	42.6
Matt Brennie, Wake Forest	11	63	2648	42.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kyle Moore, Duke	13	335	0	25.8
Koren Robinson, NC St	20	506	0	25.3
John Stone, WF	32	789	1	24.7

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Koren Robinson, NC St	14	218	1	15.6
Bosley Allen, N Car	28	421	2	15.0
Clevon Thomas, Fla St	15	201	0	13.4

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jeff Reed, N Car	11	16	20	80.0	48
Luke Manget, GT	10	12	16	75.0	50
David Green, Virginia	11	11	15	73.3	48
Kent Passingham, NC St	11	13	18	72.2	40

TACKLES

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Levar Fisher, NC St	11	93	70	14.8
Chad Carson, Clemson	11	77	69	14.6
Keith Adams, Clemson	11	74	64	13.8
Yubrenal Isabelle, VA	11	64	67	13.1
Brandon Spoon, N Car	11	71	60	13.1
Byron Thweatt, Virginia	11	78	43	12.1

SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
Julius Peppers, NC	15	117	117
Greg Gathers, GT	13	89	89
Jamal Reynolds, FSU	12	72	72
Nick Rogers, GT	9	86	86
David Warren, FSU	9	45	45
Calvin Pace, WF	9	67	67

TFL

	G	NO	YDS
Julius Peppers, NC	24	146	146
Greg Gathers, GT	20	105	105
Keith Adams, CU	19	82	82
David Warren, FSU	19	70	70
Darnell Dockett, FSU	19	66	66
Kris Jenkins, MD	17	57	57

2000 ACC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	8	0	395	86	11	1	509	123
Georgia Tech	6	2	286	164	9	2	372	209
Clemson	6	2	280	189	9	2	396	212
Virginia	5	3	138	169	6	5	228	255
NC State	4	4	221	239	7	4	341	308
N Carolina	3	5	199	243	6	5	269	284
Maryland	3	5	168	217	5	6	247	284
Wake Forest	1	7	106	299	2	9	181	362
Duke	0	8	143	328	0	11	155	430

1999 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	8	0	310	123	11	0	412	174
Georgia Tech	5	3	307	261	8	3	448	333
Virginia	5	3	222	210	7	4	324	302
Clemson	5	3	263	171	6	5	315	236
Wake Forest	3	5	145	178	6	5	243	206
NC State	3	5	167	250	6	6	244	302
Duke	3	5	182	290	3	8	217	363
Maryland	2	6	202	250	5	6	292	260
N Carolina	2	6	129	194	3	8	186	272

1998 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	7	1	283	88	11	2	401	161
Georgia Tech	7	1	297	200	10	2	426	295
Virginia	6	2	218	166	9	3	358	247
NC State	5	3	241	225	7	5	366	352
N Carolina	5	3	195	210	7	5	288	283
Duke	2	6	128	263	4	7	229	319
Wake Forest	2	6	182	249	3	8	235	335
Clemson	1	7	157	216	3	8	218	272
Maryland	1	7	129	213	3	8	202	290

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES



WR/QB Anquan Boldin has 4.45 speed and is not only a threat receiving but played QB in the spring.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Bowden had one of his most experienced QB's ever last year in Chris Weinke (#4 DC of CAR), who was 28 years old and my preseason pick to win the Heisman Trophy. Chris delivered with another spectacular season as he threw for 4,441 yards (60.4%) and also departs. Chris Rix (6-4 215 rFr) was PS#10 and has 4.5 speed. Rix rushed for 550 yards and had 288 yards receiving as a senior in high school as well as 900 yards passing. Anquan Boldin (6-2 205 Jr) was PS#11 and started one game at WR in 1999 and 8 last year and was tied for #3 with 44 receptions (15.8). He moved back to QB during the spring and could win the starter's job but could also move back to WR once fall comes around. Boldin hit a higher % during 3 scrimmages but Rix had the stronger spring game and emerged as #1 QB. Both add mobility and speed to the position as Rix runs a 4.56 40 and Boldin 4.45. Bowden brings in a couple of solid frosh this year in Joe Mauer (PS#1) and Adrian McPherson (PS#5). Mauer threw for 3,022 yards with 41 TD's in Minnesota and was a projected #1 choice in the major league baseball draft, which is the same type of credentials Weinke had when he enrolled. There is plenty of talent available, but the loss of Weinke's experience as the all-time passing leader here makes this year's unit clearly weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Travis Minor (#3DC of MIA) was PS#1 coming out of high school and lived up to that reputation here, leading Florida St in rushing in all 4 of his years including last season when he rushed for 943 yards (4.9), his best season yet. I look for Greg Jones (PS#17) to become the feature back. Jones is not your typical FSU scatback as he is big (6-1 225 lbs) and strong but also has top speed. He could give FSU the strong running game they've been missing the last few years. There are plenty of contenders for the starting job. Nick Maddox (6-0 190 Jr) was PS#1 and had 111 yards rushing in 1999 as a true frosh but just 70 last year as he spent most of the season at WR. He had 77 yards (11.0) in the spring game. Davy Ford (5-11 201 Sr) has 4.25 speed and rushed for 239 yards (6.3) while adding 15 pounds this year. Also in the mix are this year's top signees, Eric Shelton (PS#3) and Willie Reid (PS#21). The top two FB's return and I list them below. While this unit looks weaker without Minor,

it is still very talented and could even improve on last year's rushing numbers. **RECEIVERS** - For the second straight year FSU must replace its top man. After losing Warrick and Dugans (#1 and #3 DC's of CIN) following the 1999 season, this year Snoop Minnis (#3DC of KC) departs after leading the team with an incredible 21.3 ypc and 11 TD's on 63 rec's. He was suspended for the bowl game and his absence was certainly felt. Naturally there are plenty of VHT's in this group and I look for Anquan Boldin (if he moves back to WR) and Javon Walker to emerge as the top threats this year. I list the very talented two deep below. Also in the mix is VHT true frosh Crapponso Thorpe (PS#4). Besides Minnis they also lose TE Ryan Sprague (5 sts, 13 rec) and TE Nick Franklin who had 4 starts at TE before suffering a knee injury. Provided Boldin moves back to WR in the fall, this group has more experience than last year. If Boldin stays at QB, this group has equal experience and simply needs someone to step to the forefront and claim the feature WR role.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Seminoles had trouble running the ball from 1997 to 1999, with their highest ypc being just 3.5. Last year they had to replace two starters, a 1st Team AA and the other a 2nd Tm ACC Honoree. They then lost another returning starter early in the season and had a projected starter go down to injury. FSU managed to allow just 24 sacks (2 less than 1999) and impressively rushed for 4.3 ypc. This year they must replace G Justin Amman (13 sts, 2 yr str, 1st Tm ACC), C Jarad Moon (13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC), T Char-Ron Dorsey (12 sts, 1st Tm ACC, #7 DC of DAL) and T Tarlos Thomas (6 sts-inj, 3 yr str, 3rd Tm AA, 2nd Tm ACC). They add a super JUCO in Milford Brown (PS#11) who was in for the spring and he, Montreae Holland and Brett Williams will all contend for 1st Team ACC honors. While last year's group was more experienced heading into the fall, injuries hurt that group and as long as the 2001 version stays healthy, they have about as much experience and their performance should not drop-off too much.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Seminoles always produce All Americans from this unit and had an amazing 3 different AA DE's in 1996 and 1997. Last year they had to replace two DT's who were #1 and #4 DC's of the NFL so they had just 2 returning starters and 5 of the top 8 were underclassmen including a pair of rFr starters. This year they lose DE Jamal Reynolds (1st Tm AA, 13 sts, 63 tkl, 13 sks, #1DC of GB), DE David Warren (9 sts, 45 tkl, 10 sks, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC), and DE Randy Wilkins (8 tkl). Five players return with starting experience which is 3 more than last season including 3 players that are now soph's. They do bring in Travis Johnson who was PS#1LB and redshirted after making 8 tackles in the first two games. Alonzo Jackson had 4 sacks in the spring game. I list a very talented 2 deep below and it contains 7 VHT's. While FSU is young at the end spot and it's tough to replace 2 DE's who combined for 23 sacks, this unit actually has a little more experience, especially in the middle and could even be stronger should some pass rushing DE's emerge (and they always seem to here).

LINEBACKERS - FSU had a veteran LB corps last year as Tommy Polley recovered from his knee injury and all 3 starters returned. This year they have to replace WLB Polley (12 sts, 1st Tm ACC, #2 tkl, #2DC of STL), SLB Brian Allen (#1 tkl, 12 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, #3DC of STL), and backup LB Jean June (1 st, 28 tkl). They also suffered the tragic loss of OLB Devaughn Darling (11 tkl) who passed away in February. You can expect a lot of this year's true frosh LB's to play immediately as Bowden brings in three VHT's including one who was in for the spring. Kendyll Pope should also come into his own after being PS#3 last year while playing in 12 games as a true frosh. This group is clearly younger than it was heading into last season but has plenty of talent. The production probably won't drop as much as expected but will be weaker with the loss of the team's top 2 tacklers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU is always at or near the top of my pass efficiency defense rankings with 3 Top 2 finishes over the past 7 years. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and one backup but all four first teamers had starting experience. This year they must replace ROV Derrick Gibson (13 sts, 1st Tm ACC, 77 tkl, 7 pbu, #1DC of OAK), CB Tay Cody (13 sts, 84 tkl, 7 int, 13 pbu, 1st Tm ACC, #3DC of SD) and CB Clevean Thomas (12 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 2 int, 9 pbu). While 5 of the top 8 do return only 2 players have starting experience and those are 3 big losses. Bowden has a PS#1 and PS#2 to plug in and I list the talented 2 deep below. In 2000 they finished 2nd allowing 50.4% comp with a 7-20 ratio. While this is still one of the stronger secondaries in the NCAA and should finish very high in the pass defense rankings again, there will be some dropoff in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - There is no team in the country that is as deep in VHT's and HT's as the Seminoles are year after year and you would expect them to be at the top of my special teams rankings on an annual basis. They were #17 in 1998 and finished #4 in 1999 and that did not even include super K Sebastian Janikowski who won the Lou Groza Award. They also had to

FLORIDA ST		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Travis Minor		194	993	50	943	5	4.9				
Jeff Chaney		71	365	19	346	3	4.9				
Greg Jones		41	288	22	266	2	6.5				
Davy Ford		38	258	19	239	3	6.3				
William McCray		45	131	0	131	8	2.9				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Chris Weinke		482	291	60.4	4441	33	13				
Marcus Outzen		35	24	68.6	441	3	3				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Marvin Minnis		63	1340	21.3	11	98					
Travis Minor		47	342	7.3	0	23					
Atreus Bell		44	812	18.5	10	48					
Anquan Boldin		44	695	15.8	6	60					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT	TD	AVG	
Keith Cottrell		58	2430	41.9	—	35.8	1	16			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Brett Cimorelli		2-2	4-5	0-3	0-0	6-10	38				
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
B. Allen	114	1	1	10	1	J. Reynolds	63	13	3	1	0
T. Polley	111	2	6	7	1	J. Womble	53	3	7	0	0
B. Jennings	108	0	2	3	0	K. Pope	52	0	2	2	1
C. Hope	90	0	5	10	2	C. Thomas	49	0	1	9	2
T. Cody	84	1	2	13	7	D. Warren	45	10	10	3	1
D. Gibson	77	0	5	7	2	K. Emanuel	44	3	6	1	0
D. Dockett	67	8	12	0	0	A. Jackson	38	5	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
N. Maddox	19	187	9.8	0	T. Gardner	8	175	21.9	0		

replace returnman Peter Warrick and the unit struggled much more than expected, dropping to #57 in my rankings overall. Four year punter Keith Cottrell had a surprising slip as after having a net of 39.2 in 1999 his net dropped to 35.8 last year as FSU allowed 12.5 per PR including a TD. Nick Maddox was the top PR and is back after averaging 9.8. Talman Gardner has led the team in KR's the last 2 years but has averaged just 20.8 and 21.9. He returns for his junior season. FSU did allow 20.8 per KR and should improve upon that. FSU also had an unusual year by only blocking one punt (they normally have two or more every year) while having one blocked and allowing a PR for a TD while scoring no special teams TD's when they've averaged 1.5 per year the last 4 years. I look for that area to be much improved. Also, look for a better year on FG's as they have plenty of talent, they just have to avoid the "wide rights". Even with the loss of the punter, I see this unit as solidly improved and once again a Top 20 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year's loss in the National Title game dropped FSU to 5th in the final poll, their lowest finish in FOURTEEN years. Last year's group was senior laden and Bowden says it'll be the biggest challenge he's had since 1994 when he had to replace Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward and 6 NFL draft choices and finished 10-1-1, 4th in the AP Poll. FSU is an amazing 70-2 in ACC play since joining the conference and they are undefeated in their last 52 home games, the NCAA's longest streak. Head Coach Bobby Bowden's 17-6-1 all-time bowl winning percentage is at the top and his 8th win this year will put him past Bear Bryant and into 2nd place in all-time coaching victories. They have just 8 starters back including 4 on both sides of the ball but had just 9 in 1997 when they went 11-1. Offensively, as usual they have the most talented players in the country and I think QB Chris Rix will do fine in his first year as a starter. While they figure to be a little less potent than last year's 39.3 ppg, they still will have one of the top offenses in the country. Defensively, although just 4 starters return, the unit is loaded with VHT's and will be its usual ferocious self. FSU's NFL draft losses are the heaviest in the NCAA with 9 players getting drafted including 7 in the first 3 rounds! In 1997 they had just 4 starters return and allowed just 248 ypg and 15.1 ppg and you can expect similar numbers this year. ACC foes will be expecting one of those rare wins and they do have to face both N Carolina and Clemson on the road, two of the league's upper echelon teams but should still get through the conference unscathed. They host Miami (Fla) but have to travel to "The Swamp" at season's end and despite the 27 players who depart, this year's squad is very capable (like always) of being a National Title contender and could be 10-0 for their trip to "The Swamp".

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Chris Rix rFr. 6-4 215 PS#10. 4.56 spd. Joe Mauer is PS#1. Anquan Boldin (6-2 205 Jr) PS#11. QB in spg. 8 sts at WR, 44 rec (15.8) 4.45 spd. Adrian McPherson is PS#5.
RB Greg Jones So. 6-1 225 PS#17. 4.05 bench. 4.5 spd. 266 yds (6.5) as true. Davy Ford (5-11 201 Sr) PS#43. 4.25 spd. 239 yds 1y. Nick Maddox (6-0 190 Jr) PS#1. 70 yds rush 1y.
FB WILLIAM MCCRAY SR. 6-0 225 PS#35. 157 total yds in 97 & 98. RS in 99. 7 sts in 2000. 131 yds rush (2.9). Randy Golightly (6-2 237 So) PS#107. 49 yds (3.1). 9 rec in 2000.
WR Javon Walker Sr. 6-3 190 PS#6. JC in 99. 4.37 spd. 1 start 1y, 21 rec (16.1). Atreus Bell (5-11 201 Sr) PS#3QB. 1 stly, 44 rec (18.5). Crapponso Thorpe is PS#4.
WR ROBERT MORGAN SR. 6-0 180 PS#64. 6 recas true. 2 sts, 18 rec (14.2) in 99. 9 sts 1y, 22 rec (17.6). 4.34 speed. Talman Gardner (6-2 195 Jr) PS#4. 13 rec (16.5) in 2000.
TE Patrick Hughes Jr. 6-5 245 PS#7. 5 games, 1 rec as true. 1 start in 99. RS 1y. Carver Donaldson (6-6 245 Sr) PS#9. 4 rec, 28 gms, 3 yrs. Justin Tomerlin is PS#16DL.
C Antoine Mirambeau Sr. 6-4 280 PS#49 in 98. PQ. DL/C in '99 & lettered in 13 gms 1y, 200 bench. Josh Baggs (6-1 305 Jr) PS#251. 1L. David Castillo (6-2 285 rFr) PS#287.
RG Milford Brown Jr. 6-4 315 PS#11JC. in for spg & 1st string. Ronald Boldin (6-5 291 Sr) PS#29. 2 letters. Bobby Meeks (6-3 285 rFr) was PS#41 and redshirted.
LG MONTRAE HOLLAND JR. 6-3 325 PS#18. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. Started L7/ly. 0 sks. 555 bench. HM ACC. Otis Duhat (6-4 280 Sr) PS#49. Quickest OL here. Started 1st 6ly, 3L.
RT BRETT WILLIAMS JR. 6-6 315 PS#4. 8 sts as rFr. 2nd Tm ACC. Shut down VT AA DC in the bowl. 8 sts 1y, 500 bench 34" VL. 2nd Tm ACC. Ray Willis (6-6 256 rFr) PS#70.
LT Todd Williams Jr. 6-6 300 PS#73. 505 bench, 2 letters. Alex Barron (6-6 290 rFr) PS#12. Ross Brannon (6-8 310 Sr) 10 sts in '97, 13 sts in '98, 1st Tm ACC. inj L2Y.
K BRETT CIMORELLI SO. 6-4 220 PS#36. Hit 55 & 54 yards in HS. Hit 6 of 10 here 1y, long of 38. Groin inj start of 1y. Xavier Beitia is PS#14. Matt Munyon does kickoffs.

DE Kevin Emanuel So. 6-4 260 PS#24. 2 sts as rFr, 44 tkl, 3 sks, 6 tfl at DT, 9 hurries. Eric Powell (6-4 270 Sr) PS#41JC 1y, 21 tkl at DT. OJ Jackson was PS#75, 9 tkl 1y.
DT DARNELL DOCKETT SO. 6-4 260 PS#1 in 99! 11 sts as rFr, 67 tkl, 8 sks, 12 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC. Tony Benford (6-4 270 Jr) PS#67. 37 tkl, 8 tfl, 2 yrs. Rian Cason PS#8. 33 tkl, 2 yrs.
NG JEFF WOMBLE SO. 6-3 295 PS#11. 12 sts as rFr, 53 tkl, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 10 hurries. Travis Johnson (6-5 240 Jr) PS#1LB in 2000. Chris Woods (6-3 268 Jr) PS#100LB. 38 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 yrs.
DE Alonzo Jackson Jr. 6-4 255 PS#32. 14 tkl as true. 4 sts 1y, 38 tkl, 5 sks, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. 10 lbs. Charles Howard (6-3 235 So) PS#79. 17 tkl as true. Eric Moore (6-5 235 Fr) PS#2LB 1y.
SLB Michael Boulware So. 6-3 210 PS#12WR. Moved to LB in Aug & 22 tkl as true. Ray Piquion (6-0 215 Fr) PS#26DB. in for spring. Cornelius Collier (6-1 235 So) PS#19. inj 1y.
MLB BRADLEY JENNINGS SR. 6-3 240 PS#141. 24 tkl in 98. 12 sts in 99. 100 tkl, 3 sks, 13 tfl 1y. #3 w/108 tkl, 2 tfl. Jerel Hudson (6-3 240 Jr) PS#113. 50 tkl, 23 games, 2 yrs.
WLB Kendyll Pope So. 6-2 212 PS#3. 1 start in 12 games as true. 52 tkl, 2 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu in 2000. 410 bench. Chauncey Davis is PS#7 and Willie Jones is PS#8 this year.
CB Bryant McFadden rFr. 6-0 180 PS#1 in 2000. injury 1y. Malcolm Tatum (6-1 170 Jr) PS#316. 14 tkl, 2 yrs. Leroy Smith (5-10 175 rFr) PS#110. Jerome Carter is PS#7.
CB Stanford Samuels So. 5-10 180 PS#43. 1 start, 27 tkl, 1 tfl, 3 pbu 1y. Injured first 2 yrs out of HS. Rufus Brown (5-9 175 So) PS#26. 20 tkl, 1 intly. Dominic Robinson is PS#5.
ROV Abdul Howard Sr. 6-0 200 PS#13. 400 bench. 26 tkl in 99. 1 int. 41.5" VL. DL AA DC in bowl. (6-0 200 rFr) is PS#133. Gerard Ross is PS#13.
PS CHRIS HOPE SR. 6-0 205 PS#1 in 98. 34 tkl as true. Last 3 starts in 99. 45 tkl, 4 int, 13 sts 1y, 90 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC. Yohance Buchanan (6-1 205 So) PS#2.
P Chance Gwaltney Jr. 5-10 175 Walk-on in 98. 2 punts (39.0) average in 99. 5 of 7 FG's in 00 with a long of 39. 1 punt of 39 yards. Added 10 lbs. Brett Cimorelli is his backup.

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

All regular season games are on grass this year and only 1 has been on artificial turf in the last 6 years.
Seminoles are 70-2 SU in ACC play since joining in 1992.
FSU was 5-1 ATS at home LY, only non-cover was by 2.5 pts!
FSU is 7-3-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, but 1-3 L2Y.
Noles are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road finales not vs Florida.
Seminoles avg margin of victory over Duke is 38' ppg the L8Y.
Even with that level of domination, FSU has only covered 5 of those games.
FSU is 6-2 ATS in their last 8 Tallahassee openers.
Noles are 13-1 SU but 5-9 ATS vs current CUSA schools.
LY GT held FSU to their lowest scoring output in the ACC season.
Bowden's boys are 5-3-1 ATS vs Georgia Tech.
Florida St has held NC to 14 or less in each of the last 6 years.
Noles are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS when visiting Chapel Hill.
Pending earlier results, FSU is 35-16-2 ATS as a HF & were 5-1 LY.
Pending GT result, FSU has covered 6 straight ACC HG's.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Duke	G												
Sep. 8	UAB	G												
Sep. 15	Georgia Tech	G												
Sep. 22	at N Carolina	G												
Sep. 29	Wake Forest	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Miami (Fla)	G												
Oct. 20	at Virginia	G												
Oct. 27	Maryland	G												
Nov. 3	at Clemson	G												
Nov. 10	NC State (HC)	G												
Nov. 17	at Florida	G												
Nov. 24														

STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (80,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-1-1	9-2	11-0	10-1	11-1	11-0	11-1	72-6-1
ATS	5-6	5-4-1	6-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	42-34-2
Home Fav	2-4	5-0-1	2-4-1	4-1	5-1	2-5	5-1	25-16-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	3-2	0-3	3-0	2-4	2-4	3-1	3-3	16-17
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Favorite	5-6	5-3-1	5-4-1	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	41-33-2
Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Grass	4-6	5-4-1	6-4-1	6-5	7-4	5-6	8-4	41-33-2
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-3-1	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	6-2	31-23-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	11-11
Off SU Win	4-5	4-3-1	6-3-1	6-4	6-4	5-5	6-4	37-28-2
Off SU Loss	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-2

Coach: BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 315-87-4)
Bowden's records AT FLORIDA STATE

26th Year at Florida State 63-44-2 Home Favorite
242-55-4 Straight Up 4-3 Home Underdog
124-94-2 Vs The Spread 44-36 Away Favorite
20-9 Off A S/U Loss 13-11 Away Underdog
60-47-2 Vs Conference 64-47 Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Sugar	+3'	Florida	20-52	L
97	Sugar	-6'	Ohio St	31-14	W
98	Fiesta	-5'	Tennessee	16-23	L
99	Sugar	-5'	Virginia Tech	46-29	W
00	Orange	-10	Oklahoma	2-13	L

FLORIDA ST (11-2) CONFERENCE: ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (19,18,4)
Lost: 21 (11,9,1)



FLORIDA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	2000	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
6*	39.3	25	154	4.3	376	60.5	13.5	+11	2000	7	10.5	16	73	2.2	204	50.4	26.4
9*	38.2	23	115	3.3	305	59.1	11.0	+10	1999	7	16.9	18	114	3.1	207	52.7	19.0
5	30.8	20	147	3.4	243	51.2	12.6	+12	1998	5	12.4	13	83	2.3	146	42.1	18.4
5*	39.0	21	108	3.5	339	60.0	11.5	+16	1997	4	15.1	15	57	1.6	191	48.1	16.5
7	37.2	19	167	4.5	234	57.5	10.8	-5	1996	8	14.5	15	67	1.7	182	45.9	17.2
6*	46.9	26	219	5.8	326	63.7	11.6	+15	1995	5	20.5	19	142	3.5	210	52.0	17.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS BY	TURN
† BYU	25	36-57	1.6	32-51	318	4	18	24-(-2)	-0.1	18-46	227	5	5	+4
at Georgia Tech	26	34-73	2.1	26-40	463	5	18	34-79	2.3	22-37	219	1	1	-2
N Carolina	22	41-194	4.7	15-27	346	5	19	44-79	1.8	16-33	244	5	4	+4
Louisville	29	48-235	4.9	23-34	274	1	10	21-3	0.1	24-45	207	3	3	-3
at Maryland	29	63-260	4.1	18-27	353	1	8	26-124	4.8	10-27	100	6	1	+1
at Miami (Fla)	29	27-69	2.6	29-58	496	0	20	35-120	3.4	27-42	328	0	0	0
Duke	29	25-71	2.8	37-49	536	2	15	33-108	3.3	15-37	152	5	1	+1
Virginia	21	33-128	3.9	22-35	426	1	17	46-33	0.7	14-27	166	5	3	+3
at NC State	26	54-324	6.0	14-22	195	0	15	22-49	2.2	21-43	235	4	3	+3
Clemson	28	40-250	6.3	27-43	521	2	17	36-95	2.6	15-38	167	5	2	+2
at Wake Forest	23	25-229	9.2	24-39	327	1	17	46-162	3.5	11-26	114	1	2	-2
Florida	23	29-90	3.1	23-44	353	0	15	20-37	1.9	27-46	278	1	1	+1
Oklahoma (Bowl)	14	17-27	1.6	25-52	274	2	12	35-56	1.6	25-39	213	1	1	-1
TOTALS	324	472-2007	4.3	315-521	4882	24	201	422-943	2.2	245-486	2650	42	11	+11
AVERAGES	24.9	36-154	4.3	24-40	376	1.8	15.5	32-73	2.2	19-37	204	3.2	0.8	

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Duke	-38	44-7	L
at NC State	-28	51-17	W
N Carolina	-16	13-0	L
Clemson	-31	34-3	T
at Miami (Fla)	-5	34-16	W
Virginia	-17	31-24	L
at Georgia Tech	-19	49-3	W
† Wake Forest	-48	44-7	L
S Mississippi	-28	54-14	W
† Maryland	-34	48-10	W
Florida	+3	24-21	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-11'	14-7	L
Maryland	-34	50-7	W
at Clemson	-20	35-28	L
Miami (Fla)	-22	47-0	W
at Duke	-35'	51-27	L
Georgia Tech	-23	38-0	W
at Virginia	-19	47-21	W
NC State	-29'	48-35	L
at N Carolina	-7	20-3	W
Wake Forest	-34	58-7	W
at Florida	-5'	29-32	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Texas A&M	-15'	23-14	L
at NC State	-26	7-24	L
Duke	-27	62-13	W
USC	-13	30-10	W
at Maryland	-28	24-10	L
at Miami (Fla)	-9'	26-14	W
Clemson	-26'	48-0	W
at Georgia Tech	-13	34-7	W
N Carolina	-27	39-13	L
Virginia	-17	45-14	W
at Wake Forest	-28	24-7	L
Florida	-2	23-12	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana Tech	-36	41-7	L
Georgia Tech	-18	41-35	L
NC State	-28	42-11	W
at N Carolina	-19'	42-10	W
† Duke	-40	51-23	L
Miami (Fla)	-14	31-21	L
Wake Forest	-30'	33-10	L
at Clemson	-16	17-14	L
at Virginia	-13'	35-10	W
Maryland	-33	49-10	W
at Florida	-3	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† BYU	-25'	29-3	W
at Georgia Tech	-22	26-21	L
N Carolina	-25	63-14	W
Louisville	-33'	31-0	L
at Maryland	-30	59-7	W
at Miami (Fla)	-6'	24-27	L
Duke	-48	63-14	W
Virginia	-32	37-3	W
at NC State	-18'	58-14	W
Clemson	-19	54-7	W
at Wake Forest	-48	35-6	L
Florida	-11'	30-7	W

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS



QB George Godsey had a solid 2000, throwing for 3,083 yards with a 23-8 ratio.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The big question heading into last year was who would replace super QB Joe Hamilton. While the team was overall less productive offensively, going from 502 ypg to 425 ypg for the season, QB George Godsey (PS#49) won 2nd Tm ACC honors and got better each week. Over the last 6 games of the regular season Godsey threw for 316 ypg, completing 67% with a 13-3 ratio. It takes awhile to catch on to Ralph Friedgen's complex schemes and in the final 6 games, with Godsey having a firmer grasp of the offense, GT averaged 518 ypg. With a full year of experience, Godsey could be the ACC's best this year and had the 2nd most productive season of a GT QB ever in '00. He is not mobile but had 2 TD runs including a 33 yarder vs Georgia. He tore a ligament in his left knee in the Peach Bowl and missed spring practice. Andy Hall (PS#35) saw limited action last year, taking over the backup job at midseason, as he threw just 18 passes, completing 4 for 37 yards. He battled Godsey for the job last spring and fall and has the stronger arm. Jermaine Crenshaw was the backup at the start of the year and saw action in 4 games with 8 passes, but decided to transfer. Mark Logan (5-11 195 rFr) was PS#26 and O'Leary signed 3 top-notch true frosh this year. This unit has solid depth and much more experience than last year and while it will be tough to improve much on the statistics, Godsey could. Remember though, offensive coordinator Friedgen is no longer around to call the shots.

RUNNING BACKS - Usually in a Ralph Friedgen offense the carries are split between 4 or 5 backs over the course of a year. Last year Joe Burns (PS#51) basically got half of the carries and led the team with 1,004 yards rushing (4.2). He returns for his junior season as do backups Sean Gregory (PS#118), Sidney Ford (PS#56, 4.38 spd) and Jermaine Hatch (6-2 205 So). Gregory and Ford combined for 537 yards and a 4.8 ypc while Hatch had 193 yds (4.7). Gregory was the ACC's #5 rusher in 1999 with 901 yards (4.8). Jimmy Dixon (6-1 200 rFr) was PS#59 and was impressive with 133 yards in the spring game. They must replace FB Ed Wilder who was a 4 year starter and he will be missed despite the fact he touched the ball just 3 times last year, as his strength was as a blocker. I list his replacements below. Even with the loss of Wilder, this unit looks stronger in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Kelly Campbell is GT's fastest player and already is the

career leader in TD receptions with 21. He looks to become the career leader in both receptions and receiving yards this year. Last season he hauled in 64 passes (twice as many as the #2 rec) with a solid 15.5 ypc. Campbell also had 116 yards rushing (23.2). Kerry Watkins (PS#14), Jon Muyres (PS#11), Nate Curry (PS#57, 4.3 spd) and Will Glover (PS#100) each snagged over 20 receptions last year. Curry played as a true frosh and did not catch a pass until the 5th game but still ended up #5 in receptions. TE Russ Matvey is like an extra OL but also added 21 rec's and is one of the ACC's best. Two other TE's return with starting experience in Will Heller (6-6 255 Jr) who had 3 starts and 6 rec's, and Brian Lee (6-5 245 Jr) who had 2 starts and 1 catch. Practically the entire unit is back with the lone loss being Muyres. This group is more experienced than it was heading into 2000 when they had to replace Dez White.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tech had to replace 3 starters from the front wall last year but had two returnees who were four year starters in LT Chris Brown (12 sts, 1st Tm AA) and RG Brent Key (12 sts, 1st Tm ACC). Naturally both depart and those are some pretty hefty losses. Almost everyone else is back and O'Leary said that sixteen OL's were in for the spring, the most he's had since he's been here, giving them great depth. GT has 5 underclassmen in the 2 deep including big and talented rFr Jeremy Phillips and Leon Robinson, both of whom could move into starting roles this year. In 1998 and 1999 GT had 4 starters returning but last year, with just 2 back, got off to a slow start as they allowed 14 sacks in the first 5 games. They improved as the season went on and allowed only 2 in the last six regular season games. This unit led the ACC, allowing just 19 sacks last year, but after paving the way for a 4.8 ypc in 1999 they dropped to 3.9 last season. Unlike last year this group has no multiple year starters so even with three starters back it may be tough to match last year's solid performance.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '99 Tech had their top four DT's returning but had to replace 3 of 4 DE's. Even with 3 starters returning, they allowed 4.3 ypc rushing and the defense had just 17 sacks overall. Last year basically everyone returned up front from the young unit but 3 players were lost prior to the season for various reasons including a 12 game starter. Tech still made significant strides, allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 42 sacks, highlighted by DE's Nick Rogers and Greg Gathers who combined for 23. The good news is both of them return. The only losses this year are 3rd down DE Felipe Claybrooks (41 tkl, 11 tfl, HM ACC), DT Tony Robinson (10 sts, 40 tkl) and DT Bryan Corhen (21 tkl, 2 tfl). Basically this year's group is just as experienced as the 2000 version and Hobie Holiday should be able to fill the large shoes of DE Claybrooks. This group could be even more productive than last year.

LINEBACKERS - Two years ago GT had a very poor defense and last year had to replace 1.5 starters from this unit. The group was very young with the two deep consisting of 1 junior, 1 soph and 4 frosh (2 true). There are 2 VHT's in the group including true frosh Gerris Bowers-Wilkerson (PS#34). True frosh Daryl Smith (PS#71) earned a starting job by season's end. They also add 2 other talented true frosh this year. They do lose Matt Miller who had 2 starts, 22 tackles and 2 int. Almost, everyone is back and this unit has a lot of athletic talent and much more experience. They look to go from a weakness in '99 to a top-notch group in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 O'Leary brought in the Jacksonville Jaguars' DB coach as the DC and he inherited 4 returning starters and they finished a solid #41 in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they had to replace 2 starters, 2 backups plus their coach and fell to #76. Last year they had to replace a 2nd round DC but all 4 first teamers had started in at least 8 games the prior year. With a stronger defensive front 7, I would have expected Tech to climb in the pass D rankings but they finished just #72, allowing 57.6% with a 22-15 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jamara Clark (10 sts, 32 tkl, 3 pbu) and S Troy Tolbert (11 tkl, 1 pbu). Everyone else is back plus they add a solid Notre Dame transfer in Albert Poree (PS#57). Five players are back with starting experience and there are plenty of HT's in the mix. I think this group should make a healthy climb in the pass defense rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - GT had my #12 rated special teams last year and that does not include super K Luke Manget (PS#6) who has hit 25 of 36 career FG's with a long of 50. He could break the ACC's all time record for consecutive XP's in the first game as he is 91-91 and the record is 93. His KO's are the main reason they allowed just 16.3 per return. P Dan Dyke averaged 42.6 ypg and backup Chris Morehouse 44.1, with an overall team net punting of 38.2. Morehouse led Division III in punting in '98 and would start for many teams. Kelley Rhino and Marvius Hester helped them average 10.1 on PR's and Kelly Campbell averaged a nifty 23.8 on KR's. With practically everyone back, they should be in the Top 10 this year and could even contend for the top spot.

GEORGIA TECH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Joe Burns	237	1040	36	1004	13	4.2					
Sean Gregory	63	300	9	291	1	4.6					
Sidney Ford	49	260	14	246	3	5.0					
Jermaine Hatch	41	194	1	193	1	4.7					
Kelly Campbell	5	120	4	116	2	23.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
George Godsey	385	241	62.6	3083	23	8					
Andy Hall	18	4	22.2	37	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Kelly Campbell	64	994	15.5	10	53						
Will Glover	32	312	9.8	2	26						
Kerry Watkins	29	525	18.1	6	72						
Joe Burns	28	263	9.4	1	51						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Dan Dyke	39	1661	42.6	-	TM (38.2)	0	14				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Luke Manget	5-6	4-4	2-5	1-1	12-16	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SCF	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCF	TFL	PBU	INT
D. Smith	101	4	6	3	2	C. Collins	46	1	1	1	0
R. Wimbush	101	3	11	5	1	K. Cox	41	0	2	2	0
N. Rogers	69	4	2	0	0	F. Claybrooks	41	5	6	4	0
C. Young	69	2	2	10	2	T. Robinson	40	1	0	0	0
G. Gathers	64	14	9	7	1	M. Watson	39	2	3	1	1
J. Muyres	52	0	4	12	4	J. Clark	32	0	1	3	0
A. Brown	51	0	3	1	0	J. Cox	25	0	0	4	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Kelley Rhino	24	254	10.6	0	K. Campbell	28	667	23.8	0		

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Georgia Tech ended a six year bowl drought in 1997 and has now appeared in 4 straight which coincided with the rehiring of Ralph Friedgen as OC. He has moved on to the head coaching ranks and his complex and imaginative offense averaged 35.4 ppg the last 3 years. Last year they had to replace their star QB Joe Hamilton but George Godsey simply stepped in and completed 63% with a 23-8 ratio, guiding them to a 9-3 record. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and lose just 6 lettermen and Godsey now has experience. It is interesting to note that in the one game Friedgen was not in control of the offense. GT scored just 14 points in their bowl game vs LSU and had only 317 total yards, after averaging well over 400 ypg for the season. I do not envy new OC Bill O'Brien who was the RB coach last year, as he has some large shoes to fill. Defensively, after having just 2 starters back in 1999 and allowing 30.6 ppg, they had a veteran unit last year that allowed just 19.8. This year they have 9 starters back from that solid group and lose just 8 lettermen and have my #3 rated defense in the ACC! The table is set for another big year for the Jackets. I compile 7 different sets of power ratings and each call Tech the second most talented team in the ACC (next to Florida St, naturally) and they have the schedule to produce double digit regular season wins for the first time since 1990. I have only two concerns. The first is the fact that Friedgen is no longer calling the plays, and the second is that they were +13 in turnovers last season. They were -12 in turnovers 2 years ago, so maybe they are already "even" in that department, and I look for this talented team to do well.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
 QB Damarious Bilbo 6-3 200 PS#13
 DB Reuben Houston 6-0 200 PS#28
 QB Rahshan Johnson 6-1 190 PS#32
 DB Dennis Davis 6-0 180 PS#49
 DL Brian Johnson 6-3 240 PS#64
 DL Gerris Bowers-Wilkerson 6-3 215 PS#34
 QB Dawan Landry 6-2 200 PS#45
 LB Tabugbo Anyansi 6-1 210 PS#45
 OL Kyle Wallace 6-5 280 PS#91
 DL LeRon Lee 6-2 265 PS#88
 DL Eric Henderson 6-3 255 PS#58
 OL Nat Dorsey 6-6 325 PS#102
 DL Scott Wolf 6-4 240 PS#115
 OL Brad Huneccut 6-4 290 PS#114
 DB James Buttery 6-3 190 PS#112

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DEFENSE

QB GEORGE GODSEY SR. 6-2 205 12 sts ly, 3083 yds (62.6%) 23-8 ratio, 147 rush, 32 tfl attp's in 98 & 99. Andy Hall (6-2 190 So) PS#35, #1 in spring due to Godsey's inj.
TB JOE BURNS JR. 5-10 205 4 sts as true, 529 rush yds (4.4). Med RS in 99. 12 sts ly, #1 w/1004 yds (4.2), 28 rec (9.4). Sean Gregory (6-0 211 Sr) 901 rush yds in 99.
FB ROSS MITCHELL SR. 6-2 242 PS#129LB. 6 sts as LB in 99, 59 tkl, 6 tkl, 6 pbu. FB ly. Johnathan Jackson (6-2 225 rFr) PS#31TE. Brian Camp (6-1 235 So) PS#29QB.
WR KELLY CAMPBELL SR. 5-11 170 4.25 speed. 1st Tm ACC in 99, 72 rec (15.9). 8 sts in 2000, 2nd Tm ACC, 64 rec (15.5). Will Glover (5-10 178 Jr) PS#100, 32 rec (9.8) in 2000.
WR KERRY WATKINS JR. 5-11 186 PS#14, 6 sts in 1999, 34 rec (14.8), 29 rec in 2000, 18.1 ypc. Nate Curry (5-10 186 So) PS#57, 24 rec (13.5) all in L7 as true last year.
TE RUSS MATVAY SR. 6-4 245 PS#18. Blocks like an OL. 8 sts in '98, 11 rec (13.5). 6 sts in '99 at TE/FB. 12 sts ly, 1 rec (10.1). JP Foschi (6-4 268 So) PS#24, 4 rec as true.
C DAVID SCHMIDGALL SR. 6-2 275 5 games as #2C in 99. 12 sts in 2000. Clay Hartley (6-4 280 So) PS#123OL, 6 games at Gly. Gavin Tarquinio in for spring and is PS#202.
RG HUGH RILEY SR. 6-4 279 PS#145DL. 5 gms as rFr at OG, lettered. Jason Kemble (6-4 299 Jr) PS#101, 15 gms in 3 yrs, 1 letter. Tim Brown (6-2 295 Jr) PS#224.
LG RAYMOND ROBERTS-BLAKE JR. 6-2 273 PS#124, 475 bench, 4 gms at RG as true. 12 sts in 2000 at LG. Brian Meager (6-5 275 Sr) PS#143DL. 5 games in 1998, injured the LJY.
RT JOHN BENNETT SO. 6-5 290 PS#152 in 1999. 12 starts at RT as rFr, 400 bench. Jeremy Phillips (6-7 295 rFr) PS#59 and redshirted. Kyle Wallace is PS#91 this year.
LT LEON ROBINSON rFr. 6-4 290 PS#122 in 2000. 2nd string as true but still redshirted. Benches 225 lbs 25 times. Garren Findlay (6-5 290 Jr) PS#94JUCO in for spring.
K LUKE MANGET JR. 5-9 176 PS#6. 13 of 20 FG's as true, long of 49. 2 away from ACC record for consecutive xp's. 12 of 16 FG's in 2000, long of 50, 9 of 10 from inside the 40.

DE NICK ROGERS SR. 6-2 255 6 sts in 99 (3 at LB, 3 at DE), 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm ACC, 69 tkl, 9 sks, 4 tfl, 16 press. Fred Wright (6-4 270 Jr) 6 tkl, 1 Chirod Williams PS#164.
DT GARY JOHNSON JR. 6-1 275 PS#93LB. 2 sts in 2000, 23 tkl, 3 tfl after move from FB. Reggie Koon (6-4 295 So) PS#76DL. 5 tkl as true. Alfred Malone (6-4 285 Fr) PS#142DL.
DT MERRIX WATSON SR. 6-3 290 PS#185OL. 10 sts as rFr, 29 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 sts in 99, 52 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 12 sts ly, 39 tkl, 5 tfl. Casey Loesch (6-3 285 Jr) 3 tkl at S Florida in '99.
DE GREG GATHERS JR. 6-1 260 PS#54. 12 sts as true, 74 tkl, 8 sks, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm AA in 2000, 12 sts, 64 tkl, 14 sacks, 9 tfl, 7 pbu. Hobie Holiday (6-3 255 So) PS#15, 18 tkl as true.
LB RECARDO WIMBUSH JR. 6-1 218 PS#62. 12 sts as true, 97 tkl, 5 tfl, 12 starts ly & tied #1 w/101 tkl, 14 tfl, HM ACC. Keyaron Fox (6-3 220 So) PS#89, 41 tkl as true, 2 tfl.
LB AETHER BROWN SO. 6-3 220 PS#270. Scout team as true. 12 sts as rFr, 51 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Anthony Lawston (6-3 220 So) PS#16WR. 10 tkl as rFr despite a broken hand.
LB DARYL SMITH SO. 6-2 225 PS#71. 10 sts as true, tied #1 w/101 tkl, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Sterling Green (6-2 210 So) PS#69, 2 tkl as true, 6 gms, 1 pbu. Gerris Bowers-Wilkerson, PS#34.
CB ALBERT POREE SO. 5-10 190 PS#57 & 1:30 of playing time at Notre Dame in 99. Trans in 2000. Jon Cox (5-10 185 So) PS#28, 5 sts as true, 25 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu, 11 games.
CB MARVIVUS HESTER JR. 5-11 170 PS#121. 8 sts as rFr, 39 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu, 4 tkl, 20 tkl, 2 pbu. Kelley Rhino (5-7 179 Jr) PS#289. Led sp tms in tkl in 99 w/11. 10 tkl ly (led sp tms again).
SS CHRIS YOUNG SR. 6-0 207 PS#255. 12 sts in 99, 97 tkl, 3 tfl, 6 pbu, 12 sts ly, 69 tkl, 4 tfl, 10 pbu (5 sts at CB). Cory Collins (5-11 194 Jr) PS#31. 5 sts, 46 tkl last year.
FS JEREMY MUYRES JR. 6-3 205 PS#30. 8 sts as true, 75 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu, 12 sts ly.
2nd Tm ACC, 52 tkl, 4 int, 12 pbu, 4 tfl. Tony Hollings (5-10 203 So) PS#52, 7 tkl as true.
P DAN DYKE JR. 5-11 185 Acad All American. 35 punts as true, 42.0 avg, 38.1 team net. 39 punts ly, 42.6 avg, 38.2 team net. Chris Morehouse (6-1 200 Jr) 15 punts (44.1).

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This will be the 7th straight season GT has a bye before a Thurs game. They are 3-3 SU and 2-4 ATS in those games before a bye. Five straight Clem/Ga Tech meetings have been decided by 3 pts. Georgia Tech is 8-2 ATS their last 10 as a home dog. Wrablin Wreck is 9-3 ATS the last 4 years vs non-ACC foes. GT tried to play in a preseason classic LY but that gm vs VT was cancelled.

This is the Kickoff Classic being played in East Rutherford, NJ. Techsters are 7-1 ATS in their last 8 road openers.

Yellow Jackets are 15-0-1 SU L/16 "NL" games, avg score 36-11. The Citadel Bulldogs were 2-9 SU LY & 1-7 in Southern Conf play. GT is 5-0 SU, 3-1 ATS prior to FSU, look ahead hasn't been a problem. Tech is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Navy the L/2Y, avg score is 45-14.

Georgia Tech is 2-5-1 ATS vs the Seminoles since 1993. GT has only lost by 6 & 5 pts L2Y but avg margin of defeat the L8Y is 29.5 pts. Does not really apply due to the bye, but Georgia Tech is 4-0 ATS after losses to Florida State last 4 years.

Yellow Jackets have recorded 4 straight 3 pt SU wins over Clemson. GT is 6-3 ATS in their first lined home game.

Engineers are 22-12-1 ATS in their L/35 October encounters. GT is 8-17-1 ATS since 1976 vs the Blue Devils.

Jackets are 8-4 ATS their last 12 games vs Maryland. Call 1-900-903-9467 (just \$9) for this Thursday Night Winner!

GT has owned this series with a 9-2-1 ATS mark. The home team has covered 3 of the last 4 series meetings.

⚡ Bonus: Tech is 5-0 SU & 4-0 ATS in their last 5 Homecoming games. ⚡ Bonus: Despite a 3-0 mark LY GT is 10-23-1 ATS their L/34 Nov gms.

Pending 9/29 result, Tech is 6-12 ATS after a bye. Georgia Tech is 5-2 ATS their last 7 games vs N Carolina.

The visitor is 10-6 ATS the L/16 series meetings. Tech was 3-0 ATS LY but are 9-17-1 ATS the L/3 gms of the yr L9Y.

Wrablin Wreck have covered just 5 of 14 road finales. Tech is 0-3 ATS L/3 at Wake, with the 3 games decided by just 6 pts.

Yellow Jackets are 3-8 ATS their last 11 home finales. GT has won 3 straight SU but are 3-7 ATS in this rivalry.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 26	† Syracuse (Sun)	G												
Sep. 1	The Citadel	G												
Sep. 8	at Navy	G												
Sep. 15	at Florida St	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Clemson	G												
Oct. 6	at Duke	G												
Oct. 11	Maryland (Thur)	G												
Oct. 20	NC State (HC)	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 1	N Carolina (Thur)	G												
Nov. 10	at Virginia	G												
Nov. 17	at Wake Forest	G												
Nov. 24	Georgia	G												

STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (46,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	6-5	5-6	6-5	9-2	8-3	9-2	44-33
ATS	3-7	4-4-2	4-6	7-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	39-33-2
Home Fav	0-2	0-2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-4	4-1	12-12-1
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	9-4
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-0	7-10
Away Dog	2-2	1-1-1	0-2	2-1	3-0	1-0	2-1	11-7-1
Favorite	0-3	1-3-1	3-3	2-3	4-2	3-7	6-1	19-22-1
Dog	3-4	3-1-1	1-3	5-1	4-1	1-0	3-1	20-11-1
Grass	2-3	4-4-2	4-6	6-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	37-29-2
Artificial	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	2-6	3-3-2	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-6	7-1	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	0-2	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	11-7
Off SU Win	0-1	3-1-2	2-3	4-2	6-2	2-5	7-1	24-15-2
Off SU Loss	2-6	1-3	1-2	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	11-15

Coach: GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 45-28) O'Leary's records AT GEORGIA TECH

7th Year at Georgia Tech	12-11-1	Home Favorite
45-28 Straight Up	8-2	Home Underdog
36-27-2 Vs The Spread	7-9	Away Favorite
9-11 Off A S/U Loss	9-8-1	Away Underdog
26-22-2 Vs Conference	10-8	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	91	Aloha	+4'	Stanford	18-17	W
	97	Carquest	-3	W Virginia	35-30	W
	98	Gator	-2'	Notre Dame	35-28	W
	99	Gator	+4'	Miami (Fla)	13-28	L
	00	Peach	-8'	LSU	14-28	L

GEORGIA TECH (9-3) ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47 (24,20,3)

Lost: 15 (6,9,0)



GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	TURN	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	YPP	
5	32.2	23	162	3.9	263	60.7	13.2	+13	2000	9	19.8	21	94	2.7	285	57.6	19.2
9*	38.4	26	222	4.8	280	63.5	19.1	-12	1999	6	30.6	22	186	4.3	229	54.8	11.5
8*	35.5	21	185	4.3	208	55.5	11.1	+5	1998	7	24.6	20	167	4.1	223	55.1	15.9
6*	26.2	20	156	3.7	220	62.2	14.4	+5	1997	7	24.7	22	126	3.8	301	63.8	17.3
8	30.0	18	166	3.6	169	55.0	16.7	0	1996	8	21.5	17	150	4.0	199	58.2	16.2
6	23.6	19	211	4.4	139	54.0	14.8	+7	1995	3	22.1	19	91	2.7	245	62.1	15.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	TURN
UCF	26	43-110	2.6	23-41	226	3		11	26-8	0.3	16-31	247	3		0
Florida St	18	34-79	2.3	22-37	219	5		26	34-73	2.1	26-40	463	1		+2
Navy	18	40-139	3.5	10-19	166	2		25	52-165	3.2	24-40	199	3		+3
at NC State	23	42-141	3.4	24-43	226	1		19	31-66	2.1	21-36	262	7		-1
at N Carolina	18	41-134	3.3	21-30	238	3		20	37-89	2.4	17-31	388	6		0
Wake Forest	26	47-245	5.2	16-24	333	0		26	39-179	4.6	27-43	272	3		+4
Duke	20	35-226	6.5	12-21	221	0		26	46-112	2.4	22-43	210	7		+2
at Clemson	31	40-96	2.4	35-57	454	2		18	37-147	4.0	15-27	207	4		+2
Virginia	34	57-304	5.3	29-37	323	0		15	29-154	5.3	14-30	136	2		+3
at Maryland	27	53-193	3.6	19-30	354	0		18	22-20	0.9	29-46	318	2		+2
at Georgia	18	34-140	4.1	20-35	222	0		24	18-26	1.4	37-63	435	1		+1
LSU (Bowl)	19	31-140	4.5	19-38	177	3		21	40-90	2.3	25-44	284	3		-5
TOTALS	278	497-1947	3.9	250-412	3159	19		249	411-1129	2.7	273-474	3421	42		+13
AVERAGES	23.2	41-162	3.9	21-34	263	1.6		20.8	34-94	2.7	23-40	285	3.5		1.1

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	-1'	28-16	W
Wake Forest	-15	30-10	W
at N Carolina	+10'	0-16	L
Duke	-18	48-22	W
Virginia	+7	13-7	W
at Clemson	-7	25-28	L
UCF	NL	27-20	-
Florida St	+19	3-49	L
at Maryland	-6	10-13	L
Navy	-4'	26-36	L
at Georgia	+4	10-19	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+20'	13-17	W
at Wake Forest	-7'	28-26	L
Clemson	+1	23-20	W
at Boston College	-6'	42-14	W
NC State	-5'	27-17	W
at Florida St	+23	0-38	L
N Carolina	+8'	13-16	W
at Virginia	+4'	31-35	W
at Duke	-7'	41-38	L
Maryland	-19'	37-18	L
Georgia	+4	24-27	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-13	31-41	L
New Mexico St	-34	42-7	W
at N Carolina	+4'	43-21	W
Duke	-10'	41-13	W
at NC State	+2	47-24	W
Virginia	+2'	41-38	W
Florida St	+13	7-34	L
at Maryland	-12'	31-14	W
Clemson	-8	24-21	L
Wake Forest	-17'	63-35	W
at Georgia	+3	21-19	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	-18	49-14	W
at Florida St	+18	35-41	W
UCF	-29'	41-10	W
Maryland	-19'	49-31	L
N Carolina	-17	31-24	L
at Duke	-16'	38-31	L
NC State	-17	48-21	W
at Virginia	-7	38-45	L
Clemson	-4	45-42	L
at Wake Forest	-9	23-26	L
Georgia	-5	51-48	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	+15'	21-17	L
Florida St	+22	21-26	W
Navy	-16	40-13	W
at NC State	+3	23-30	L
at N Carolina	+3	42-28	W
Wake Forest	-24'	52-20	W
Duke	-29	45-10	W
at Clemson	+12	31-28	W
Virginia	-9'	35-0	W
at Maryland	-10	35-22	W
at Georgia	-1'	27-15	W

CLEMSON TIGERS



QB Woodrow Dantzler hopes to walk away with the Heisman Trophy this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - This was an inexperienced group in 1999 and two QB's split the job. Woodrow Dantzler was more of a running QB although he did throw for 1,506 yards (55.7%) with a 9-6 ratio while also rushing for 723. Bowden said prior to last year that he would become the first QB in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 in a year and had he not suffered a leg injury vs NC, he probably would have done so. At the time he was one of the Heisman leaders, averaging close to 300 total ypg but was injured and had less than 100 ypg his next 2. He finished throwing for 1,871 yards (56.1%) with an 11-7 ratio while also topping 1,100 yards rushing. He was #21 in the NCAA in pass efficiency, #47 in rushing and set a school record for total offense along with 15 other school records, all while being one of 8 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award. In the NC game in which Dantzler was originally injured, CU trailed 17-0 when backup Willie Simmons (PS#14) came off the bench and simply tied a CU record with 4 TD passes in a single game. Simmons was a solid backup, throwing for 679 yards (46%) with an 8-3 ratio while rushing for 124 gross yards. He has a cannon for an arm and is mobile and will contend for playing time. He had a great spring working with the 1st unit as Dantzler was injured. Off coor Brad Scott and QB coach Mike O'Cain (both ex-head coaches) will implement some option plays into the offense this year and Dantzler is the better runner of the two. Dantzler should be 100% for the fall. Matt Schell (6-2 205 Jr) and Brian Carr (5-11 185 Jr, PS#92) will battle for 3rd string. Carr missed last year with a torn ACL. Dantzler should finally be over the lower leg injury that also bothered him in the bowl game and could fulfill Bowden's prediction.

RUNNING BACKS - For the second straight year CU returns its top 2 rushers. Dantzler led the team but right behind him (only 1 less net yard) was Travis Zachery, who led the Tigers in rushing for two straight years prior to 2000. He became the first CU back since 1996 to top 1000 yds and he also saw some action at WR, finishing #2 with 29 rec's (10.8). He was injured in the 1Q of the bowl and missed spring practice but should be 100% for the fall. In games he was healthy, he was never held below 67 yards rushing. Bernard Rambert (6-0 200 Jr) was PS#32 and had 206 yards rushing (4.8) in 1999 and last year had 222 (3.2). He had 108 yards on 14 attempts in the spring game. True fresh Keith Kelly (PS#24) played in just 7 games but was #3 with 243 yards (5.0) and Bowden thinks he will be much more effective in his 2nd year in the system. They lose solid blocking FB Terry Witherspoon who had 5 rush attempts. Chad Jasmin (5-10 214 So, PS#147) figures to take his place when a FB is used. They have two fresh signees who could also help out. This group is loaded with talent and with everyone back should be even stronger in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year CU had to replace two of their top 3 WR's but did have their leading receiver returning. Their TE position lost the top 2 players

prior to the year and then starter Jason LeMay left school for personal reasons after a few games and undersized Morgan Woodward (6-0 234 Sr) took over the starting position but had just 4 rec's (22.3). This year they must replace their leading receiver in Rod Gardner (#1DC of Wash) who had 58 rec, 18.1 ypc! Also gone is Justin Watts (22 rec, 10.6). Matt Bailey (6-4 220 Sr) was a starter at the beginning of the year but missed 4 games with injury and had just 9 rec's (13.4). I list the 2 deep below and Bowden hopes the Tiger WR corps resembles that of Texas last year. Texas had two VHT true frosh come in and dominate and this year Bowden brought in PS#1, #10 and #12 WR's and all should contend for starting time!! With those 3 they have FIVE VHT WR's listed in my three deep below. The TE position saw little action last year but will assume a much bigger role in the offense this year with two VHT's who have impressive size and athleticism. Even though they lost their top guy, remember last year they had to replace 2 of their top 3 and this year's group is more impressive physically.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Tommy Bowden's first years at both Tulane and Clemson he inherited O-lines with zero returning starters but managed great results. Here in 1999 the Tigers unit was not only inexperienced but also probably the smallest in the NCAA but they managed to pave the way for 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks as the offense put up 26.8 ppg. Last year the line got bigger but still averaged a smallish 271.6 lbs per man. They returned all 5 starters from the previous year but lost LT Akil Smith prior to the season with injury. The numbers improved as they gained 4.5 ypc while allowing 29 sacks. This year they must replace RT John McDermott (8 sts, 2 yr str), RG Theo Mougros (12 sts, 2 yr str, HM ACC) and backup Brady Washburn. They are buoyed by the fact that Smith returns after being the Offensive Rookie of the Year in '99 with 11 starts, mostly at LT. They do get Derrick Brantley who was PS#18JC last year and redshirted and good sized soph Gregory Walker (6-5 315) added to the mix. Bowden said he wants to add a 300 pounder to the unit so that they can be more physical along the front, indicating he felt they could not run the ball against strong defenses last year. This group looks like it is capable of accomplishing that in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - DC Reggie Herring uses a platoon system on the defensive front, giving a lot of players experience. The last 2 years they had 8 of 10 and 9 of 10 players return to the front. While this year's group does have some experience, they also suffer significant losses for the first time under him. Gone are DE Terry Bryant (11 sts, HM ACC, 4 sts), DT Terry Jolly (11 sts, 1st TM ACC, 6 tfl), DT Jason Holloman (8 sts, 17 tkl, 2 tfl), DT Gary Childress (2 sts, 17 tkl, 3 tfl), and DT Freddie James (23 tkl, 2 tfl). Three backups were kicked off the team in the spring for off-field incidents and they combined for 19 tackles, 4 tfl while playing in a combined 17 games. There are some solid players listed in the 2 deep below although Nick Eason missed spring while rehabbing from injuries. Eason was voted Team Def MVP by coaches last year and led the DL in sacks with seven. I think rfr Donnell Washington who had a big spring will be an impact player and he brings good size to the middle. I list the 2 deep below and expect some of the true frosh to see immediate playing time. While this group has potential, it is clearly a lot less experienced than the last two versions.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 the LB unit was wiped out by graduation but Keith Adams emerged and was voted the ACC's Defensive POY, leading the NCAA with 186 tackles. Last year all 3 starters and all 3 backups returned. Adams had another superb season with 148 tackles, 19 tfl and was 1st Team AA. He decided to leave early for the NFL (#7 DC of TEN) and will be missed. Chad Carson actually led the team in tackles with 156 and was 4th in the NCAA in that category and he returns for his senior season. Clemson is changing their terminology, calling one of the OLB's a star safety and going to a '4-2-5' but Braxton Williams was the starting OLB last year and I'll list him with the LB's this season. Overall 5 of the top 6 LB's are back and while a talent like Adams will be missed, I think this unit has the potential to be just as good as last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Tigers ranked #12 in my pass defense rankings, allowing just 51.3% with 11 TD's as they had 3 returning starters. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and while they allowed just 49.9% with a 10-15 ratio, keep in mind my pass efficiency defense ratings take into account the strength of opponents faced and ranked Clemson #39 overall. Teams like the Citadel, Missouri and Wake Forest hardly had juggernaut pass attacks last year. This year the losses are even heavier. Gone are CB Alex Ardley (12 sts, 1st TM ACC, 6 int's, 7 pbl), FS Robert Carswell (12 sts, 3rd TM AA, 92 tkl, #7 DC of SD), CB Darrel Crutchfield (9 pbl, 53 tkl) and FS Chad Speck (34 tkl). I think Brian Mance will do well at CB and there are plenty of HT's listed in the 2 deep below but this

CLEMSON 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Woodrow Dantzler	190	1165	137	1028	13	5.4					
Travis Zachery	206	1059	32	1027	13	5.0					
Keith Kelly	49	272	29	243	2	5.0					
Bernard Rambert	69	235	13	222	4	3.2					
Willie Simmons	39	124	65	59	0	1.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Woodrow Dantzler	244	137	56.1	1871	11	7					
Willie Simmons	92	42	45.7	679	8	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Rod Gardner	58	1050	18.1	7	50						
Travis Zachery	29	313	10.8	5	52						
Jackie Robinson	26	301	11.6	3	30						
Justin Watts	22	234	10.6	0	28						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Jamie Somaini	65	2552	39.3	13	36.4	1	14				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Aaron Hunt	8-9	2-6	0-1	0-0	10-16	31					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Chad Carson	156	3	7	2	0	R. Thomas	51	1	4	0	0
Keith Adams	148	7	12	3	1	A. Bodrick	43	1	1	1	0
C. Hatley	106	0	6	8	2	Terry Jolly	41	3	3	1	1
R. Carswell	92	1	0	2	2	Brian Mance	39	0	1	5	3
B. Williams	70	4	2	4	0	Nick Eason	36	7	4	1	0
Alex Ardley	62	0	1	7	6	Terry Bryant	34	4	3	1	0
D. Crutchfield	53	0	0	9	0	Chad Speck	34	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
J.D. Reames	23	281	12.2	1	J.D. Reames	9	190	21.1	0		

year's group is less experienced once again and will likely fall a few notches in the pass D rankings in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After finishing #70 in Bowden's first year they improved all the way up to #16 last year and should be in solid shape for 2001. They have struggled at the kicker position the last 2 years with Tony Lazzara hitting 7 of 12 FG's in 1999 and losing his job to true frosh Aaron Hunt last year who hit 10 of 16 with a long of just 31. Lazzara still handled the KO's and had 17 TB's on 74 KO's with 18 more reaching the goal line and opponents' avg starting spot was the 24 yard line. They lose P Jamie Somaini who had a 39.3 avg and net of 36.4 having only 1 blocked. They bring in Wynn Kopp who started 2 years for Georgia so he should do fine. CU blocked 2 punts on the year. They were #1 in the ACC and #14 in the NCAA in PR's with both Brian Mance and Joe Don Reames returning punts for TD's and they had a lofty 15.0 team avg. Both were just soph's and are back. Reames and Mance had the best avg's of the KR's so even though Gardner departs they look solid there. They do lose excellent coveerman Chad Speck who was one of 5 finalists for the Most Tatupu Award and had 47 career tackles on special teams including 18 last year. Rodney Thomas did set a school record with 26 special teams tackles last season and he returns. Even with the loss of a couple of key players, this unit is a Top 20 contender again.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Tommy Bowden's first year he did a tremendous job as he took a young team with an undersized offensive line, faced the only 3 undefeated regular season teams in the nation, had only 5 home games but somehow guided Clemson to a bowl. Last year they lost just 6 senior starters and made it to a Jan 1st bowl. Bowden is now 33-13 in 4 seasons as a head coach. Teams usually have a great year in the third year of a head coach and although Clemson has just 11 starters back, which is second lowest in the ACC, he had the same amount in his first year here. On offense they have 2 top-notch QB's which gives them insurance against injury, a super class of incoming WR's, a solid RB and a veteran front line. They will be potent again and should put up some flashy numbers vs their soft early part of the schedule. Bowden is the only coach in the NCAA in the last 4 years that has achieved 190+ yards offense rushing and 240+ passing per game on average, showing his offense is very balanced. Bowden's offense has been compared, at times, to the single wing but they must replace OC Rich Rodriguez who left for W Virginia. Brad Scott is the new OC and will work more option plays into the offense. Mike O'Cain, the QB coach, gives them added experience. Defensively just 4 starters are back which is their fewest amount returning on defense since 1989. They lose players who accounted for 17 of 26 turnovers and 4 of the top 7 tacklers. Despite the limited amount of returning starters, Clemson is poised for a huge season this year with 3 conference games being the key as they have road trips to Georgia Tech and NC State and of course must face Florida State at home. I will say that Clemson is capable of winning all 3 games and that makes them an actual contender for the ACC crown and a dark horse in the National Title chase.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Roscoe Crosby	6-3 200 PS#1
WR Alesse Currie	5-11 175 PS#10
WR Tymer Zimmerman	6-4 195 PS#12
TE Ben Hall	6-5 225 PS#8
DE Charles Bennett	6-4 220 PS#55
DE Leo Reed	6-4 295 PS#71
QB Charlie Whitehurst	6-4 195 PS#53
LB Eric Sampson	6-3 205 PS#47
DB Travis Pugh	6-1 180 PS#78
DE David Dunham	6-2 205 PS#83
TE Mark Jetton	6-4 220 PS#43
DE Grant Oliver	6-3 300 PS#118
DB Jamaal Fudge	5-10 180 PS#117
DE Rod Whipple	6-5 220 PS#143
RB Tye Hill	5-10 175 PS#134

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB WOODROW DANTZLER SR. 5-11 200 PS#16. 6 sts in '99, 1506 yds (56%) 9-6 ratio, 723 rush, 1871 yds (56.1%) 11-7 ratio, 1165 rush (6.1). Willie Simmons (6-1 190 So) PS#14, 679 yds 8-3 ratio.
RB TRAVIS ZACHERY SR. 6-0 190 PS#25. 11 sts, 635 yds (4.0) as rfr. 8 sts, 902 yds (4.4) in '99. 11 sts, 1027 yds (5.0) in 2000. Keith Kelly (6-0 206 So) PS#24, 243 yds (5.0) as true.
WR ALESSE CURRIE FR. 5-11 175 PS#10WR. 10.36 in 100m. Matt Bailey (6-4 220 Sr) 2 sts, 5 rec (14.0) in '99. 5 sts ly (inj), 9 rec (13.4). Tymer Zimmerman (6-4 195 Fr) PS#12.
WR ROSCOE CROSBY FR. 6-3 200 PS#11WR. Kevin Youngblood (6-5 210 So) 5 sts ly, 13 rec (17.3) big & fast. Ronnie Thomas (5-11 190 So) PS#54, one start as true, 1 rec.
WR JACKIE ROBINSON JR. 6-1 190 PS#30. 2 rec as rfr. 10 sts in 2000, #3 w/26 rec (11.6), 3 TD's. Derrick Hamilton (6-4 190 Fr) PS#29. Joe Don Reames (5-10 185 Jr) PS#42QB.
TE Todd McClinton So. 6-6 275 PS#9TE in 2000, PQ. Ben Hall is PS#8TE.
LG MORGAN WOODWARD (6-0 234 Sr) had 3 starts in 2000, 4 rec (22.3). Former walk-on.
C. KYLE YOUNG SR. 6-3 280 PS#29. 4 sts as rfr, 479 snaps. 12 sts at C, 919 plays, 83 knockdowns in '99. 12 sts, 1st TM ACC, 120 knockdowns ly. Brian Outlaw (6-2 245 Sr).
RG TJ WATKINS SR. 6-3 275 PS#51TE. 4 sts at TE in '98. 10 sts on OL, 745 plays in 1999. 11 starts at LT in 2000. Moved back to OG in spring. Cedric Johnson (6-4 317 rfr).
LG WILL MERRITT SR. 6-3 260 2 sts, 174 snaps in '99. 10 sts ly, 2nd TM ACC.
80 KNOCKDOWNS, 1 of 40 Outland candidates. Jermy Chester PS#175. Nick Black PS#233.
RT Gary Byrd Jr. 6-4 290 PS#81OL. 427 bench. 32 snaps in '99. 4 starts at RT in 2000. "Big Byrd." Derrick Brantley (6-4 287 Jr) PS#18JUCO last year and redshirted.
LT AKIL SMITH JR. 6-4 290 PS#241. 240 snaps as rfr. 11 starts in '99. 887 plays, 62 knockdowns, HM ACC. Meds RSLy. Gregory Walker (6-5 315 So) was PS#241.
K AARON HUNT SO. 5-11 210 PS#67K. 52 yd FG in HS. Hit 10 of 16 FG's during ly, L31. Tony Lazzara (5-9 185 Jr) hit 7 of 12 FG's in '99, long 43. 17 TB's on 74 KO in 2000.

DE NICK EASON JR. 6-4 265 PS#241LB. 1st, 18 tkl, 3 tfl in '99, Def MVP last year, #1 on DL w/7 sks, 11 starts, 4 tfl, 36 tkl. Mark Jetton is PS#43TE. Rod Whipple is PS#143.
DT Jovon Bush Sr. 6-5 290 PS#14DL. 1 tkl as rfr. 234 plays, 20 tkl, 4 sks in '99. 20 tkl, 1 tfl, 417 bench last year. DeJuan Polk (6-2 285 So) PS#96DL, 8 tkl last year.
DT Donnell Washington rfr. 6-6 320 PS#39DL last year & redshirted. Leo Reed (6-4 295 rfr) is PS#71DL. Grant Oliver (6-5 300 Fr) is PS#118DL. Trey Tate (6-4 250) is PS#199.
DE Khaleel Vaughn So. 6-4 260 PS#347, 1 start as rfr, 20 tkl, 3 sacks, 50 snaps in bowl, Bryant McNeal (6-5 227 Jr) PS#197LB, 2 starts, 36 tkl, 5 sks, 4 tfl in 2 years.
SLB Altyro Bodrick Sr. 6-0 208 PS#177. 4 starts, 36 tkl, 4 tfl in 1999. 1 start, 43 tkl, 2 tfl in 2000. Rodney Feaster (6-0 210 Jr) was PS#34. 1 start, 36 tkl, 2 sacks in 2 years.
WLB CHAD CARSON SR. 6-3 235 PS#106. 12 sts, 144 tkl, 6 tfl in '99. 12 starts, #4 NCAA w/156 tkl, 10 tfl, 2 pblu. Rodney Thomas (6-0 222 Jr) PS#50, 51 tkl last year.
STAR BRAXTON WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 203 8 sts as true, 7 sts, 67 tkl, 6 tfl in '99. 11 starts ly, 70 tkl, 6 tfl, 4 pblu. J.J. Howard (6-3 220 So) PS#93LB. John Leake had 9 tkl in 11 gms as a true.
CB Kevin Johnson So. 6-0 185 PS#88 in 1999. 16 tackles as rfr. Ryan Hemby (5-10 166 rfr) PS#41 and redshirted. Jamaal Fudge is PS#117. Curtis Baham is PS#135WR.
CB Brian Mance Jr. 5-11 185 PS#12DB. 15 tkl, 49 plays as true, 3 sts last year, 39 tkl, 3 int, 5 pblu, 349 return yards. Toure Francis (5-10 184 So) had 10 tackles in 2000.
SS CHARLES HAFLEY SR. 6-1 195 PS#91WR. 19 tkl as rfr. 1 st, 33 tkl, 5 pblu in '99. 12 sts ly, #3 w/106 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 int, 8 pblu. Marcus Houskin (6-1 192 So) PS#176. 12 tkl ly.
FS ERIK MEEKINS JR. 6-3 190 PS#47WR. Fork Union in '98. 19 tkl, 1 pblu as "true" in '99, 93 plays. 151 plays, 16 tkl, 2 pblu ly. Ronny Delusme (6-2 191 rfr) PS#107DB.
P. Wynn Kopp Jr. 5-9 172 53 punts as true at Georgia, 36.3 average, net of 35.5, 13 inside the 20. 37 punts in 1999, 38.4 average, 36.9 net only 15 return yds by opps!

CLEMSON TIGERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Although not facing Furman TY, the rivalry dates back to 1896. This is the 7th straight year all 12 CU games are on grass. Tigers have played only 4 current Big 12 teams since 1981. They are 1-1 ATS reg season, 2-0 ATS in bowls vs Big 12 teams. CU is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 sandwiched home games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CLEM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	UCF	G												
Sep. 8	Wofford	G												
Sep. 15	Duke	G												
Sep. 22	Virginia	G												
Sep. 29	at Georgia Tech	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	at NC State	G												
Oct. 20	N Carolina (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Wake Forest	G												
Nov. 3	Florida St	G												
Nov. 10	at Maryland	G												
Nov. 17	at S Carolina	G												
Nov. 24														

CU has had only 2 lined home openers S/92 and are 0-2 ATS in those. Tigers are 16-25-1 ATS (39%) L/42 as a home favorite, 2-4 LY.

Clemson has won 18 consecutive "NL" games. The combined score of those is Clemson 604-87.

Clemson is 3-9 ATS their last 12 vs the Blue Devils. CU is 60-19-1 SU in their last 81 ACC home games.

The underdog is 13-7 ATS the last 20 in this series. The visiting team has covered 8 of the last 10 in this series.

Tigers are 4-7 ATS in their last 11 road openers. Chalk has bitten the dust in this series, going 1-11 ATS the L/12.

Bonus: Tigers are a 2-5 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.

Each of the last 4 series meetings have been decided by 7 or less. Not surprisingly, the underdog is 3-1 ATS in those 4 games.

The favorite is 5-1 ATS in the last 6 series meetings. Clemson is 6-3-1 ATS when hosting North Carolina.

Tigers have roared to a 21-3 SU mark vs Wake Forest... ..but are a meek 3-8 ATS L/11 vs the Demon Deacons.

Clemson is 15-5 ATS as a home dog since 1980! Tigers are 11-2-1 as an ACC dog of 7 or more but FSU delivered both losses.

Pending possible earlier results, CU is 10-19-1 ATS their L/30 as away chalk. Tigers have stayed focused prior to SC with a 6-2 ATS mark.

The visiting team is 16-4 ATS and 10-2 ATS in this rivalry. Pending the L/2W, CU is 16-6 SU & 15-7 ATS in their L/22 Nov gms.

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	7-4	3-8	6-5	9-2	45-32
ATS	6-4	7-3	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	35-34-2
Home Fav	2-3	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-2	2-0	2-4	12-15
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	6-4
Away Fav	0-0	3-1	0-2	2-1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	7-8-1
Away Dog	4-1	1-0	1-1-1	1-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	10-7-1
Favorite	2-3	5-2	2-4	2-4-1	2-2	3-2	3-6	19-23-1
Dog	4-1	2-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-4	4-2	0-1	16-11-1
Grass	5-4	7-3	4-5-1	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	34-34-2
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	4-4-1	3-4-1	3-5	7-1	2-6	31-24-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	4-10
Off SU Win	2-3	5-2	4-2-1	3-3	0-2	3-2	3-5	20-19-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-1	0-3	1-2-1	4-4	4-1	0-2	15-14-1

CLEMSON (9-3)

CONFERENCE:
ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 52 (29,20,3)
Lost: 22 (7,14,1)



CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
8*	34.7	23	224	4.5	213	52.9	12.6	+6	2000	8	21.1	17	111	3.0	236
6*	26.8	22	151	3.6	252	59.6	15.0	+4	1999	5	21.1	19	132	3.3	200
5	19.8	15	120	3.2	185	52.8	15.4	-11	1998	5	24.7	17	105	2.8	216
7*	24.3	18	153	3.6	192	60.5	14.1	-3	1997	6	18.3	17	90	2.7	225
8*	20.4	17	199	4.4	136	51.6	16.4	+4	1996	5	20.1	18	139	3.4	200
9*	25.3	20	245	4.6	134	56.7	15.0	+7	1995	7	18.2	18	125	3.6	214

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS BY	TURN
Citadel	23	48-236	4.9	21-33	222	1	7	42-57	1.4	6-16	48	3	+2	
Missouri	25	50-206	4.1	15-24	275	1	14	36-72	2.0	14-28	144	3	+5	
Wake Forest	30	66-436	6.6	10-21	187	1	8	35-102	2.9	7-17	57	3	+2	
at Virginia	20	43-327	7.6	15-25	154	0	17	36-111	3.1	17-39	170	3	-3	
at Duke	25	57-315	5.5	12-23	212	2	14	31-67	2.2	16-35	168	8	0	
NC State	30	65-274	4.2	18-30	220	3	15	23-32	1.4	21-50	370	2	-3	
Maryland	26	61-278	4.6	10-20	186	1	12	37-82	2.2	8-22	179	4	+1	
at N Carolina	19	45-112	2.5	14-25	296	4	22	38-89	2.3	18-34	314	2	+3	
Georgia Tech	18	37-147	4.0	15-27	207	4	31	40-96	2.4	35-57	454	2	-2	
at Florida St	17	36-95	2.6	15-38	167	5	28	40-250	6.3	27-43	521	2	-2	
S Carolina	19	49-174	3.6	14-30	185	1	22	39-162	4.2	13-26	200	2	+2	
Virg Tech (Bowl)	21	35-88	2.5	21-44	243	6	19	47-211	4.5	10-18	205	2	+1	
TOTALS	273	592-2688	4.5	180-340	2554	29	209	444-1331	3.0	192-385	2830	36	+6	
AVERAGES	22.8	49-224	4.5	15-28	213	2.4	17.4	37-111	3.0	16-32	236	3.0	0.5	

Coach: TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 33-13)

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

3rd Year at Clemson	4-4	Home Favorite
15-9 Straight Up	2-1	Home Underdog
10-11 Vs The Spread	2-4	Away Favorite
4-3 Off A S/U Loss	2-2	Away Underdog
9-7 Vs Conference	1-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Gator	-2'	Syracuse	0-41	L
96	Peach	+6'	LSU	7-10	W
97	Peach	+4'	Auburn	17-21	W
99	Peach	-3	Mississippi St	7-17	L
00	Gator	+6	Virginia Tech	20-41	L

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+3'	0-45	L	Appalachian St	NL	23-12	-	Furman	NL	33-0	-	Marshall	+2'	10-13	L	Citadel	NL	38-0	-
Furman	NL	19-3	-	at NC State	+2	19-17	W	Virginia Tech	-2'	0-37	L	Virginia	+5	33-14	W	Missouri	-17'	62-9	W
at Missouri	-7	24-38	L	Florida St	+20	28-35	W	at Virginia	+15	18-20	W	at Virginia Tech	+12	11-31	L	Wake Forest	-33	55-7	W
Wake Forest	-15	21-10	L	at Georgia Tech	-1	20-23	L	Wake Forest	-6	19-29	L	N Carolina	-5'	31-20	W	at Virginia	-9	31-10	W
at Florida St	+31	3-34	T	UTEP	-32'	39-7	L	at N Carolina	+6'	14-21	L	at NC State	-1'	31-35	L	at Duke	-37	52-22	L
at Duke	-9'	13-6	L	Virginia	-5'	7-21	L	Maryland	-7	23-0	W	at Maryland	+1	42-30	W	NC State	-21'	34-27	L
Georgia Tech	+7	28-25	W	at Maryland	-11	20-9	T	at Florida St	+26'	0-48	L	Florida St	+16	14-17	W	Maryland	-31'	35-14	L
Maryland	-6	35-3	W	at Wake Forest	-3	33-16	W	at Duke	-4'	23-28	L	at Wake Forest	-4'	12-3	W	at N Carolina	-19	38-24	L
at Virginia	+16	24-16	W	Duke	-14'	29-20	L	NC State	+4	39-46	L	Duke	-12	58-7	W	Georgia Tech	-12	28-31	L
NC State	-10	40-17	W	N Carolina	+6	10-17	L	Georgia Tech	+8	21-24	W	at Georgia Tech	+4	42-45	W	at Florida St	+19	7-54	L
S Carolina	-4'	31-34	L	at S Carolina	-1	47-21	W	S Carolina	-5'	28-19	W	at S Carolina	-14	31-21	L	S Carolina	-7'	16-14	L

N CAROLINA TAR HEELS



QB Ronald Curry was injured last year, but hopes to stay healthy and have his best season yet.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Ronald Curry was the #1 rated QB out of high school in 1998 and got in 4 starts as a true frosh, throwing for 978 yards (45%) with a 6-7 ratio and also rushing for 616 yards. He started the first 5 games in 1999 and threw for 682 yards (49%) with a 3-10 ratio and 356 yards rushing. Unfortunately, Curry was then lost for the season with a ruptured Achilles' and they were forced to move a RB and a safety to the QB position, and each started before the year was out. The unit appeared in better shape last year as Curry was back and he got off to a great start as he was rated #11 in the country in pass efficiency after 5 games but unfortunately sprained his knee vs Clemson and was not healthy the rest of the year. After 6 games Curry had a 9-5 ratio but down the stretch threw just 2 TD's while tossing 7 int's and as his mobility decreased, so did his rushing totals. Curry finished completing 53.6% for 2,325 yards while rushing for an additional 610 yards. He's also the starter at point guard on the basketball team. If Curry remains healthy this year, he will clearly have his best season yet. Last year's backup QB, Antwon Black (PS#35), departs after playing in 9 games and throwing 14 passes. Luke Huard (6-4 220 Jr) was PS#10 and got in 4 starts in the aforementioned 1999 season. He threw for 256 yards (39%) with a 1-2 ratio but did not see action last year. Darian Durant (6-1 215 rFr) was PS#19 and could possibly have been rated higher but broke his leg in his senior year of high school. He is an athlete similar to Curry (Huard is not as mobile) and will likely win the backup job. Aaron Leak (6-3 215 rFr) set an NC QB record with a 320 lb bench and was PS#103. Bryan Smouse (6-0 205 Jr) was PS#169. New OC Gary Tranquill says they will use the deep ball more often. This is a deep group which should have improved health in 2001 and that will translate into stronger numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - N Carolina has had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers, the most of any team in NCAA history. Due to injuries in 1999, the team went a full season without a player rushing for 400 yards for the first time since 1966. In 1998 and '99 a freshman led the team in rushing and the unit appeared to be in great shape. Unfortunately, Daniel Davis was dismissed from the team prior to the 2000 season. Dominique Williams decided to transfer and Rufus Brown was injured early and later decided to give up football because of that injury. That meant 2 frosh were the leading backs last year. Brandon Russell (PS#55) became the first true frosh to start the opener since 1946 when Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice did it & Russell led the team in rushing with 508 yards (3.5). Willie Parker was supposed to be the starter but suffered a back injury and played sparingly. He did rush for 305 yards in the last 4 games, including 158 yards vs Maryland. Andre Williams (6-0 215 So, PS#18) rushed for 165 yards as a true frosh. FB Anthony Saunders was the #3 RB rusher with 180 yards (4.5), and must now be replaced. The FB's look solid. New coaches

like their own recruits and it would not surprise me to see Jacques Lewis (PS#32) play immediately. Since last year's group was wiped out prior to the season, this year's looks to be in much better shape and there are 3 VHT's in the mix, so I look for NC to possibly bag yet another 1,000 yard rusher in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Tar Heels had to replace 1.5 starters and their leading returning receiver from 1999 (Kory Bailey) had just 25 catches. Bailey had 32 catches (17.2) last year while VHT Bosley Allen (PS#29) returned to lead the team in receptions after a medical redshirt season. Allen also had 506 yards on returns. Both return and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the mix to back them up. I list the 2 deep below. Chesley Borders (6-0 180 Jr) was PS#10 but was in the doghouse early last year and was suspended for the first 3 games and had just 2 catches. He should have a bigger impact. Not listed below are Isaiah Robinson (6-0 190 So, PS#103) and the 3 top-notch true frosh signees (see Top Newcomers). The big loss this year is TE Alge Crumpler (#2 DC of ARZ) who was 1st Team ACC in both of the last 2 years and was also one of three finalists for the John Mackey Award. His backup Dauntae Finger (7 gms, 2 rec, #7 DC of TB) also departs. I have listed some possible replacements below but none figure to be as talented as Crumpler. Overall, 6 of the top 8 players are back and even with the loss of a super TE, this group has the potential to be a very good unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 NC had a senior laden offensive front that did not live up to its potential. Last year all 5 starters had to be replaced. There were plenty of HT's and VHT's here, and Torbush liked the athleticism of the unit, but it was tough to achieve cohesion with 5 new starters. Overall the unit gave up 35 sacks and paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing. This year 3 starters depart. Gone are LG Cam Holland (11 sts), LT Louis Marchetti (11 sts) and RT James Wagstaff (11 sts). Normally I'll call an offensive front weaker with those types of losses but actually this year's group is more experienced than it was last year and there are a good amount of VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. Projected starting LT Greg Woolfer was the top backup at LT with 235 snaps in 10 games. Seven of the top 10 are back and this group looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels returned 3 starters last year and do so once again this season. The big news is that Julius Peppers, who led the NCAA in sacks, is back after earning 2nd team AA honors last year and being a backup on the basketball team. I list the 2 deep below and the only definite loss is DE Ross McAllister who had 11 starts and 5 sacks. DT Anthony Perkins (6-5 260 Sr, 11 sts) had major knee surgery in April and will likely miss the year as well. All 4 backups return including Joey Evans who had 38 tackles and his 8 sacks were simply 7th in the ACC and everyone who finished ahead of him was a starter. He will take McAllister's spot. As you can see there are some HT's and VHT's in the 2 deep below. Not listed are Darryl Grant (6-2 270 So) PS#103, Lawrence Jessup (6-6 230 rFr) PS#222, and Jonas Seawright (6-6 290 rFr) PS#72. This is a very deep and talented group and should spearhead a strong defense.

LINEBACKERS - In both of the last 2 years the Tar Heels have lost a starting LB early in the season. In 1999 it was MLB Brandon Spoon who went down to injury in the second game while Merceda Perry missed numerous starts due to a shoulder injury. Last season all 3 starters returned but Perry went down after 2 games with a broken ankle and took a medical redshirt. His return will help offset the loss of the top 2 players in Spoon (11 sts, #1 tklr, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC, #4 DC of BUF) and OLB Sedrick Hodge (11 sts, #2 tklr, 7 sks, 9 tfl, HM ACC, #3 DC of NO). Quincy Monk took Perry's place last year and those two will form a solid duo. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and all 3 backups return. I look for rFr Clarence Gaddy to make an impact and take the other starting spot, giving them a very talented trio. Not listed below are David Thornton (6-2 210 Sr) who has 20 tkl's the last 2 years. Overall, while I like this unit, with the loss of the top 2 tacklers, I'll call it a little weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With Dre' Bly roaming the secondary, NC finished in the top 20 of my pass efficiency defense ratings for 3 straight years. In 1999 they had to replace 3 starters including Bly. After a slow start they finished #42 in my rankings, allowing 53.3% with an 11-13 ratio. Last year all 4 starters returned but SS Quinton Savage quit the team prior to the season. Then FS DeFonte Coleman actually beat out Billy-Dee Greenwood (PS#1, was the #1 tackler in '99) for the starting job at FS and Coleman went on to become the #3 tackler, starting the last 8 games. This year almost everyone is back. The only losses are starting SS David Bomar (11 sts, 45 tkl's) and backup DB's Nathan Sutton (6 tkl's) and Anthony Anderson (1 tkl). Hood and Michael Waddell make an excellent pair of CB's with Hood being the best cover CB while Waddell is the fastest, and they have plenty of experience. Backup Reid actually had more tackles than Bomar did at SS so it is almost like having 4 starters returning. The Heels finished #40 in my

N CAROLINA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS											
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Brandon Russell		145	541	33	508	3	3.5				
Willie Parker		84	400	45	355	4	4.2				
Ronald Curry		119	610	259	351	6	2.9				
Anthony Saunders		40	184	4	180	3	4.5				
André Williams		39	178	13	165	0	4.2				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Ronald Curry		304	163	53.6	2325	11	12				
Antwon Black		14	7	50.0	124	0	0				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Bosley Allen		40	634	15.9	4	60					
Kory Bailey		32	550	17.2	2	78					
Sam Aiken		29	410	14.1	3	57					
Alge Crumpler		23	287	12.5	1	59					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Blake Ferguson		40	1475	36.9	5	Tm (31.5)	1	6			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Jeff Reed		3-3	10-10	3-7	0-0	16-20	48				
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
B. Spoon	131	1	12	1	0	R. Sims	52	6	3	3	0
S. Hodge	82	7	9	4	0	A. Perkins	46	2	2	1	0
D. Coleman	78	0	1	2	1	D. Bomar	45	0	4	0	0
Q. Monk	76	2	4	1	0	M. Waddell	42	0	1	12	1
D. Reid	69	1	2	6	1	B. Greenwood	40	0	2	2	0
J. Peppers	64	15	9	2	1	J. Evans	38	8	3	4	0
E. Hood	54	0	2	12	2	R. McAllister	35	5	4	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bosley Allen		28	421	15.0	2	Sam Aiken		18	365	20.3	0

pass defense rankings last year, allowing 224 ypg (49.4%) and a 19-7 ratio. I look for significant improvement this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Mack Brown this unit finished #92 and #82 his final two seasons. In Torbush's first season they finished #12 but lost some key components and dropped to #47 the next year. In 2000 this unit struggled, as they lost a super punter who had a net of 40.1 in '99 and overall they dropped to #81 in my rankings. P Blake Ferguson (PS#26) had 40 punts with a 36.9 average but dropped one punt (resulting in a 13 yd loss) and had another blocked both setting up Georgia Tech TD's and a pivotal loss. He was replaced by John Lafferty (5-10 180 Jr) who had 20 punts and a 35.4 before contracting mono and missing a good part of the year. Those two should battle it out again along with this year's new signees. K Jeff Reed had a super year, hitting 16 of 20 FG's with a long of 48 including 13 of 13 from under 40 yards. All of the top returners are back and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's to add speed to the unit. Reed is also solid on KO's and had 21 TB's on his 49 KO's last year and should continue to improve. Allen averaged 15.0 on 28 PR's (14th in NCAA) and I look for dramatic improvement from this unit as there is plenty of talent available.

PHIL'S FORECAST

With the addition of Oklahoma as a preseason game, N Carolina will open the season with 3 road games for the first time since 1893. Eight of their 12 opponents this year played in bowl games last year so new head coach John Bunting gets no breaks, including that aforementioned game against the defending National Champions. Bunting was the head coach at Rowan University from 1988 to 1992 and co-DC of the St Louis Rams from 1998 to 1999 (St Louis won the Super Bowl in '99) and was the Saints' LB coach last year. He replaces Carl Torbush who was just 17-18 overall but had a 10-2 SU record after November 1st. The Tar Heels have an amazing 60 letterman returning which easily tops the conference while losing just 19. Good things should be in the offing for them this season as they finished -12 in turnovers, qualifying them for my Turnovers = Turnaround article on page 277. The Heels have had a winning record in 10 of the last 11 years including last year when they were bowl eligible but did not receive a bid, and they did lead Clemson 17-0 before losing. QB Ronald Curry is surrounded by talent on the offensive side of the ball with 7 starters returning overall and they should top last year's 24.5 ppg, even versus the tougher schedule. The defense allowed just 327 ypg last year but with the offense being -12 in turnovers, it put them in some perilous situations and they allowed 25.8 ppg. Last year they set a school record for sacks with 53. Expect the double digit

turnovers to stop this year and the defense to be much stronger, especially with possibly 7 starters back (DT Perkins is questionable) and plenty of NFL caliber athletes. All six road games this year are versus bowl caliber teams and they also have a home game with Florida St. NC will likely have to pull 2 road upsets to achieve a winning record (must win 7). I compile 7 sets of power ratings and 3 of them have the Tar Heels ranked as the 3rd best team in the ACC, so they do have potential. This team is among the most athletically talented in the conference but faces a killer schedule.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Jacques Dumas 6-8 225 PS#12	LB Doug Justice 6-2 215 PS#17
RB Jacques Lewis 5-11 187 PS#32	OL Jason Brown 6-3 295 PS#59
TE Brian Chacos 6-5 253 PS#19	DL Antavias Barrino 6-5 260 PS#91
WR Harry Lewis 6-3 220 PS#89	QB Matt Baker 6-3 205 PS#76
LB Jeff Longhany 6-4 225 PS#81	JR Jarwaris Pollock 5-8 175 PS#93
WR Darrelle Mitchell 6-3 190 PS#117	OL Drew Hunter 6-8 265 PS#160
OL Chase Page 6-5 250 PS#179	DB Chris Curry 5-11 185 PS#176
DB Chris Hawkins 5-11 180 PS#183	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB RONALD CURRY SR. 6-2 200 PS#1. 4 sts as true, 978 yds (45%), 616 rush. 5 sts in 99 (inj) 682 yds (49%), 3-10 ratio, 356 rush. 11 sts ty, 2325 yds (54%), 11-12 ratio, 610 rush. 5-10 200 PS#141. Strd L3 as rFr, 355 yds, 10 rec (10.6).

RB WILLIE PARKER SR. 5-10 200 PS#55, 8 sts, #1 w/508 yds. Andre Williams PS#18, 165 yds ty.

Brandon Russell (5-11 185 So) PS#55, 8 sts, #1 w/508 yds.

FB Madison Hedgecock rFr. 6-3 235 PS#25. James Faison (6-0 220 So), 27 yds rush (5.4), 1 st ty. Kiwana Jones (6-0 220 So), 5 tkl's at LB as true. Will be blocking FB in '01.

WR BOSLEY ALLEN JR. 6-1 190 PS#29. 3 rec (35.7) as true. RS in 99. 11 sts ty, 1 w/40 rec (15.9). Sam Aiken (6-2 190 Jr) PS#55, #3 w/29 rec (14.1). Danny Davis (6-0 190 Sr) PS#66.

WR KORY BAILEY SR. 6-1 190 PS#71. 1 st, #2 w/38 rec (9.6) as rFr. 5 sts, 25 rec (16.7) in 99. 11 sts, #2 w/32 rec (17.2) ty. Jamal Jones (5-11 200 So) PS#25, 15 rec (19.1) as rFr.

TE Zach Hilton Jr. 6-6 255 PS#24. 163 snaps, 11 games as rFr. 10 gms, 95 snaps ty. Brian Chacos (6-5 253 Fr) is PS#19, 60 rec in HS ty. Doug Brown (6-4 245 Sr) PS#19.

C ADAM METTS SR. 6-0 270 PS#42. 18 plays in 98. 6 gms in 99, 50 plays vs Fla St, 9 domination blks. 11 sts ty, 2 letters. Marcus Wilson (6-2 270 So) PS#310, 2nd string ty, 56 snaps.

RG ISSAC MORFORD JR. 6-3 300 PS#62, 2nd string as rFr, 11 gms, 200 snaps, lettered. 11 sts in 2000, 729 snaps. 11 knockdown blks. David Stevenson (6-3 315 So) PS#97.

LG Jupiter Wilson So. 6-2 300 PS#110. 7 gms as top bkup at RG, 134 snaps. 3 knockdown blks. Don Peters (6-2 305 Jr) PS#77, 1 gm ty, 10 snaps. Jason Bradley (6-2 325 Jr).

RT Bryant Malloy Jr. 6-3 310 PS#11. 70 snaps as rFr (missed spg). Not 100% ty but in for 6 gms, 92 snaps. 2 letters. Justin Barton (6-6 290 rFr) PS#20. Skip Seagraves PS#56.

LT Greg Woolfer So. 6-5 265 PS#91. 10 gms as rFr ty, 235 snaps, 9 KD blks.

Riko Feeder (6-5 315 So) PS#62. Jeb Terry (6-5 280 So) PS#78DL, 48 snaps, 3 tkl's as true.

K JEFF REED SR. 6-0 200 No attempts first 2 years. Hit super 16 of 20 FG's last year including 13 of 13 from inside 40, long of 48. 21 TB's on 49 KO's, 2nd Tm ACC.

DE Joey Evans Sr. 6-5 265 PS#142. 12 tkl's as rFr. 2 sts, 351 snaps, 24 tkl's, 5 tfl in 99. 38 tkl's, 8 sks, 3 tfl ty. Jermicus Banks (6-5 235 rFr) PS#44, Jacques Dumas (6-8 225 Fr) PS#12.

DT RYAN SIMS SR. 6-4 285 PS#42. 32 tkl's, 4 tkl's as true. 11 sts, 33 tkl's, 6 sks in 99. 11 sts, 52 tkl's, #2 ACC DT w/6 sks ty. Will Chapman (6-4 255 Jr) 31 tkl's, 8 tfl. Donit Coats PS#113.

DT Eric Davis Jr. 6-3 260 PS#79LB, 14 tkl's, 3 tfl ty. Isaac Montgomery (6-5 285 Fr) PS#77. Anthony Perkins "Full Tilt" 11 sts, 46 tkl's, 4 tfl ty. Knee surgery & likely out year.

DE JULIUS PEPPERS JR. 6-8 270 2nd Tm AA. PS#6, 11 sts, 50 tkl's, 10 tfl in 99. 11 sts ty, led NCAA w/15 sks, 9 tfl, 64 tkl's. Malcolm Stewart (6-7 225 Jr) PS#65LB, 24 tkl's, 16 gms, 2Y.

SLB Clarence Gaddy rFr. 6-4 210 PS#22DL. Redshirted in 2000. Doug Justice is PS#17. Richard Moore (6-2 235 Jr) PS#92. David Thornton (6-2 210 Sr) had 16 tkl's in 2000.

MLB MERCEDA PERRY SR. 6-4 245 PS#14. 20 tkl's as true. 43 tkl's, 2 tfl in 98. 7 sts in 99 (inj), 83 tkl's (2), 4 tfl, 2 sts ty (inj), med reds. Robert Harris (6-1 225 Jr), 16 tkl's, 1 tfl ty.

WLB QUINCY MONK SR. 6-4 240 PS#60QB. 212 plays, 4 tkl's as rFr. 7 sts in 99. 42 tkl's, 3 tfl, 9 sts ty, #4 w/76 tkl's, 6 tfl. Clay Roberson (6-1 230 So) PS#70, 3 tkl's last year.

CB ERROL HOOD SR. 5-11 195 PS#65. 1 st, 220 plays as rFr, 11 sts in 99, 58 tkl's, 5 int, 11 pbu. 11 sts ty, 54 tkl's, 12 pbu, 2 int, top cover CB. Kevin Knight (5-8 175 Jr) PS#116, 25 tkl's ty.

CB MICHAEL WADDELL JR. 5-11 170 PS#95. PQ in 99. 11 sts, 42 tkl's, 1 int, 12 pbu ty. One of fastest on tm. Derrick Johnson (5-8 165 So) PS#32, 5 tkl's, 2 pbu, 1 int in 11 games ty.

SS Dexter Reid So. 5-11 180 PS#47. 69 tkl's (#5), 1 int, 6 pbu, 1 sk, 2 tfl as "backup" last year. Bryant Macklin (6-0 195 Fr) PS#61. JoVon Lewis (6-1 175 Fr) PS#109.

FS DEFonte COLEMAN JR. 6-1 215 PS#44H. 8 sts after move to FS ty, 3 sks w/78 tkl's, 1 int, 2 pbu. Billy-Dee Greenwood (6-2 185 Sr) PS#1. 17 sts in 3Y, #1 tkl'r in 99 with 118!

P BLAKE FERGUSON SO. 6-0 170 PS#26. 40 punts as true, 36.9 average. John Lafferty (5-10 180 Jr) 20 punts last year 35.4 average. Both had 6 inside 20. Team net of 31.5.

N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The last time the Tar Heels opened the season away was 1993 at a neutral site & they covered by 30.5 vs USC.
NC is 6-2 ATS last 8 in their 2nd straight road game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NC Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 25	at Oklahoma*	G												
Sep. 1	at Maryland	G												
Sep. 8	at Texas	G												
Sep. 15	SMU	G												
Sep. 22	Florida St	G												
Sep. 29	at NC State	G												
Oct. 6	E Carolina	G												
Oct. 13	Virginia	G												
Oct. 20	at Clemson	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 1	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G												
Nov. 10	Wake Forest (HC)	G												
Nov. 17	Duke	G												
	*Hispanic Fund Classic													

Tar Heels are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 season openers, but...
...North Carolina has covered 7 of their last 9 road openers.
North Carolina is 23-16-1 ATS off a SU loss last 11 years.
The home team is 9-3 ATS in this matchup.
Prior to this year the Heels had not played a current Big 12 team S/88.
Texas HC Mack Brown was the former HC for the Tar Heels.
Tar Heels are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home openers.
N Carolina is 5-0 SU but 1-4 ATS vs current WAC schools since '76.
NC is 2-7 ATS when playing the week before NC State.
Heels are 1-3 ATS the last 4 years vs FSU.
N Carolina is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs the Wolfpack.
The SU winner is 5-0 ATS in the last 5 series meetings.
North Carolina is 16-4 SU at home in October.
Heels are 8-1 SU since '90 but 0-2 ATS L/2 vs current CUSA teams.
North Carolina is 8-2 at home vs Virginia the last 10.
The away team is 2-13 ATS in the last 15 meetings.
The SU winner is 13-2-1 ATS in this series, so it makes sense...
...That the favorite is 11-3-1 ATS in the last 15 meetings.
NC is 9-4-1 SU but only 7-7 ATS after a bye since 1989.
Heels are 2-5 ATS last 7 vs the Yellow Jackets.
North Carolina is 4-2 ATS in November the last 2 years.
The visitor is 10-0-1 ATS the last 11 series meetings.
Tar Heels are 7-12 ATS last 19 vs Duke but 4-0 last 4.
NC has outscored Duke 175-41 the L4Y, covering by an avg of 24 pts.

STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	9-2	10-1	6-5	3-8	6-5	48-29
ATS	5-6	4-6-1	8-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	38-37-1
Home Fav	3-3	1-2-1	4-1	2-3	2-3	0-2	2-3	14-17-1
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	4-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-3	2-2	3-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	11-10
Away Dog	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	3-2	1-2	9-7
Favorite	4-5	2-5-1	6-3	5-5	4-4	0-2	4-3	25-27-1
Dog	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	2-1	4-4	2-2	13-10
Grass	5-4	3-6-1	6-3	5-6	6-5	4-6	5-5	34-35-1
Artificial	0-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	4-4	2-5-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-5	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-0	10-10
Off SU Win	3-4	2-3	6-2	4-5	4-1	0-1	2-3	21-19
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-2-1	1-1	1-0	2-3	3-4	3-2	14-13-1

Coach: JOHN BUNTING (Career 0-0)

Bunting's records AT NORTH CAROLINA

1st Year at N Carolina	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Sun	+1	Texas	31-35	L
95	Carquest	-2	Arkansas	20-10	W
96	Gator	-6'	W Virginia	20-13	W
97	Carquest	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3	W
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13	T

N CAROLINA (6-5) CONFERENCE ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 60 (26,30,4)
Lost: 19 (9,8,1)



NORTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																					
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP						
3*	24.5	20	148	3.5	223	53.5	15.2	-12	9	25.8	16	103	2.8	224	49.4	12.7					
7	16.9	16	144	3.2	133	45.3	16.4	+2	4	24.7	20	191	4.3	183	53.3	15.1					
6*	24.0	16	133	3.5	185	49.7	13.2	+0	4	23.6	17	133	3.1	209	47.9	14.5					
6*	29.0	19	116	3.1	267	60.4	13.2	+1	9	12.2	12	79	2.3	128	46.4	17.0					
8	29.8	20	118	2.8	243	60.3	12.1	+26	8	10.3	13	73	2.4	156	45.8	22.3					
6	23.7	21	160	3.6	239	55.2	16.8	-16	4	18.3	16	122	3.0	155	50.0	15.1					

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
Tulsa	20	44-173	3.9	16-30	242	1	11	27-19	0.7	17-38	214	3	-1
at Wake Forest	16	49-129	2.6	7-13	194	5	13	40--2	-0.1	14-34	164	10	+0
at Florida St	19	44-79	1.8	16-33	244	5	22	41-194	4.7	15-27	346	5	-4
Marshall	25	37-142	3.8	24-39	292	2	15	23-90	3.9	19-35	215	4	-2
Georgia Tech	21	37-89	2.4	17-31	388	6	18	40-134	3.4	21-30	238	3	+0
NC State	21	49-158	3.2	12-25	128	3	22	46-171	3.7	14-26	221	5	-1
Clemson	22	38-89	2.3	18-34	314	2	19	45-112	2.5	14-25	296	4	-3
at Virginia	22	49-157	3.2	22-39	223	4	11	33-105	3.2	8-15	122	5	-1
at Pittsburgh	19	47-129	2.7	13-32	164	3	18	32-63	2.0	18-39	344	6	+1
Maryland	10	38-241	6.3	7-16	42	2	17	47-145	3.1	16-31	164	3	-2
at Duke	21	41-247	6.0	18-26	218	2	12	36-107	3.0	10-36	140	5	+1
TOTALS	216	473-1633	3.5	170-318	2449	35	178	410-1138	2.8	166-336	2464	53	-12
AVERAGES	19.6	43-148	3.5	15-29	223	3.2	16.2	37-103	2.8	15-31	224	4.8	-1.1

1996 RESULTS					1997 RESULTS					1998 RESULTS					1999 RESULTS					2000 RESULTS				
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	
Clemson	-3'	45-0	W		Indiana	-30	23-6	L		Miami (Oh)	-19	10-13	L		Virginia	-2'	17-20	L		Tulsa	-17'	30-9	W	
at Syracuse	+3	27-10	W		Stanford	-13	28-17	L		at Stanford	-8	34-37	L		at Indiana	+1'	42-30	W		at Wake Forest	-11'	35-14	W	
Georgia Tech	-10'	16-0	W		at Maryland	-24	40-14	W		Georgia Tech	-4'	21-43	L		Florida St	+19'	10-42	L		at Florida St	+25	14-63	L	
at Florida St	+16	0-13	W		Virginia	-14	48-20	W		Clemson	-6'	21-14	W		at Clemson	+5'	20-31	L		Marshall	-3	20-15	W	
at Wake Forest	-23	45-6	W		at TCU	-26	31-10	L		Pittsburgh	-7	29-10	W		at Georgia Tech	+17	24-31	W		Georgia Tech	-3	28-42	L	
Maryland	-26	38-7	W		Wake Forest	-24	30-12	L		at Wake Forest	-4	38-31	W		Houston	-6'	12-20	L		NC State	-1'	20-38	L	
at Houston	-22	42-14	W		at NC State	-12'	20-7	W		at Florida St	+27	13-39	W		at Maryland	+9	7-45	L		Clemson	+19	24-38	W	
NC State	-26	52-20	W		at Georgia Tech	-8'	16-13	L		Maryland	-16	24-13	L		Furman	NL	3-28	-		at Virginia	+4'	6-17	L	
Louisville	-22'	28-10	L		Florida St	+7	3-20	L		at Virginia	+10	13-30	L		Wake Forest	+8	3-19	L		at Pittsburgh	+8	20-17	W	
at Virginia	-2'	17-20	L		at Clemson	-6	17-10	W		at Duke	-6'	28-6	W		† NC State	+12	10-6	W		Maryland	-7	13-10	L	
at Duke	-32	27-10	L		Duke	-22	50-14	W		NC State	+2'	37-34	W		Duke	+3	38-0	W		at Duke	-11	59-21	W	

N CAROLINA ST WOLFPACK



QB Philip Rivers tore up the competition last year as he was named the ACC Rookie of the Year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Wolfpack had to replace a 4 year starter in Jamie Barnette and true frosh Philip Rivers won the starting job. Rivers is a big QB (6-5 228) and showed remarkable poise for a true frosh. He did participate in the spring of 2000 after graduating from high school early and led the team to comeback wins in three of the first 4 games. Rivers ended up setting school records for attempts, completions, and TD passes and he threw for 3,364 yards (54%) with a 27-12 ratio. Olin Hannum (6-1 196 Sr) was PS#13JC last year but only saw limited time with 4 passes for 22 yards. He was solid this spring and hit 18 of 23 for 167 yards in the spring game. Jatavis Sanders was PS#48 and threw 17 passes as a true frosh in '99 for 165 yards in 38 plays, but decided to leave the program. They did sign Jay Davis (PS#21) this year. Rivers threw for 340 ypg in his first 5 games with a 16-4 ratio but just 238 ypg over the last 7 with a 11-8 ratio. He should have an even stronger season as a soph with a year under his belt and will be one of the ACC's best QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 Ray Robinson was the ACC Rookie of the Year, rushing for 825 yards (5.3) and has already topped 2,000 yards in his career. The RB corps suffered through an injury plagued 1999 season and a banged up Robinson had only 438 yds (3.9). But he remained healthy last year and had the lion's share of the attempts with 208 rushes while the #2 and #3 RB's totalled just 43. Robinson rushed for 862 yards (4.1) but was also a solid receiver with 46 grabs (8.7) and he is back for what should be a solid senior season. Last year's backup Cotra Jackson (5-11 215 Jr) had 183 yards (5.1). Carlos Doggett (5-10 212 Jr, PS#118) rushed for 77 yards in 1999 but had just 57 yards last year (8.1) as he missed all but 1 game with a broken foot. They must replace FB Derek Roberts and his backup Tramayne Simmons. Roberts had 23 rec's (8.0) but just 2 rush attempts. The FB slot is often replaced by a WR and is more of a receiving position. I list true frosh Tramain Hall (PS#23) there as he will split time between WR and RB. As long as Robinson stays healthy, he should have his best season yet.

RECEIVERS - The star of this group was Koren Robinson (#1 DC of SEA). In his two seasons Robinson had 117 rec's (17.7) and 16 TD's and by comparison NCS's all-time leading receiver, Troy Holt, had just 41 rec's and 4 TD's after 2 years. Last year the Wolfpack returned 2 starters

including Robinson who had 36 catches over the last 5 games in '99. Robinson, a rare combination of size and speed, picked up where he left off in '99 with 69 rec's and a solid 17.7 ypc with 14 TD's, winning 1st team ACC honors. WR's Eric Leak (36 rec's, 13.1) and Bryan Peterson (32 rec, 13.1) split the other starting job. TE Andy Vanderveer had 10 sts in 1999 but lost his job to Willie Wright who started just 6 games but had 31 rec's (12.9). They lose Robinson and Leak but did sign a VHT true frosh and two other HT's who I list in the two deep below. Also in the mix are a pair of soph's who saw action as true frosh last year in Jericho Cotchery and Andy Bertrand (PS#290) and the two combined for 8 rec's. Backup QB Olin Hannum saw some action at WR with 4 catches. I like the talent of this group but with the loss of a rare player like Robinson, it is weaker in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Wolfpack offensive front paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rushing but allowed just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and then lost a pair of projected starters for the season to injuries including C Keegan Weir who broke his leg in the first game. The Wolfpack averaged just 3.3 ypc rushing and allowed 35 sacks. They suffer a huge (figuratively speaking) loss in LT Jarvis Borum who was nicknamed "Big Earth" and had 12 starts and was HM ACC. Also gone this year is LG Alex Rice (1 st). Basically everyone else returns including 4 full-time starters as well as Weir and Koolstra, the two projected starters who were injured early. There are plenty of HT's in the 2 deep that I list below and although Amato signed an excellent class of true frosh OL's this year, I expect most of them to redshirt. This unit is more experienced and I look for significant improvement in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack had to replace just one starter from this unit last year but prior to the season Amato talked about the lack of speed in the unit overall. The group went from allowing 3.6 ypc rushing in 1999 to 4.2 last year but did record 34 sacks, eight more than the previous year. This year they must replace DT Jeffrey Fisher (10 sts, 28 tkl's, 1.5 tfl) and DE Nate Goodson (6 sts, 25 tkl's, 3 sks). They are 3 deep in quality DE's and Brian Jamison led the team with 6.5 sacks despite starting just two games. The DT's are also solid and they have added 2 JUCO transfers this year and hope that Drew Wimsatt (Northwestern transfer) is healthy enough to play after sitting out last season. This group is deeper and even more experienced than last year and looks to be solidly improved.

LINEBACKERS - All 3 starters returned to this unit last year plus a 1998 starter who missed most of 1999 with injury. This year the only losses are WLB Clayton White (7 sts, 52 tkl's, 6 tfl) and Edrick Smith (21 tkl's). The star of the unit is back in Levlar Fisher and he was simply named Defensive POY in the ACC and led the NCAA in tackles with 179 and he benches 455 pounds. Dantonio Burnette and Corey Lyons are both listed below as starters but Lyons is a question mark for the season due to some off-field problems. Shawn Price was PS#12LB in 1999 and is a JUCO transfer who could easily steal one of the starting spots. William Pannell, who I also list below, was a nine game starter in 1999 who missed most of last year due to injury. This is a very talented group with 3 HT true frosh additions and it looks to be one of the ACC's top LB corps this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack ranked #34 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 1999 and that was spurred on by a super CB tandem, both of whom were chosen in the NFL Draft last year. They also had to replace their #3 CB, backup FS and then lost starting CB JJ Washington after 6 games due to injury. They dropped only 20 spots in the overall rankings to #54, allowing 55.2% with a 14-11 ratio. This year the only loss is hard hitting SS Adrian Wilson who was #2 with 119 tackles and 2nd Tm ACC but left early for the NFL (#3 DC of ARZ). Everyone else returns including 5 players with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. They also bring in a VHT true frosh in Greg Golden who I plug in as a backup CB. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year and should improve in the pass defense rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit never ranked in the Top 40 of my special teams rankings under O'Cain with a finish at #64 in 1999. Last year due to below average punting they finished #31 in my rankings. K Kent Passingham hit 14 of 19 FG's last year, but his career long was only 40 yards so he did not have much range. They did get a big boost in the KO department as true frosh Austin Herbert took over and had 14 TB's on 56 KO's but the team allowed 22.6 per KR. Herbert acted like a true frosh when punting, with an average of 38.2 and a net of 34.8. That should improve in his soph season as he was a VHT (PS#11). Herbert could take

N CAROLINA ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN FOOTBALL TEAM											
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ray Robinson	208	968	106	862	9	4.1					
Cotra Jackson	36	188	5	183	4	5.1					
Koren Robinson	16	123	9	114	1	7.1					
Carlos Doggett	7	60	3	57	0	8.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Phillip Rivers	480	261	54.4	3364	27	12					
Bryan Peterson	6	3	50.0	61	2	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Koren Robinson	69	1218	17.7	14	63						
Ray Robinson	46	402	8.7	1	81						
Eric Leak	36	472	13.1	2	43						
Bryan Peterson	32	421	13.1	3	52						
Willie Wright	31	401	12.9	3	39						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Austin Herbert	64	2447	38.2	5	34.8	1	22				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Kent Passingham	5-7	8-11	1-1	0-0	14-19	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Levar Fisher	179	5	10	1	1	Clayton White	52	0	6	6	1
Adrian Wilson	119	0	3	7	1	B. Jamison	51	6.5	2	1	0
D. Burnette	106	0	8	0	0	S. Locklear	44	4	6	0	0
T. Holt	97	0	3	6	1	J. Walker	35	0	1	6	1
Corey Lyons	88	0	7	2	3	J. Patterson	29	0	1	2	2
B. Williams	63	1	3	10	0	Shane Riggs	29	2	5	0	0
Corey Smith	58	6	8	2	0	Jeffrey Fisher	28	0.5	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
K. Robinson	14	218	15.6	1	K. Robinson	26	657	25.3	0		

over the kicking duties and whoever handles the placekicking chores is likely to have a stronger leg. The return game was in good hands with Koren Robinson who averaged a nifty 25.3 on KR's and 15.6 on PR's with 1 TD. NCS also blocked 4 punts last year and 4 FG's (a school record) which raises their ratings. Overall I look for better production out of the K's but replacing Robinson will be tough.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Wolfpack has had 3 consecutive ACC Rookie of the Year winners in RB Ray Robinson in 1998, WR Koren Robinson in 1999 and QB Philip Rivers last year. Despite starting a true frosh QB, NCS set a regular season school record for fewest amount of turnovers (20) and also most pass attempts and completions in a season. They lost OC Norm Chow to USC after only one year with the Wolfpack, so Rivers will need to adapt to somewhat of a new system. Chow's loss, much like Friedgen's loss at Georgia Tech, could have a major impact on that side of the ball. Not only will replacing Chow be difficult, but of their 8 wins last year, 6 came after trailing in the 4Q so they could have easily finished with a weaker record than 8-4. They have 7 starters back on offense including their QB and that is the highest amount they have had in 4 years. I also like the outstanding crop of true frosh WR's that Amato signed and they should have a big impact this year. The team set 22 school records on offense last year and the new OC, Marty Galbraith, was the Marshall OC in 1999. The Wolfpack have 7 starters back on defense, losing just 7 lettermen and should continue to make strides on that side of the ball. In fact, they may have an upper half finish in the league defensive rankings this year, even after allowing 386 ypg and 28.2 ppg last year with a veteran unit that had 8 starters back. The team had just 70 scholarship players last year and only 64 at the bowl game and will have much better depth. They are undertaking a \$102 million project, adding 5,500 seats to their stadium with a new scoreboard. They were the only ACC team to win a bowl game last year despite the fact that just 8 seniors were letter winners. The schedule is very soft early and the Wolfpack should get off to a great start and should be 4-1 or 5-0 after the first 5 games. They have some winnable ACC road games and get most of their peers at home. They lose just 15 lettermen, which is the 3rd lowest in the conference and this team has a good shot at topping last year's 7 wins during the regular season.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB PHILIP RIVERS SO. 6-5 228 PS#40. In for spring as true, 12 sts, 3364 yds (54%), 27-12 ratio. ACC Rookie of Yr. Olin Hannum (6-1 196 Sr) PS#13JUCO ly. 4 att ly.
TB RAY ROBINSON JR. 5-10 202 PS#74. 5 sts as true, 825 yds (5.3), 14 rec, 4 sts in '99, 438 yds (3.9), 12 sts ly, 862 yds (4.1), #2 w/46 rec (8.7). Carlos Doggett PS#118, 194 tkl yds 2Y, in/d ly.
FB Tramain Hall Fr. 5-11 170 PS#23. In for spring. Chance Moyer (6-4 230 rFr) PS#154LB & DL on scout team last year. Cotra Jackson (5-11 215 Jr) PS#27 yds, 2 years.
WR Sterling Hicks Fr. 6-1 165 PS#28. Troy Graham (6-2 188 Sr) PS#290 & sprinter spq. PO last year. Andy Bertrand (6-1 191 So) PS#290. Dovonte Edwards is PS#38.
WR BRYAN PETERSON JR. 5-10 187 PS#80, 4 sts as true, 21 rec (13.0), 7 sts in 2000, 32 rec (13.1). Chris Murray is PS#36WR. Jericho Cotchery (6-2 183 So) had 6 rec ly.
TE WILLIE WRIGHT SR. 6-4 226 6 stls ly (miss 2), 31 rec (12.9). Andy Vanderveer (6-4 245 Sr) 10 sts, 12 rec (13.4) in 1999, 5 sts ly, 3 rec (6.0). Joseph Gray was PS#28 in '99.
C DEREK GREEN JR. 6-3 264 PS#215, 4 sts as rFr, 232 plays, 11 sts ly (L 11) at C. Keegan Weir (6-5 258 Sr) had 1 start in 1999. Started opener and was injured ly.
RG Scott Koolstra Jr. 6-6 304 PS#163DL in 1999, 34 snaps as true, 2 sts in 2000, last year until injury. Out spring. Travis Brinson (6-3 257 So) PS#278DL, 2nd string in 2000.
LG WILLIAM BROWN SR. 6-1 265 PS#217DL, 31 plays as So in 1999, 11 sts at LG in 2000. Joe Lardino (6-3 279 Jr) PS#143, lettered as 2nd string ly. Jed Paulsen is PS#83OL.
RT REGGIE POOLE SR. 6-2 312 PS#39LB in '97. Moved to OL at JUCO and PS#255JC last year. 11 sts at RG here in 2000. Tim Turner (6-6 301 Jr) PS#47, lettered ly.
LT CHRISTOPHER COLMER SO. 6-5 292 PS#165OL, 11 starts as rFr mostly at RT, moved to LT. Matt Broel (6-5 298 Sr) PS#227OL, but O letters. Walker Franklin (6-4 274 So).
K Austin Herbert So. 6-1 204 PS#11K. Set N Caro high school record with 37 FG's in career. Hit 17 as a senior with a long of 50. 74% of KO's went into the endzone.

DE BRIAN JAMISON SR. 6-1 224 PS#61LB, 7 sts in '99, 55 tkl's, 6.5 sks, 2 sts ly, #1 w/6.5 sks, 51 tkl's, George Anderson (6-0 231 Jr) PS#62, 3 sts, 4 tfl ly. Terrance Chapman PS#75JC.
DT Ricky Fowler So. 6-2 286 PS#85. On NCS wrestling tm, 3 sts as true, 23 tkl's, 2.5 sks. Shane Riggs (6-3 269 Jr) PS#95DL, 29 tkl's, 7 tfl ly. Terrance Martin is PS#374JC.
DT DARIUS BRYANT SR. 6-1 287 PS#120, 8 sts as rFr, 22 tkl's, 29 tkl's in '99, 10 starts, 27 tkl's, 1 tfl last year. Jerick Hall (6-1 280 Jr) PS#258DL, 6 tkl's as true, 23 tkl's last year.
DE COREY SMITH SR. 6-2 245 25 tkl's, 4 tfl as rFr, 1 st, 5.5 tfl in '99, 12 sts ly, 58 tkl's, 6.5 sks, 8 tfl. Sean Locklear (6-3 290 So) 2 sts ly, 44 tkl's, 10 tfl. Drew Wimsatt is NWestern transfer.
SLB COREY LYONS SR. 5-11 196 PS#188, 1 st, 61 tkl's, 4.5 tfl in '99, 7 sts ly, 88 tkl's, 7 tfl, 3 int. William Pannell (6-3 228 Sr) 2 sts in '98, 9 sts in '99, 43 tkl's, in/d last year.
MLB DANTONIO BURNETTE JR. 5-10 228 PS#198, 11 sts as true, 123 tkl's, 8.5 tfl, 9 starts ly, 106 tkl's, 8 tfl. Shawn Price (6-2 235 Jr) PS#12 in '99. Chip Thomas (6-2 201 So) is PS#162.
WLB LEVAR FISHER SR. 6-1 229 9 sts as true, 76 tkl's, 12 sts in '99, 104 tkl's, 11.5 tkl's, 1 tfl. ACC Def Player of the Year, 2nd Tm AA, 12 sts ly, led NCAA with 179 tkl's, 15 tfl, 10 pbu.
CB BRIAN WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 200 PS#82RB, 15 tkl's as true, 12 starts at SS in '99, 131 tkl's, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 starts at CB last year, 63 tkl's, 4 tfl, 10 pbu. Greg Golden is PS#38.
CB J.J. WASHINGTON SO. 5-7 180 PS#98DB, 4 starts as rFr until injury ly, 17 tkl's, 1 int, 3 pbu. James Walker (6-0 183 So) 8 starts in 12 games as rFr, 35 tkl's, 1 int, 6 pbu, 1 tfl.
SS Julius Patterson Jr. 5-10 184 PS#71DB, 69 plays as true, 216 yards on returns, 1 start last year, 29 tkl's, 1 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. JJ Jones (5-11 163 Fr) was in for the spring.
FS TERRENCE HOLT JR. 6-2 194 Brother of Tony, 1 st, 21 tkl's in '99, 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm ACC, 97 tkl's, 1 int, 6 pbu. Rod Johnson (5-9 177 Jr) was PS#162DB, 11 tkl's, 9 gms in 2Y.
P AUSTIN HERBERT SO. 6-1 204 PS#11K, 14 TB's on KO's, 64 punts as true, 38.2 average and net of 34.8. Only 4 TB's on punts but 1 block, 22 punts inside the 20 yd line.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This is the third straight season that the Wolfpack plays all of their games on natural grass, only 1 turf game since 1995.
NC St is 2-7 ATS prior to a bye, but won SU & ATS both times LY.
The SU winner is 5-0 ATS when NCS plays a current Big 12 team.
NC State is 24-11 ATS as a home dog since 1984.
NCS is 5-13-1 ATS prior to playing rival Wake Forest.

Bonus: Wolfpack is 8-13 SU but 5-1 ATS their L/6 after a bye week.

NC St is 12-1 SU but only 5-5 ATS in their season opener.
NCS was 3-2 ATS for Amato LY but are 5-8-1 ATS L/14 as a HF.

Pending LW, NC State is 5-2 SU but 2-4 ATS in Thursday games.
Bobcats battled NCS in '98 but dropped a misleading 34-31 final.

Wolfpack is 7-14 ATS in their last 21 sandwiched away games.
LY's 41-0 NCS win was their 1st gm vs a WAC school in the L20Y.

NC St is 2-6 ATS the L/8 but 9-7 ATS the L/16 vs the Tar Heels.
NCS 2-7 SU, but 6-3 ATS when hosting the Heels.

Wolfpack are 9-4 ATS their L/13 vs Wake Forest, but 1-3 ATS the L/4.
Pending the SMU result, NCS is 0-5 ATS their L/5 as away chalk.

Despite a 4-2 mark LY, Pack are 16-24 ATS after their L/40 SU wins.
N Carolina St is 8-2 ATS when hosting Clemson, 7-1 ATS as HD.

Wolfpack are 2-8-2 ATS their last 12 vs Georgia Tech.
This series has averaged a combined 64.3 ppg the last 3 years.

Wolfpack is 6-3 ATS their last 9 vs the Cavaliers.
Strange but true: NCS is 3-11 ATS their L/14 prior to playing Duke.

NC State is 3-7 ATS in November over the last 3 seasons.
The visiting team is 6-1 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.

N Carolina St is 8-13 ATS L/21 as a double digit underdog.
Wolfpack are 6-13-1 ATS in their last 20 road finales.

The underdog is a sterling 13-2-1 ATS in this series!!
Wolfpack are 4-2 SU and 5-1 ATS in their Carter-Finley finale.

STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	3-8	3-8	6-5	7-4	6-6	7-4	40-38
ATS	3-7	4-5-1	4-7	5-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	32-41-2
Home Fav	1-3	0-2	2-0	1-2-1	0-4	1-0	3-2	8-13-1
Home Dog	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-1	8-7
Away Fav	0-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-2	5-9
Away Dog	2-1	0-2-1	1-5	2-1	1-0	2-3	3-0	11-12-1
Favorite	1-5	2-2	2-0	2-3-1	2-6	1-2	3-4	13-22-1
Dog	2-2	2-3-1	2-7	3-2	3-0	4-4	3-1	19-19-1
Grass	2-6	4-5-1	4-7	4-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	30-40-2
Artificial	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	24-30-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	8-11
Off SU Win	1-5	2-1	1-2	3-2	3-4	1-4	4-2	15-20
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-4-1	3-4	1-3-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	15-17-2

Coach: CHUCK AMATO (Career 8-4)

Amato's records AT N CAROLINA STATE

2nd Year at N Carolina St	3-2	Home Favorite
8-4 Straight Up	0-1	Home Underdog
6-5 Vs The Spread	0-2	Away Favorite
2-2 Off A S/U Loss	3-0	Away Underdog
4-4 Vs Conference	2-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Gator	-1	Florida	10-27	L
93	Hall of Fame	+14'	Michigan	7-42	L
94	Peach	+6'	Mississippi St	28-24	W
98	MicronPC	+6'	Miami (Fla)	23-46	L
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30	W

N CAROLINA ST (8-4) ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 42 (18,19,5)
Lost: 15 (6,7,2)



NORTH CAROLINA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF		
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP		
4	31.6	21	104	3.3	294	53.8	12.6	+4	2000	8	28.2	22	200	4.2	186	55.2	13.7
5*	20.3	18	113	3.1	211	50.8	16.0	+2	1999	6	25.2	20	157	3.6	202	53.9	14.3
6*	30.5	22	147	4.0	300	51.7	14.7	0	1998	4	29.3	20	176	4.4	216	53.4	13.4
8*	29.6	22	179	4.4	222	56.8	13.6	-3	1997	9	24.4	19	131	3.5	249	55.3	15.6
6	24.4	19	140	3.4	213	46.4	14.5	-11	1996	5	36.5	22	227	4.9	200	55.1	11.7
7*	23.6	21	144	3.5	224	55.4	15.6	-7	1995	5	32.2	23	191	4.5	231	67.8	13.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arkansas St	26	35-142	4.1	29-57	397	2	15	45-179	4.0	13-25	152	2	-1
at Indiana	26	23-73	3.2	31-52	401	3	22	44-236	5.4	14-27	240	2	0
SMU	12	25-63	2.5	18-29	331	1	19	51-101	2.0	15-31	75	13	+2
Georgia Tech	19	31-66	2.1	21-36	262	7	23	42-141	3.4	24-43	226	1	+1
at Clemson	15	23-32	1.4	21-50	370	2	29	65-274	4.2	18-30	220	2	+3
at N Carolina	22	46-171	3.7	14-26	221	6	21	49-158	3.2	12-25	128	4	+1
Florida St	15	22-47	2.1	21-43	235	4	26	54-324	6.0	14-22	195	0	-3
at Maryland	25	47-218	4.6	16-35	183	2	22	41-138	3.4	21-34	200	4	0
Duke	25	25-48	1.9	32-51	413	5	23	35-155	4.4	24-37	319	2	0
at Virginia	24	37-137	3.7	25-46	266	2	16	44-231	5.3	7-17	149	2	-1
Wake Forest	16	37-143	3.9	14-30	139	3	12	39-164	4.2	14-27	126	4	+2
Minnesota (Bowl)	22	24-109	4.5	24-39	310	0	31	58-300	5.2	16-30	202	2	0
TOTALS	247	375-1249	3.3	266-494	3528	37	259	567-2401	4.2	192-348	2232	38	+4
AVERAGES	20.6	31-104	3.3	22-41	294	3.1	21.6	47-200	4.2	16-29	186	3.2	0.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	+1'	16-28	L
Florida St	+28	17-51	L
at Purdue	+4'	21-42	L
at Maryland	+9	34-8	W
Alabama	+11	19-24	W
at Virginia	+19	14-62	L
at N Carolina	+26	20-52	L
Duke	-10	44-22	W
at Clemson	+10	17-40	L
Wake Forest	-14	37-22	W
† E Carolina	+9	29-50	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+25	32-31	W
at Duke	-7'	45-14	W
Clemson	-2'	17-19	L
N Illinois	-35'	41-14	L
at Wake Forest	-7	18-19	L
at Georgia Tech	+5'	17-27	L
N Carolina	+12'	7-20	L
at Florida St	+29'	35-48	W
Maryland	-17	45-28	T
Virginia	+2'	31-24	W
E Carolina	-10	37-24	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-12	34-31	L
Florida St	+26	24-7	W
at Baylor	-3'	30-33	L
Syracuse	+12'	38-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	24-47	L
Duke	-10'	27-24	L
at Virginia	+10'	13-23	W
at Clemson	-4	46-39	W
Wake Forest	-14	38-27	L
at Maryland	-10	35-21	W
at N Carolina	-2'	34-37	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+9'	23-20	W
S Carolina	-7'	10-0	W
William & Mary	NL	38-9	-
at Florida St	+28	11-42	L
at Wake Forest	-7	7-31	L
Clemson	+1'	35-31	W
Virginia	E/+1	26-47	L
at Duke	+2'	31-24	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	21-48	L
Maryland	+1'	30-17	W
† N Carolina	-12	6-10	L
at E Carolina	+8	6-23	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-15'	38-31	L
at Indiana	+7	41-38	W
SMU	-9	41-0	W
Georgia Tech	-3	30-23	W
at Clemson	+21'	27-34	W
at N Carolina	+1'	38-20	W
Florida St	+18	14-58	L
at Maryland	-6	28-35	L
Duke	-18'	35-31	L
at Virginia	-1	17-24	L
Wake Forest	-15	32-14	W

MARYLAND TERRAPINS



QB Shaun Hill has a linebacker's mentality and "enjoys" running the option.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Under Coach Vanderlinen, being a returning starter meant very little as almost every year a new player emerged to take over the starting QB job by year's end. Calvin McCall was 5-4 as a starter in 1999 and won the starting job last year despite missing the beginning of spring to play basketball. He initiated a team rule prior to the opener and Shaun Hill (PS#157JC) started. Hill got injured in the first half of the opener and missed the next 5 1/2 games. McCall got off to a great start in his first 3 games as he hit 64% for 664 yards with a 2-2 ratio. After that, McCall hit just 47% with a 3-7 ratio and he suffered a high ankle sprain vs NC State. Hill, who hit just 8 of 15 in little playing time vs Wake Forest and Duke, led the comeback vs NC State and again took over the starting job. He threw for 318 yards vs GT and in those final 3 games had a 6-3 ratio. Shaun Hill emerged as #1 out of spring and Friedgen likes the fact that he enjoys running the option. Latrez Harrison (6-3 223 So) has a powerful arm and started the last 2 games in 1999 as a true frosh, throwing for just 30 yards (21%) while rushing for 44. He was PS#16 and redshirted last year. Chris Kelley (6-2 198 rFr) was PS#18QB but tore his ACL in a high school all-star game and sat out last year. He was 26-0 as a starting QB in high school. McCall did not want to give up basketball which troubled the new coach so the two decided to part company in the spring. When Friedgen was at Maryland as the OC from 1982-'86, he helped develop Boomer Esiason, Frank Reich and Stan Gelbaugh and while at GT, tutored Shawn Jones (QB of National Title tm) and Joe Hamilton. He has 3 outstanding and talented candidates that fit his mold to work with, and I look for solid improvement out of this position even with the loss of their starter.

RUNNING BACKS - The Terps lose an outstanding back in LaMont Jordan (#2DC of NYJ) who leaves as the school's all-time leading rusher and finished 3rd on the ACC's all-time rushing list. After rushing for 1,632 yards (6.1) in 1999 Jordan missed all of last spring and most of August working on his grades to become eligible. He got off to a slow start with just 100 yards rushing (2.5) in the first 2 games and had a hip pointer at midseason which limited him. He still managed to finish with 920 yards (4.3) and will be very hard to replace. Mukala Sikyala who had 2 starts and 190 yards rushing (4.8) departs. Also gone this year is FB Matt Kalapinski who had just 36 yards rushing last year in 8 starts with 215 yards receiving but was a solid blocker. The top returning rusher from last year is Marc Riley who had 22 total yards and touched the ball just 8 times. There is some talent available like Bruce Perry (PS#40) who had 195 yards rushing as a true frosh in 7 games and redshirted last year. He has breakaway speed and is a good back for the option. I list the 2 deep below and

new coaches like their own recruits so it is possible that one of the top signees could earn substantial playing time. Naturally with the loss of Jordan and their top FB, this unit looks much weaker this season.

RECEIVERS - The Terps had to replace a pair of starters last year including a TE that was 2nd Team ACC. Projected starting WR's Jason Hatala (back) and Omar Cheeseboro (groin) both were injured and lost their starting jobs. Cheeseboro started just one game and had only 1 rec. Hatala finished #4 on the team with 21 rec's (13.6) and both depart. Vanderlinen had an eye to the future and went to youth as the top receiver was Guilian Gary (PS#108). He did a good job recruiting in this area as there are 6 HT's at WR and I list them below. TE Jeff Dugan had an outstanding year and not only earned a reputation as one of the best blockers on the team but also finished #2 in rec's. I like his size (6-4 263) and feel he could be one of the top TE's in the ACC. The only other player lost this year is WR Moises Cruz (2 sts, 14 rec). With practically everyone back this group is more experienced and keep your eyes on Maurice Shanks (6-4 184 rFr) who is a rare VHT and could take over the featured role.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One area that Vanderlinen did a great job in was the offensive line. The Terps ranked #106 in the country in 1997 in rushing and allowed 56 sacks but improved steadily in the sacks allowed department. The 1999 OL allowed just 11 sacks and last year had to replace 2 OL's and a TE who were all 3 year starters and 2nd Team ACC honorees. They saw the rushing totals go from 5.2 ypc down to 3.6 as the OL struggled early with a pair of rFr Lamar Bryant and Eric Dumas seeing significant time. Last year's 20 sacks allowed ranked 2nd in the ACC behind Georgia Tech. G Bob Krantz lost his job at midseason and will likely retire with back problems. The only other loss this year is T Tim Howard (11 sts) who was a first year starter in 2000. Five players return with starting experience including Fowler, a 3 year starter at center and 2 year starters Todd Wike and Matt Crawford. There are plenty of HT's and even some VHT's in the group I list below and this unit looks stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Terps had a veteran DL in 1999 and allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing but last year had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and returned just 2 players with starting experience. To make matters worse, all but 3 players in the 2 deep were underclassmen. New Defensive Coordinator Gary Blackney was the head coach at Bowling Green which ran a 4-3 defense. While Maryland's terminology calls one of the DE's a rush-LB, I will list that position under DE, because that is basically what the position's responsibilities are and put them in a 4 man front. They lose only one player this year but it was by far their best lineman in DT Kris Jenkins (11 sts, 62 tkl, 8 sks, 9 ft, #2DC of CAR). Those 8 sacks were over 25% of the team total. Last year's DL not only was young and inexperienced but the DE position saw 3 different players start due to injuries and ineffectiveness. NT Hill missed 2 games with a dislocated elbow. Another knock on the line last year was its size and James Evans, an converted OL, provides immediate help there. A couple of rFr who did not make the 3 deep below are Jamahl Cochran (6-0 243, PS#149LB) and Jonathan Condo (6-3 232, PS#181RB). Basically 3 starters return and while this does not appear to be an overwhelming unit, it clearly is more experienced and stronger than the 2000 version, even with the loss of its star.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 the Terps had to replace a pair of NFL draft picks and ended up with 2 soph starters and all 6 members of the 2 deep were underclassmen. Naturally that unit returns intact for the 2nd straight year and all three 1st stringers have at least 2 years starting experience, and Henderson and Moye-Moore were among the top 8 tacklers in the ACC in 2000. I list the 2 deep below and the only question mark as of this writing is Marlon Moye-Moore who was suspended for the spring for an off-field incident. Not even listed below are Monte Graves (6-0 238 Sr) who was PS#112 and has 16 tackles in 2 years, and Leon Joe (6-1 217 So) who was PS#117 and had 31 tackles as a rFr. This unit is probably the most experienced in the ACC and also one of the best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Terps had to replace 2.5 starters and then lost their starting SS prior to the season and finished #88 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace both their starting CB's including a 4th round draft pick who left early for the NFL. The Terps improved a little to #81 in my rankings, allowing 58.2% with a 16-12 ratio. This year the only loss is FS Shawn Forte (11 sts, 82 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu, Def MVP). While this is a big loss, they have 7 players returning with starting experience and I like 3 VHT newcomers who could contribute immediately in Dominique Foxworth (PS#50) a true frosh who was in for the spring, Jamal Chance (PS#30JC) and Marcus Wimbush (PS#34DB). This is an extremely deep and experienced group and I think former QB Randall Jones will continue to improve in his 3rd year at DB. I look for significant strides in the pass D rankings.

MARYLAND 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
LaMont Jordan	213	1050	130	920	11	4.3					
Mukala Sikyala	40	199	9	190	2	4.8					
Shaun Hill	44	186	94	92	1	2.1					
Jason Hatala	6	76	0	76	2	12.7					
Calvin McCall	52	188	130	58	1	1.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Calvin McCall	199	105	52.8	1533	5	9					
Shaun Hill	126	73	57.9	778	6	4					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Guilian Gary	40	568	14.2	7	33						
Jeff Dugan	25	319	12.8	1	47						
LaMont Jordan	21	287	13.7	0	54						
Jason Hatala	21	285	13.6	1	41						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Brooks Barnard	49	2191	44.7	-	Tm (37.9)	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Brian Kopka	3-4	1-2	4-5	0-1	8-12	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
E.J. Henderson	109	2	11	4	0	R. Littles	44	0	1	1	0
M. Moye-Moore	108	2	3	1	0	C. Hill	43	3	3	0	0
T. Jackson	101	0	4	4	1	R. Jones	41	1	0	5	1
S. Forte	82	0	0	7	4	T. Okanlawon	40	0	0	6	1
A. Thompson	81	7	2	1	0	C. Cox	33	0	0	4	2
M. Whaley	68	5	7	4	0	L. Joe	31	0	0	0	0
K. Jenkins	62	8	9	0	0	D. Roundtree	22	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Guilian Gary	13	65	5.0	0	M. Sikyala	16	364	22.8	0		

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Vanderlinen's first two seasons, they struggled in this area, ranking #98 and #93 but would have been higher if FG percentage was included as Brian Kopka was one of the best in the country. Kopka completed his 4 year career by hitting 8 of 12 FG's last year with a long of 49 and will clearly be missed. There are some candidates to take over for him and I list them below. P Brooks Barnard took over the duties at midseason in 1999 and finished #34 in the NCAA with a 42.1 avg. The team had just a 35.3 net but last year improved to 37.9 as Barnard finished 4th in the NCAA and set a school record for punting with a 44.7 average. He benefited from the use of a pooch punter in Vedad Siljkovic who averaged just 32.8 ypp but had 5 of his 13 punts land inside the 20. Guilian Gary had 312 PR yards (8.9) in 1999 but just 65 (5.0) last year as they had just 15 PR's as a team. They lose their top KR in Mukala Sikyala who averaged a solid 22.8 while Scooter Monroe averaged just 14.5 on 10 returns. Long snapper Scott Rudolph played in 39 straight games before an injury vs Clemson which put him out for the year. On his first snap, frosh Jimmy Connolly put the ball over the punter's head for a safety, but will benefit from a 1/2 year of experience. Overall the Terps ranked #37 in my special teams rankings last year but with the losses may drop a few notches this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Maryland had a great shot at a bowl once again last year but just missed out, hence the coaching change. They made a terrific hire in Ralph Friedgen who was clearly one of the best OC's in the country and was an ex-OL at Maryland (1965-68). He also was the OC here under Bobby Ross from 1982-86 and this is his first head coaching job. Nor Vanderlinen leaves with a 15-29 mark in his 4 seasons. Friedgen brings in Charlie Taaffe as the team's new offensive coordinator. He was the head coach for the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL. He inherits a veteran team which has 16 starters returning and loses just 20 lettermen. While they completed a major stadium renovation in Vanderlinen's tenure, the last 3 years were all under 30,000 average attendance and even with a bowl on the line vs GT they drew just 24,701. This year they benefit from 7 home games and a soft non-conference schedule. Last year's Terp team had just 5 senior starters. On offense I look for Shaun Hill to quickly adapt to Friedgen's tremendous schemes, and he has plenty of talent to work with including a good sized veteran offensive line. They will easily top last year's 22.5 ppg. In 2000 the defense allowed 492 ypg in the first 4 but improved steadily as the season went on. They lose just 2 lettermen and have one of the most veteran units in the country on that side of the ball. Gary Blackney, who was Bowling Green's head coach, was an excellent hire as the new DC. The Terps' last bowl game was in 1990 but provided Friedgen is not overwhelmed in his first year as a head coach after being an assistant for 31 years, and this group has some potential. The key to the season could be the start as they have the potential to open the year at 5-0 and the first game vs N Carolina will be a key to the conference standings. Friedgen has a solid shot at guiding this veteran squad to a bowl game in his first season in College Park.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Marcus Wimbush	5-11 180 PS#34
DB Randy Starks	6-5 290 PS#47
OL Raheem Lewis	6-3 335 PS#48
DB Mario Merrills	5-10 180 PS#43
DB Dominique Foxworth	5-11 175 PS#50
OL Russell Bonham	6-4 339 PS#62
DB Jamal Chance	6-1 190 PS#30JC
OL Tim Donovan	6-6 316 PS#120
OL Matthew Powell	6-4 315 PS#132
DB Al Patterson	6-3 260 PS#146
LB Maurice Smith	6-0 210 PS#118
RB Gerrick McPhearson	5-11 185 PS#153
DB Derek Miller	6-8 240 PS#162
RB Jason Crawford	6-2 215 PS#222
OL Jason Holman	6-2 270 PS#309

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Shaun Hill Sr. 6-3 225 PS#157JUCO. 3 sts ly (inj) 778 yds (58%), 6-4 ratio, 186 rush. **Latrez Harrison** (6-3 223 So) PS#16. **Chris Kelley** (6-2 198 rFr) PS#18.
RB Bruce Perry So. 5-9 190 PS#40. 195 yds (6.5) as true. Redshirt in 2000. **Marc Riley** (6-3 225 Sr) PS#24DB. 36 yds rush, 3 yrs. **Mario Merrills** is PS#43DB.
FB James Lynch So. 5-11 261 PS#104. 7 games as true, 6 rush yds, 2 rec. **Chad Kilian** (6-2 256 Jr) PS#360, 11 games in 2 yrs. **Bernard Fidler** (6-1 241 So) PS#108LB.
WR SCOOTER MONROE JR. 6-1 185 PS#59. 3 rec (26.7) as true. 10 sts ly. 14 rec (12.8). **Maurice Shanks** (6-4 184 rFr) PS#26. **Ike Roberts** (5-11 168 rFr) PS#313. **Rob Abiamiri** (6-3 213 Jr) PS#130.
WR GUILIAN GARY SR. 6-0 187 PS#108. 3 sts in 99, 24 rec (10.7), 399 return yds. 10 sts ly. #1 w/40 rec (14.2). **Jafar Williams** (6-2 193 So) 9 rec ly. **Steve Suter** (5-9 186 rFr) PS#72.
TE JEFF DUGAN SO. 6-4 263 PS#114. 10 sts as rFr. Solid blk/r, #2 w/25 rec (12.8). **Eric James** (6-2 263 Sr) PS#54DL. 3 sts, 12 rec, 2 years. **Matt Murphy** (6-5 261 Sr).
C MELVIN FOWLER SR. 6-3 292. D-Line till 10 days before opener as rFr yet 11 starts at C. 11 starts in 99. 11 starts ly. **Brandon Miller** (6-2 296 So) PS#174DL.
RG LAMAR BRYANT SO. 6-3 307 PS#103OL. 6 starts as rFr, 9 games. Added 14 lbs. **Raheem Lewis** (6-3 335) is PS#48. **Russell Bonham** (6-4 339) is PS#62 this year.
LG TODD WIKE JR. 6-3 295 PS#30TE. 10 starts at LG as rFr. 11 starts at LG in 2000. **Reggie Kemp** (6-4 332 rFr) PS#75. **Ed Tyler** (6-3 300 So) PS#162. 1 game ly.
RT MATT CRAWFORD JR. 6-6 311 PS#110OL. 11 sts at RT as rFr. 9 starts ly (inj). **Chris Snader** (6-5 293 Sr) PS#402, 3 starts, 2 years. **CJ Brooks** (6-5 304 Sr) was PS#147.
LT Eric Dumas So. 6-6 300 PS#151DL. 5 games as rFr and lettered. **Lu Lombardo** (6-6 301 rFr) PS#114OL and **Kyle Schmitt** (6-5 298 rFr) PS#50OL will vie for PT.
K Nick Novak rFr. 6-0 186. 13 of 14 FG's, long of 50 as Sr in high school. **Vedad Siljkovic** (6-2 218 Jr) 22 TB's on 35 KO's. 6 of 9 FG's at JC. KO's here ly & pooch punter.

DE SCOTT SMITH SO. 6-4 260 PS#244. 12 tkl, 3 sks as rFr. **Durrand Roundtree** (6-3 250 Jr) PS#243. 5 sts, 22 tkl, 3 ft ly. **Landon Jones** (6-4 256 So) PS#190. 2 sts, 12 tkl (inj).
DT James Evans Sr. 6-4 320 PS#25JUCO. 7 games on OL here last year. **CJ Feldheim** (6-3 263 So) PS#137LB. 6 tkl, 1 sk in 4 gms as true. **Randy Starks** is PS#47DL.
NT CHARLES HILL SR. 6-2 292. 3 sts, 16 tkl as true. 3 sts, 23 tkl, 3 ft ly in 99. 9 starts last year (inj) 43 tkl, 3 sks, 3 ft. **William Shime** (6-4 265 Jr) has 9 tkl, 1 ft in 2 yrs.
RLB MICHAEL WHALEY SO. 6-1 233 PS#299DL. 11 sts as rFr. 68 tkl, 5 sks, 7 ft. **Ryan Swift** (6-1 238 Sr) PS#217RB. 24 tkl, 1 sk, 3 yrs. **Kevin Eli** (6-4 253 rFr) PS#117DL.
SLB ALAIRON THOMPSON SR. 6-1 234 PS#120RB. 11 sts as rFr. 87 tkl, 12 games 2Y. 99, 111 tkl, 16.5 ft ly. 11 sts ly, 81 tkl, 7 sks, 2 ft. **Leroy Ambush** (6-1 220 So) PS#56. 8 tkl as true.
MLB E.J. HENDERSON JR. 6-2 238 PS#82. 2 sts as rFr. 39 tkl, 10 sts ly (inj) #1 w/109 tkl, 13 ft. **Kevin Bishop** (6-2 223 Sr) PS#278DL. 9 sts, 84 tkl, 7 ft ly in 99. 1 st, 9 tkl ly (inj).
WLB MARLON MOYE-MOORE SR. 6-1 230 PS#63DB. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/130 tkl, 5 ft. **HM ACC**. 11 sts ly, #2 w/108 tkl, 5 ft. **Reggie Lewis** (6-0 233 Sr) PS#292. 14 tkl, 12 games 2Y.
CB CUROME COX SO. 6-1 185 PS#125SR. 9 sts as rFr. 33 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **Dennard Wilson** (5-11 183 So) PS#124WR. 1 st as true, 16 tkl. **Rovel Hamilton** (6-1 177 So) PS#82.
CB TONY OKANLAWON SR. 5-11 186 PS#127. 6 sts, 39 tkl as true. 3 sts in 99, 31 tkl, 3 pbu. 11 sts ly, 40 tkl, 6 pbu, 1 int. **Dominique Foxworth** (5-11 175) is PS#50. **Andrew Smith**, Jr, 1 st, 5 pbu ly.
SS TONY JACKSON SR. 6-1 209 PS#110. 3 sts, 29 tkl in 3 inj played years. 10 sts ly, #3 w/101 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Rod Littles** (5-11 204 Sr) PS#197. 9 sts in 99, 84 tkl, 2 int.
FS Randall Jones Sr. 6-2 223 PS#167QB. 4 starts, 567 pass, 382 rush in 99. 2 starts at FS, 27 tkl, 2 pbu in 99. 3 sts ly, 41 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **Jamal Chance** is PS#30JUCO.
P BROOKS BARNARD JR. 6-2 182 PS#25K and originally at Oklahoma. Took over punting duties in 99 in 8 games. 49 punts ly, #4 NCAA 44.7 avg but did have a pooch punter.

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Despite coming close the last 2 years going 5-6, the Terps have had just 2 winning SU seasons since 1990 & no bowl bids. The Terps are 10-14 SU at home last 4 years. Terps are 5-12 ATS as an away favorite since 1987. Maryland is 10-4 ATS in sandwiched home games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	N Carolina	G												
Sep. 8	E Michigan	G												
Sep. 15	W Virginia	G												
Sep. 22	at Wake Forest	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Virginia	G												
Oct. 11	at Georgia Tech (Thurs)	G												
Oct. 20	Duke (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Florida St	G												
Nov. 3	Troy St	G												
Nov. 10	Clemson	G												
Nov. 17	at NC State	G												
Nov. 24														

The Terrapins are 4-2 ATS the last 6 years in their 1st lined game. UM is 5-9 ATS their L/14 vs the Tar Heels but 3-0 ATS the last 3. Maryland is 2-5-1 ATS the last 3 years as a home favorite. UM was 0-4 ATS last year in September. The home team is 4-1-1 ATS the last 6 in this series. The dog is 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 in this matchup. Maryland is 2-7-1 ATS their last 10 prior to a bye. UM is 7-15-1 L/23 ATS when traveling to Tobacco Road* schools.

The Terps are 15-28-1 ATS in October the last 11 years. The visitor is 12-5 ATS the last 17 in this series. MD is 12-20-2 ATS as a road dog since 1993. UM is 4-8 ATS their last 12 vs the Yellow Jackets. The underdog is 12-3 ATS the last 15 in this series. Maryland is 3-1 ATS at home vs the Blue Devils. The average score of the last 9 meetings is FSU 51, UM 14. The Terps are 1-5 ATS the last 6 vs the Seminoles. Fighting turtles are 3-7-1 ATS when favored by 9 or more. Pending the opener, Maryland is 7-3-2 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more HG's. The home team is 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 in this series. Terps are 6-3 ATS last 9 in their final home game. MD is 1-3-1 ATS the last 5 meetings with the Wolfpack. The favorite is 1-5-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

*Tobacco Road schools are: Duke, North Carolina, NC State and Wake Forest.

STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (48,055) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total	
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	5-6	2-9	3-8	5-6	5-6	30-47	
ATS	7-4	6-5	3-6-1	3-6-2	4-5-1	6-4	5-6	34-36-4	
Home Fav	2-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	1-2	1-2	8-7-1	
Home Dog	3-0	3-1	1-0	0-3-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	11-8-1	
Away Fav	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	4-6	
Away Dog	2-3	1-2	0-4-1	1-2-1	3-2	1-1	3-1	11-15-2	
Favorite	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-1-1	3-3	1-3	12-13-1	
Dog	5-3	4-3	1-4-1	1-5-2	4-4	3-1	4-3	22-23-3	
Grass	5-3	5-4	3-6	2-6-2	4-4-1	5-4	5-5	29-32-3	
Artificial	2-1	1-1	0-0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	5-4-1	
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	2-4-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	25-29-2	
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	0-1-1	2-0	0-3	9-7-2	
Off SU Win	3-1	4-2	0-4	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	14-14	
Off SU Loss	4-2	1-3	2-2-1	2-4-2	2-4-1	3-2	3-2	17-19-4	

MARYLAND (5-6) CONFERENCE: ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 45 (18,24,3)
Lost: 20 (15,2,3)



MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	
7*	22.5	17	124	3.6	211	54.5	14.9	+3	2000	6	25.8	23	186	4.1	254	58.2	17.0
9*	26.5	16	231	5.2	144	48.3	13.6	+9	1999	6	23.6	20	126	3.4	247	59.2	12.5
6	18.4	15	161	3.8	117	45.5	15.2	-2	1998	5	26.4	19	159	3.9	202	53.9	13.7
5*	14.6	16	88	2.3	174	58.6	18.0	+8	1997	4	32.3	22	175	4.2	227	62.5	12.5
8*	17.0	14	135	3.1	135	48.3	15.9	+9	1996	8	21.7	17	141	3.3	179	53.4	14.7
5*	19.1	18	98	2.8	219	62.4	16.6	+1	1995	9	22.8	20	157	3.8	194	56.8	15.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Temple	17	36-100	2.8	11-23	154	1	22	36-104	2.9	25-37	339	6	-1
at W Virginia	16	30-71	2.4	19-30	215	0	25	45-276	6.1	14-22	165	0	+2
Mid Tenn St	23	38-171	4.5	21-31	357	0	23	31-129	4.2	30-52	342	2	-1
Florida St	8	26-124	4.8	10-27	100	1	29	63-260	4.1	18-27	353	6	-1
at Virginia	15	31-109	3.5	14-34	207	0	24	59-263	4.5	12-20	222	1	+2
at Clemson	12	37-82	2.2	8-22	179	4	26	61-278	4.6	10-20	186	1	-1
Wake Forest	24	42-233	5.5	20-31	246	3	21	30-72	2.4	29-50	354	3	+3
at Duke	15	34-172	5.1	12-23	182	2	19	40-13	0.3	22-38	253	10	0
NC State	22	41-138	3.4	21-34	200	4	25	47-218	4.6	16-35	183	1	0
at N Carolina	17	47-145	3.1	16-31	164	3	10	38-241	6.3	7-16	42	2	+2
Georgia Tech	18	22-20	0.9	29-46	318	2	27	53-193	3.6	19-30	354	0	-2
TOTALS	187	384-1365	3.6	181-332	2322	20	251	503-2047	4.1	202-347	2793	32	+3
AVERAGES	17.0	35-124	3.6	16-30	211	1.8	22.8	46-186	4.1	18-32	254	2.9	0.3

Coach: RALPH FRIEDGEN (Career 0-0) Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND					
1st Year at Maryland	0-0	Home Favorite			
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog			
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite			
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog			
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf			
YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
82	Aloha	+1	Washington	20-21	T
83	Citrus	-3'	Tennessee	23-30	L
84	Sun	-7	Tennessee	28-27	L
85	Cherry	-7'	Syracuse	35-18	W
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34	L

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-23'	30-6	W	Ohio U	-12	14-21	L	James Madison	NL	23-15	-	at Temple	-5'	6-0	W	Temple	-10	17-10	L
UAB	NL	39-15	-	at Florida St	+34	7-50	L	at Virginia	+30	19-31	W	W Carolina	NL	51-10	-	at W Virginia	+10	17-30	L
at Virginia	+12	3-21	L	N Carolina	+24	14-40	L	at W Virginia	+19	20-42	L	W Virginia	+6	33-0	W	Mid Tenn St	-20	45-27	L
at W Virginia	+13	0-13	T	at Temple	-2'	24-21	W	Temple	-10	30-20	T	at Georgia Tech	+19'	31-49	W	Florida St	+30	7-59	L
NC State	-9	8-34	L	Duke	-3'	16-10	W	Florida St	+28	10-24	W	at Wake Forest	-1	17-14	W	at Virginia	+10'	23-31	W
at N Carolina	+26	7-38	L	W Virginia	+9'	14-31	L	at Clemson	+7	0-23	L	Clemson	-1	30-42	L	at Clemson	+31'	14-35	W
Wake Forest	-8'	52-0	W	at Wake Forest	+7'	17-35	L	Wake Forest	-1	10-20	L	N Carolina	-9	45-7	W	Wake Forest	-12'	37-7	W
at Duke	-7	22-19	L	Clemson	+11	9-20	T	Georgia Tech	+13	14-31	L	Duke	-9'	22-25	L	at Duke	-11'	20-9	L
at Clemson	+6	3-35	L	Virginia	+8'	0-45	L	at N Carolina	+16	13-24	W	at NC State	-1'	17-30	L	NC State	+6	35-28	W
Georgia Tech	+6	13-10	W	at NC State	+17	28-45	T	at Duke	+9	42-25	W	at Florida St	+33	10-49	L	at N Carolina	+7	10-13	W
† Florida St	+34'	10-48	L	at Georgia Tech	+19'	18-37	W	NC State	+10	21-35	L	Virginia	+9	30-34	W	Georgia Tech	+10	22-35	L

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS



RB Antwoine Womack heads up one of the top RB corps in the country.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Cavs appeared to be in great shape at this position last year with returning starter Dan Ellis. He was among the NCAA leaders in pass efficiency at the end of September. He injured his hamstring at the end of the first half vs Maryland and would not be 100% the rest of the year and in fact missed three starts. Ellis threw for 1,668 yards (55.4%) with a 7-4 ratio and rushed for 223 yards. Welsh could not decide between the backup QB's as the race was close but Bryson Spinner (PS#15) had a big game vs NC State, leading the team to a win, and took over the starter's job. Spinner had 3 starts and threw for 589 yards (47%) with a 1-4 ratio while also rushing for 191 yards. Ellis was a drop back passer but Spinner brought the Cavs back to the type of QB they're used to with players like Don Majkowski, Shawn Moore and Aaron Brooks. Spinner hopes to be as productive as those three and should improve with a year of experience. Matt Schaub was PS#42 and is more of a drop back QB but did hit 13 of 18 passes in 2000, and will contend. He does have mobility and is clearly the more accurate passer and at the end of last year even Welsh considered him a co-favorite to win the job. They were still a close 1-2 at the end of spring. Spinner hit 11 of 18 in the spring game while Schaub hit just 4 of 16. Billy Schweitzer (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#160. Of course new head coaches like their own recruits so I would not rule out a true frosh entering the rotation. Overall, this unit could be improved over last year's banged up and then inexperienced bunch even with the loss of their starter.

RUNNING BACKS - One area in which George Welsh excelled was recruiting top-notch RB's with Tiki Barber and Thomas Jones both going on to become 2nd and 1st round DC's, respectively, in the last few years. Last year Arlen Harris (PS#3) won the starter's job out of the spring but he was injured in the opener and saw little action after that. Antwoine Womack (PS#21) returned from a year's absence to simply lead the ACC in rushing, giving the Cavs three straight 1,000 yard rushers and 5 in the last 6 years. Both Womack and Harris return. Jon Ward (PS#35) was forced to play last year as a true frosh and rushed for 74 yards (3.4). He may be a candidate for a redshirt year but was listed at #2 FB in spring. They also add Marquis Weeks (5-11 196 rFr) who was PS#52 and true frosh Alvin Pearman (PS#71). While they do lose solid blocking FB Pat Washington, I expect Foreman to move over from his backup TB role after rushing for 424 yards (5.2) last season. John Duckett (6-1 226 Sr) who was last year's backup FB moved back to OLB in spring. This unit is more experienced than last year and with Harris being healthy has added talent and is clearly one of the ACC's best.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cavs had almost everyone back including all

3 starters but this year suffer some losses in Kevin Coffey (10 sts, 20 rec, 14.1), TE Billy Baber (HM ACC, 12 sts, 22 rec, 11.5, #5 DC of KC) and Demetrius Dotson (PS#14, 30 rec, 13.7). They do have some talent returning. Billy McMullen reminds me of former Cav Herman Moore and he broke Moore's frosh receiving records in 1999. McMullen has great size and good speed at 4.45 and led the team with 31 rec (18.0). James Johnson who was PS#50 and TE Chris Luzar (PS#34) figure to step into the other starting slots. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed in the two deep are Jeremiah Chambliss (5-10 162 rFr, PS#235), Sharif Rosales-Webb (6-1 198 So) who was PS#76 and 4 HT true frosh (see Top Newcomers) including the #1 TE this year. This still looks like a very strong receiving corps, but with the loss of 3 of their top 4 receivers I'll call it down a little.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In each of the last 3 years the Cavs have returned 3 starters. Last year they had to replace the first AA center in school history as John St Clair was a 3rd round draft pick and a two time 1st Team All ACC player. Four players were back with starting experience but starting LG Jared Woodson went down to injury after the 3rd week of the season. The Cavs went from averaging 4.4 ypc down to 4.0 last year. This season they must replace RT Brad Barnes (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and C Dustin Keith (12 sts). Overall 5 players return with starting experience and their top 3 OL's are basically all back so this unit is in better shape for 2001, and even with a new offensive system, it should perform better.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Cavs had to replace 4 players who combined for 29 starts but essentially had 2 starters returning. They lost starting DE Boo Battle to injury for a good portion of the year and the top 9 DL's last year consisted of 4 juniors, 2 soph's, 1 rFr and 2 true frosh. For 10 straight years UVA had a 1st or 2nd Team All-ACC pick from the D-line but has not had one in the last 2 seasons. After allowing 4.1 ypc in 1999 with 30 sacks, the team managed just 16 sacks last year and gave up 4.4 ypc. However, they should have an All ACC performer this season as this unit is so deep that I list a 3 deep below and could not even fit all the HT's on the unit. Not listed are DT's Butch Jefferson (6-4 288 Jr, PS#50L), Andrew Hoffman (6-4 259 So), who was PS#110DL and had 3 tackles as a true frosh, Justin Walker (6-2 278 So, PS#166) and Richard Rogers (6-4 277 So, PS#144). Naturally with everyone back and a year's worth of experience, I look for this unit to be strongly improved over the 2000 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Cavs had to replace just one starter last year but he was a 2nd Team ACC Honoree and their leading tackler. They had 2 starters return plus a 1998 starter, Donny Green, was also back so they were in great shape. The 3 LB's lived up to their potential as they were #1, #2 and #3 in tackles. This year it's quite a different story as ILB Yubenal Isabelle (12 sts, #1 tk/r, 5 flt), OLB Byron Thweatt (12 sts, #2 tk/r, 2nd Tm ACC, 9 flt) and OLB Green (8 sts, #3 tk/r, 6 flt) all depart. While this unit was hit hard by graduation, I think Ray Mann is a star of the future at one OLB spot and Angelo Crowell has 5 career starts to his credit. Merrill Robertson was moved from DE and gives a large presence in the middle along with FB transfer John Duckett at OLB. I list the 2 deep below. Two players who could contribute who are not listed are OLB Darnell Hollier (6-2 205 Jr, PS#28WR) who had 12 tackles and 2 sks as a rFr and OLB Robert Cosby (6-1 219 So) who was PS#136RB. Both were academically ineligible last season but could rejoin the team. Also in the mix is ex-DL Antonio Mayfield (6-3 215 Jr, PS#79TE). Yes, this unit is clearly weaker with the loss of its 3 starters, but does have solid talent available and keep in mind last year's Cavs defense was far from overwhelming.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cavs secondary used to snag a lot of int's as they had 20 or more for four straight years. The last 3 years they have had just 12, 19 and 11. Despite having to replace 4 starters in 1998, the Cavs finished #15 in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they had to replace 4 players who combined for 23 starts and were hit hard by injuries and dropped to #74. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups but had 5 players returning with starting experience, although CB Hawkins' 7 starts came at WR. This year they must replace CB Tim Spruill (9 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu, HM ACC) and CB Ahmad Hawkins (12 sts, 46 tkls, 4 int). Four players return with starting experience including both safeties and Art Thomas looks like a talented CB prospect as does true frosh Randy Jones who could find his way into the lineup. This unit actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last year, a season in which they finished #73, allowing 59.4% with an 11-11 ratio. They also get the big return of FS Chris Williams who had 11 starts, 72 tackles, 2 int's and 5 pbu in 1999 but was academically ineligible last year. I will look for them to move up in the pass D rankings this year.

VIRGINIA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Antwoine Womack	225	1158	82	1076	9	4.8					
Tyree Foreman	81	440	16	424	8	5.2					
Bryson Spinner	41	191	71	120	0	2.9					
Arlen Harris	25	105	4	101	1	4.0					
Dan Ellis	57	223	139	84	1	1.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Dan Ellis	213	118	55.4	1668	7	4					
Bryson Spinner	83	39	47.0	589	1	4					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Billy McMullen	31	559	18.0	3	68						
Demetrius Dotson	30	410	13.7	1	42						
Billy Baber	22	254	11.5	0	23						
Kevin Coffey	20	283	14.1	2	48						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Mike Abrams	70	2992	42.7	18	40.0	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
David Greene	3-4	5-5	3-7	0-0	11-16	48					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAY					
Y. Isabelle	133	2	3	5	0	William Clark	48	0	1	1	0
B. Thweatt	132	2	7	4	1	L. Stamenich	47	4	1	1	0
D. Green	116	0	6	0	0	A. Hawkins	46	0	2	1	4
A. Crowell	90	0	1	2	0	D. Sanders	45	2	1	1	1
J. Evans	60	0	2	1	0	T. Spruill	42	0	1	6	2
D. Simmons	50	0	2	0	1	M. Robertson	38	1	3	2	0
S. Newby	49	0	3	1	1	M. Pope	34	2	4	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
J. Johnson	20	115	5.8	0	Tavon Mason	20	377	18.9	0		

SPECIAL TEAMS - George Welsh always had great special teams units and from 1994-'96 they were ranked #20, #14 and #8 in my rankings. The past 4 years, however, they slipped a bit and were just #53, #64, #85 and last year #48. Last year's #48 finish was surprising considering the emergence of P Mike Abrams who was #3 in the ACC and 16th in the NCAA in punting with a 42.7 average. His directional punting helped the team rank #5 in the NCAA with a net of 40.0. Luckily for the new coach, Abrams returns this year. K David Greene has handled the KO's for 3 years and last year not only had 18 touchbacks but 30 of his 49 KO's reached the EZ. He should continue to improve in that area this year. Although the Cavs allowed 21.8 on KR's, only 30 were returned. UVA also allowed 11.4 per PR but once again only 17 were returned. James Johnson averaged just 5.8 on PR's but did have a 61 yard PR for a TD called back on a penalty. They did lose their top PR Arlen Harris to injury early in the year and Harris averaged 12.4 on PR's in 1999. Art Thomas handled KR's as a true frosh and averaged just 18.1 while Tavon Mason averaged 18.9. I look for solid improvement in the return game and also for Abrams to duplicate last year's outstanding season and this unit should show some solid improvement in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I think George Welsh was one of the best coaches in the country as he posted an amazing 13 consecutive seasons with 7 wins or more at a school that had not even been to a bowl game prior to his arrival and they were invited to 12 during his tenure. Last year they made it to another bowl game but a loss in the postseason cost them a shot at extending the 7 win streak. Welsh's final season was not a fitting cap to his legacy but he leaves as the winningest coach in ACC history. Last year the Cavs expanded their stadium and set records for the largest crowds in state history but also saw their streak of not being shutout end against Georgia Tech (the ACC's longest). New Head Coach Al Groh comes from the NY Jets and brings in Bill Musgrave as his OC (Carolina Panthers' OC last season). They have 5 starters back on offense, should have more stability at the all important QB position and also have one of the top RB corps in the country. Virginia should easily top last year's 20.2 ppg. Al Golden was brought in as the DC and he was the Penn St LB coach last year. The defense was forced to play 5 true frosh in 1999 and had a ton of injuries allowing an unheard of 30.4 ppg under Welsh. While they lowered that to 24.3 last year the defense recorded only 16 sacks, the least in the ACC. They have six starters back on that side of the ball and look even tougher.

Overall the Cavs lose just 16 letterman from last year's contingent but have a killer schedule this season including non-conference games against Wisconsin, Penn St and Virginia Tech and in conference play face 4 of their conference peers on the road. Despite having solid talent this is a tough task for Groh as the team must pick up the new schemes on both sides of the ball and he must establish a rapport with the players. I will call for the Cavs to go through a rebuilding year this season and end their 3 year streak of bowl appearances.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

TE Patrick Estes 6-7 240 PS#1	WR Randy Jones 5-10 180 PS#14
DB Scott Robinson 6-0 170 PS#32	LB Melvin Massey 6-3 235 PS#23
TE Tyree Spinner 6-7 250 PS#12	WR Ottowa Anderson 5-11 183 PS#61
WR Alvin Pearman 5-10 192 PS#71	QB Heath Miller 6-4 225 PS#55
TE Mawasi Falana 6-3 270 PS#29	TE Darryl Blackstock 6-4 210 PS#30
OL Elton Brown 6-4 315 PS#88	LB Bryan White 6-1 230 PS#85
DL Matt Stone 6-3 235 PS#174	DL Brennan Schmidt 6-3 265 PS#235
DB Marques Hagans 5-10 196 PS#372	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Bryson Spinner So. 6-2 225 PS#15QB. 7 games as rFr, 3 starts, 589 yds (47%), 1-4 ratio, 191 yds rush. **Matt Schaub** (6-5 222 So) PS#42, hit 13 of 18 passes ly.

RB **ANTWOINE WOMACK SR.** 6-0 215 PS#21, 208 yds as true. 2nd Tm ACC in '98, 718 yds (6.2). Susp in '99. 1st Tm ACC ly. 1076 yds (4.8). **Arlen Harris** (5-11 205 Jr) PS#3, 131 yds in '99. 5-11 224 PS#23, 1st, 110 yards as rFr, 122 yds rush (5.1) in '99. 424 yds (5.2) ly & only lost yds on 3 carries. **Jon Ward** (6-0 222 So) PS#35, 74 yds as true.

WR James Johnson Jr. 6-1 189 PS#50, 3 rec as true, reds in '99. 12 rec (12.3) in 2000. **Tavon Mason** (5-11 181 Jr) PS#244, Scout Tm QB in '98. 21 rec (15.9) in '99.

WR **BILLY McMULLEN JR.** 6-4 202 4.45 speed. 31 rec (16.6) as true, set UVA frosh record. 12 sts ly, #1 w/31 rec (18.0). **Michael McGrew** (6-2 184 So) PS#116, 6 rec as true.

TE Chris Luzar Sr. 6-7 250 PS#34TE. 3 rec in '98, 9 rec at WR/TE in '99. TE ly & 11 rec (14.4). **Patrick Estes** is PS#1TE. **Marcus Martin** (6-2 234 Jr) was PS#57QB.

C Jared Woodson Sr. 6-8 282 PS#213, 9 games as rFr. 4 sts at LG in 1999. 3 starts at LG til inj ly. **Mark Farrington** (6-2 264 Jr) PS#160OL. **Jay Green** (6-2 280 So).

RG **EVAN ROUTZAHN SR.** 6-5 303 PS#49OL. 5 sts as rFr. 12 sts at RG in 1999. 12 sts in 2000, HM ACC. **Micah Kimball** (6-4 284 So) PS#75DL, 2 games on OL in 2000.

LG **JOSH LAWSON SR.** 6-5 295 PS#60, 12 sts as rFr, 8 sts in 1999 at LT (inj). 9 sts at LG in 2000, 2nd Tm ACC. **Ben Carber** (6-1 305 So) was PS#35, 5 games last year.

RT Kevin Bailey So. 6-6 295 PS#234OL. 1 st as rFr, 8 games, top frosh award. **Mike Mullins** (6-8 297 Jr) PS#265OL, 6 games in 1999, 7 games in 2000, 1 letter.

LT **JERMESE JONES SR.** 6-6 320 PS#24DL. 4 games as true. 10 games in 1998. Inj'd in 1999. 12 sts at LT in 2000. **Elton Brown** is PS#88OL. **Drew Nelson** (6-6 282 Jr) PS#260.

K **DAVID GREENE SR.** 5-10 180 Was 2 of 2 on FG's in 1999. Has handled KO's for 3 yrs, 18 TB's in 2000. Hit 11 of 16 FG's ly with long of 48. **Bryan Smith** was PS#27K.

DE **DARRYL SANDERS SR.** 6-3 268 PS#69DL. 2 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 5 flt. 12 sts last year, 45 tkls, 3 flt, 485 plays. **Marcus Hardy** (6-3 219 Jr) PS#35TE. **Stan Norfleet** was PS#46TE.

DT **GEORGE STANLEY SR.** 6-2 292 PS#35OL. 18 tkls in '98 & '99. 8 sts ly, 30 tkls, 3 flt, 343 plays til inj. **Colin McWeeny** (6-4 275 Jr) PS#176, 2 sts as true, 3 sts ly, 52 tkls, 6 flt, 2 years.

DT **MONSANTO POPE SR.** 6-4 282 PS#54TE. 5 sts in '99 (inj). 12 sts ly, 34 tkls, 2 sks, 4 flt, 560 plays. **Won Top Lineman Award**. **Larry Simmons** (6-3 275 So) PS#177DL, 11 tkls, 3 sks as rFr.

DE **LJUBOMIR STAMENICH SR.** 6-3 250 PS#59DL, 4 flt as rFr. 12 sts in '99, 54 tkls, 6 sks, 753 plays. 11 sts ly, 47 tkls, 3 sks, 643 plays. **Boo Battle** (6-4 253 Jr) PS#85DL, 16 tkls, 2 int in 2 int played yrs.

OLB **Ray Mann So.** 6-1 220 PS#7LB. 11 tkls, 111 plays as true. **William Clark** (6-1 220 Sr) PS#89WR. 1 st, 20 tkls in '99, 48 tkls, 289 plays ly. **Dennis Haley** PS#98LB last year.

ILB **Rich Bedesem So.** 6-1 236 PS#87RB. 30 tkls, 109 plays as true. **John Duckett** (6-1 226 Sr) PS#83, FB ly. **Merrill Robertson** (6-1 250 Jr) 1 st at DE ly, 38 tkls, 4 flt, 395 plays, 4.5 spd.

OLB **Angelo Crowell Jr.** 6-1 224 PS#91LB. 1 st, 40 tkls, 3 flt as true. 4 sts, 430 plays, 90 tkls, 2 pbu ly. **Melvin Massey** is PS#23. **Beau Dickerson** (6-3 222 So) was PS#38TE.

CB **Rashad Robertson Jr.** 5-11 186 PS#86. 3 starts, 288 plays, 21 tkls, 1 int last year. **Randy Jones** (5-10 180) is PS#14DB. **Jay Dorsey** (6-2 180 rFr) was PS#86DB.

CB **Art Thomas So.** 6-2 203 PS#31RB in '99 & DNO. **Reenrolled**, 8 tkls as true, 154 plays. **Devon Simmons** (5-11 200 Sr) PS#49, 17 tkls in '98. **Sung** 99. 50 tkls, 411 plays ly.

SS **JERTON EVANS JR.** 5-11 195 PS#35WR. 10 sts as true, 49 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts ly, 601 plays, 60 tkls, 2 flt. **Jamaine Winborne** (5-10 199 So) PS#200. 12 tkls, 113 plays as true.

FS **SHERNARD NEWBY JR.** 6-1 208 PS#121WR. 2 sts as rFr, 392 plays. 12 sts ly, 49 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Chris Williams** (6-3 190 Jr) PS#137WR. 11 sts as rFr, 72 tkls, 2 int. Ineligible ly.

P **MIKE ABRAMS SR.** 6-4 224 PS#132TE. Backup P in '98. No punts in '99 but backup TE. #5 in NCAA in net punting ly, 70 punts, 42.7 avg & net of 40.0. 18 punts of 50+.

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia is 10-2 SU in their last 12 road night games. Despite allowing 207 yds passing last year vs Maryland, the Cavs have held the Terps to an avg of 130 ypg passing the last 6 years. UVA is 12-29 ATS (29%) the last 6 years after a SU win. UVA does not have a Cavalier attitude towards turnovers, as they have not had a negative T/O ratio in the last 11 years.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win	H	H	A	A	G	A	VS	VS
					VA	Opp	F	D	F	D	R	R	CONF	NON
														CONF
Aug. 25	at Wisconsin*	A												
Sep. 1	Richmond	G												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 13	Penn St (Thur)	G												
Sep. 22	at Clemson	G												
Sep. 29	Duke (HC)	G												
Oct. 6	at Maryland	G												
Oct. 13	at N Carolina	G												
Oct. 20	Florida St	G												
Oct. 27	at NC State	G												
Nov. 3	Wake Forest	G												
Nov. 10	Georgia Tech	G												
Nov. 17	Virginia Tech	G												
	*Eddie Robinson Classic													

Cavs are 10-4 ATS in road openers. UVA's last reg season meeting vs a Big 10 tm came in '95's season opener. Cavs have defeated Richmond by a combined score of 60-13 in the L/2 meetings. Won't apply since "NL", but UVA is 4-1 ATS the week prior to a bye. Bonus: UVA has covered just 3 of their last 9 lined home openers.

The Cavs won the last series meeting 14-6 as a 10 pt AD in 1989. Virginia is 20-13 ATS in September since 1992.

Virginia is 8-16 ATS their last 24 vs the Tigers. The underdog is 9-2 ATS the last 11 in this series.

Strange but true: The Cavs are 5-9 ATS in lined gms prior to Maryland. UVA is 11-7 ATS last 18 but 1-6 ATS their last 7 vs Duke.

Cavaliers are 8-17 ATS vs the Terps since 1976. Virginia is 2-8 ATS prior to NC since 1989.

UVA is 2-4 ATS L/6 & 0-3 L/3 in 2nd of back to back road games. The home team has dominated as they are 17-4 ATS in this series.

UVA was 7-14 ATS in Oct S/95 & is 3-9 ATS at home in Oct the L/12. Cavaliers are 2-7 ATS their last 9 vs Florida St, 0-4 ATS L4Y.

The Cavs are 4-0 ATS following FSU the last 4 years. The dog is 8-4 ATS last 12 in this series.

UVA's 17-0 SU streak vs WF is the 2nd longest in ACC history. The visiting team has covered 7 of the last 8 in this series.

Pending the WF outcome, the Cavs are 10-19 ATS in November S/92. The visitor has covered 9 of the past 15 meetings.

Cavaliers are 7-14 ATS their last 21 vs the Hokies. Virginia is 5-8 ATS in their last 13 home finales.

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-4	7-4	7-4	9-2	7-4	6-5	52-26
ATS	6-4	4-7	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	34-40
Home Fav	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	12-16
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	4-5
Away Fav	3-1	1-4	1-2	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	11-12
Away Dog	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	7-7
Favorite	5-3	2-7	5-3	2-4	5-4	2-4	2-3	23-28
Dog	1-1	2-0	2-1	1-3	1-1	3-2	1-4	11-12
Grass	3-2	4-6	7-4	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	31-37
Artificial	3-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	3-5	24-32
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-2	10-8
Off SU Win	4-3	2-6	4-3	1-5	4-4	1-5	0-6	16-32
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	14-5

Coach: AL GROH (Career 26-40)
Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

1st Year at Virginia	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Peach	-6'	Georgia	34-27	W
96	Carquest	+3'	Miami (Fla)	21-31	L
98	Peach	-2'	Georgia	33-35	L
99	MicronPC	-2'	Illinois	21-63	L
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia	14-37	L

VIRGINIA (6-6)

CONFERENCE:
ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 40 (17,21,2)
Lost: 16 (9,6,1)



VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
7	20.2	18	162	4.0	198	54.1	17.9	0	2000	6	24.3	21	182	4.4	238
7	28.8	22	190	4.4	211	57.3	13.9	+4	1999	5	30.4	20	180	4.1	233
6	29.8	21	212	5.0	215	51.7	14.3	+11	1998	8	20.6	17	122	3.3	215
4	25.2	18	118	3.2	232	59.6	13.9	+6	1997	4	25.2	16	114	3.2	210
5	28.4	19	190	4.6	189	47.3	13.3	+2	1996	6	16.9	16	104	2.6	195
9	29.1	20	168	4.0	221	55.1	13.4	+13	1995	7	20.8	20	109	3.1	269

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS	BY	TURN
BYU	19	42-270	6.4	13-23	217	1	25	34-93	2.7	34-42	447	5	+	2	
Richmond	19	32-107	3.3	19-28	299	2	15	53-228	4.3	2-9	13	0	+	1	
at Duke	23	45-119	2.6	20-30	333	4	16	34-133	3.9	18-36	198	2	+	1	
Clemson	17	36-111	3.1	17-39	170	2	20	43-327	7.6	15-25	154	0	+	3	
at Wake Forest	23	47-237	5.0	16-27	179	4	17	34-154	4.5	14-30	153	1	+	1	
Maryland	24	59-263	4.5	12-20	222	2	15	31-109	3.5	14-34	207	0	-	2	
at Florida St	17	46-33	0.7	14-27	166	6	21	33-128	3.9	22-35	426	1	-	3	
N Carolina	11	33-105	3.2	8-15	122	5	23	49-157	3.2	22-39	223	4	+	1	
at Georgia Tech	15	29-154	5.3	14-30	136	2	34	57-304	5.3	29-37	323	0	-	3	
NC State	16	44-231	5.3	7-17	149	2	24	37-137	3.7	25-46	266	2	+	1	
at Virginia Tech	15	34-171	5.0	9-24	157	3	26	53-259	4.9	16-25	202	0	0	0	
Georgia (Bowl)	20	38-144	3.8	22-36	226	1	21	34-157	4.6	25-39	241	1	-	2	
TOTALS	219	485-1945	4.0	171-316	2376	34	257	492-2186	4.4	236-397	2853	16	0	0	
AVERAGES	18.3	40-162	4.0	14-26	198	2.8	21.4	41-182	4.4	20-33	238	1.3	0.0		

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
C Michigan	-25'	55-21 W	Auburn	+4'	17-28 L	at Auburn	-2	19-0 W	at N Carolina	+2'	20-17 W	BYU	-6'	35-38 L
Maryland	-12	21-3 W	Richmond	NL	26-7 -	Maryland	-30	31-19 L	at Clemson	-5	14-33 L	Richmond	NL	34-6 -
at Wake Forest	-18	42-7 W	at N Carolina	+14	20-48 L	Clemson	-15	20-18 L	Wake Forest	-10'	35-7 W	at Duke	-20	26-10 L
Texas	-4	37-13 W	Wake Forest	-10	21-13 L	at Duke	-10	24-0 W	at BYU	+7	45-40 W	Clemson	+9	10-31 L
at Georgia Tech	-7	7-13 L	at Clemson	+5'	21-7 W	San Jose St	-28	52-14 W	Virginia Tech	+5'	7-31 L	at Wake Forest	-16'	27-10 W
NC State	-19	62-14 W	Duke	-16	13-10 L	at Georgia Tech	-2'	38-41 L	Duke	-17	17-24 L	Maryland	-10'	31-23 L
at Florida St	+17	24-31 W	Florida St	+19	21-47 L	NC State	-10'	23-13 L	at NC State	E/-1	47-26 W	at Florida St	+32	3-37 L
at Duke	-26	27-3 L	at Maryland	-8'	45-0 W	at Wake Forest	-12'	38-17 W	Florida St	+13'	10-35 L	N Carolina	-4'	17-6 W
Clemson	-16	16-24 L	Georgia Tech	-4'	35-31 L	at Florida St	+17	14-45 L	Georgia Tech	+7	45-38 W	at Georgia Tech	+9'	0-35 L
N Carolina	+2'	20-17 W	at NC State	-2'	24-31 L	N Carolina	-10	30-13 W	Buffalo	-49	50-21 L	NC State	+1	24-17 W
at Virginia Tech	+1'	9-26 L	Virginia Tech	-4'	34-20 W	at Virginia Tech	+2'	36-32 W	at Maryland	-9	34-30 L	at Virginia Tech	+20	21-42 L

DUKE BLUE DEVILS



QB D Bryant was PS#32 and hopes to live up to that potential this season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Blue Devils QB position has been in a state of flux over the previous 4 years due mostly to injuries and poor performances. Spencer Romine had Duke's first 400 yard passing game in ten years in 1999 and returned last year as the starting QB. He struggled in the 2nd year of the Airborne Offense, throwing for 613 yards (45%) with a 1-9 ratio. He suffered a concussion vs Vanderbilt and D. Bryant got the start vs Clemson and did not relinquish the job. Bryant threw for 1,448 yards (50%) with a 5-10 ratio and got better almost every game, including a 310 yard performance vs NC State in which he had 3 TD's and set a school record with 16 consecutive completions. Unfortunately, Bryant hit just 3 of 13 for 18 yards in the season finale and Romine finished the game. Both Romine and Bobby Campbell depart but Bryant (PS#32) should do much better with a year's seasoning and took snaps as the clear 1st stringer all spring. He has a strong arm and is very athletic and had 2 rec's last year including a TD. He hit 17 of 28 for 171 yards but had 3 int's in the spring game. Chris Wispelway (6-5 200 rFr) was PS#71 and Adam Smith (6-5 180 rFr) was PS#90. Darryl Scott (6-3 205 rFr) was PS#225DB and had 4.56 speed. Duke's QB's in the first 6 games had a very poor 1-12 ratio but improved to a 7-10 ratio over the last five, and I expect a solid year from Bryant.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1998 a true frosh DB, BJ Hill, did not really want to play RB but was forced into the lineup due to injuries and ended up setting a Duke frosh record with 798 yards (4.2). The Devils had a solid year on the ground in 1998 getting 147 ppg. In 1999, despite the fact that practically everyone was back and Franks brought in some HT recruits, the rushing production was cut in half to 73.6 ypg, the lowest in the ACC. Last year it did not get much better as they averaged just 82.4 ypg (2.4). Duane Epperson was the leading returning rusher and finished with 400 yards (3.6) but he departs. Chris Douglas led all frosh in the NCAA in all-purpose yards (1,442). He came on down the stretch at RB with 77 and 78 yard outings in the last 2 games and led the team with 503 yards (4.6) rushing. He has the 4th fastest ever mark in the 60M for the Duke track team so his speed is solid and he added strength in the offseason. FB Alex Wade (6-0 243 SO) was PS#87 and was the 3rd leading rusher with 66 yards and added 78 yards receiving. Besides Epperson, they also lose FB Devin Pierce (4 sts, 4 rec, 59 total yards), but everyone else is back and there is some added talent. Also in the mix here at FB is Zach Novak (6-2 235 rFr), and Seth Carter (6-1 223 SO) who was PS#142LB and the long snapper as a true frosh last year. After paltry rushing productions the last 2 years, this unit can only improve in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year Duke had to replace all three starters from this unit

including their top 2 WR's who each had more than double the receptions of the top returning WR's. It was a very young group and at the start of the year they dropped a lot of passes. TE Mike Hart emerged and led all ACC TE's in rec's and was voted Team MVP with 31 rec's and a super 17.4 ypc. WR Ben Erdeljac matched him in rec's but averaged just 10.6 ypc. This year the only loss from the group is WR Nick Hartofilis who had 3 starts and was the #5 receiver with 21 rec's. Franks has done a solid job recruiting in this area, even landing a couple of near VHT's. I list the talented 2 deep below and Love and Battier both have excellent size and figure to be among Duke's all-time leading receivers when they leave here. This unit looks to be much more dangerous this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Franks has had some very experienced offensive lines, returning 4 starters in each of his first 2 years. Surprisingly in the first year of the Airborne Offense they averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing but impressively did allow only 19 sacks. Last year seven players returned with starting experience and while they made a slight improvement on the rushing to 2.4 ypc, the group allowed 55 sacks which sounds like the O-line of an O-11 team. This year 3 full-time starters are back and overall 4 players in the 2 deep have starting experience. They must replace C Troy Andrew (11 sts, 3 yr str) and RT Wes White (10 sts, 3 yr str) as well as OT Mike Alberto (4 sts) and backup RG Robert Fleming. They have a decent amount of HT's and Christian Mitchell played some at tackle as a true frosh last year until a shoulder injury. Drew Strojny started the last 8 games as a rFr with fellow rFr Daryl Lewis starting the last nine. C Shawn Lynch had 10 starts in 1998 and 9 starts in 1999. John Miller, who was voted the top OL last year is back. I think this unit will do a much better job than it did last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Duke had a senior dominated defensive line in 1999 and last year had very little experience returning. The Blue Devils went from allowing 4.3 ypc rushing and recording 33 sacks as a team on defense to allowing 4.6 ypc with just 22 sacks as a team. This year they are in much better shape as the only losses are DT Troy Austin (11 sts, 8 tfl, top DL) and NG Nick Wilkerson (1 start, 4 tkl). Four players return with starting experience which is four more than they had last season, and I look for this unit to be much tougher in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Duke had to replace two full-time starters and another who started 3 games and then lost starting OLB Nate Krill to an injury prior to the season and two backup OLB's (Akiel Ross and Matt Zielinski) early in the year. This year they must replace two starters in OLB Kendral Knight (10 sts, 34 tkl, 5 tfl), ILB Todd Delamilleure (10 sts, 85 tkl, 6 tfl), and backups ILB Randy Ament (1 st, 23 tkl), ILB LeVar Johnson (8 tkl) and OLB Brad Santanna (7 tkl). They get the benefit of having Krill back in the lineup and he joins 5 other LB's with starting experience. They also get an interesting addition in ILB Jim Scharrer who was PS#94LB way back in 1995 and spent 5 years playing baseball in the Atlanta and Anaheim organizations and is a 24 year old true frosh. I list the 2 deep below and there are a good amount of HT's in this unit and their top LB, Ryan Fowler is back and led the team in tackles, sacks and tfl, so I'll call this unit stronger even with the losses.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 Duke finished #38 in my pass efficiency defense rankings and in 1999 had all 4 starters back but surprisingly dropped to #80 in the rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation as well as one backup and then lost projected starting SS B.J. Hill with a torn ACL. CB Quentin Holley who quit the team prior to the season, and backup DB Terrell Smith who was injured after 5 games. At one point last year the secondary was so banged up that they moved WR Kyle Moore into the unit. This year the unit is in much better shape. Hill, who had been a star RB in his first two years here, has had 2 full seasons to work on defensive schemes and spent a lot of time in the film room. I expect him to have a solid impact on the secondary. The only loss is SS Fred Harris (10 sts, 40 tkl). Three starters return and 5 with starting experience. Duke finished #108 in my pass defense rankings last year, allowing 63.7% with a 21-8 ratio and 272 ypg. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Duke has not won a lot of games since their Hall of Fame Bowl appearance following the 1994 season but in the last 3 years they've ranked in the upper half of my special teams rankings. They finished #43 in 1998 and in Franks' first season, finished at #35. Last year they moved all the way up to #15 which is very surprising for a team that finished 0-11. Unfortunately the star of the group departs in P Brian Morton. Morton was #2 in the NCAA in punting average and was a large part of the reason Duke ranked so high as he averaged 45.2 with a net of 39.6. He will clearly be missed. The rest of the unit looks to be in top shape. Brent Garber took over the FG duties as a rFr and while he hit just 7 of 12 you must note that

DUKE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Chris Douglas	110	533	30	503	6	4.6					
Duane Epperson	111	420	20	400	0	3.6					
Alex Wade	20	66	0	66	1	3.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
D. Bryant	258	129	50.0	1448	5	10					
Spencer Romine	118	53	44.9	613	1	9					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Mike Hart	31	540	17.4	0	67						
Ben Erdeljac	31	329	10.6	1	23						
Duane Epperson	23	146	6.3	0	14						
Chris Douglas	22	168	7.6	1	26						
Nick Hartofilis	21	229	10.9	1	33						
Kyle Moore	17	280	16.5	3	53						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Brian Morton	77	3478	45.2	-	39.6	1	13				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Brent Garber	3-3	1-1	3-4	0-4	7-12	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
R. Fowler	87	7	6	2	1	K. Knight	34	0	5	1	0
T. DeLamilleure	85	0	6	1	0	Troy Austin	32	2	6	0	0
J. Kreider	68	2	6	2	1	C. Porter	26	1	5	0	0
R. Hamilton	63	0	6	2	2	S. Johnson	23	1	3	1	0
J. Small	50	1	3	3	0	R. Ament	23	0	1	1	0
Fred Harris	40	0	1	2	2	Terrell Smith	22	0	1	2	0
Jason Davis	35	0	0	0	0	D. Lee	22	0	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. Hamilton	18	151	8.4	1	C. Douglas	35	766	21.9	0		

4 of his 5 misses were from 50+ and 2 were blocked. All of the top returners are back and Chris Douglas led all NCAA frosh in all-purpose yards, aided by 766 KR yards. WR Kyle Moore averaged a super 25.8 on 13 KR's, and may see more action there. The Devils were #16 in KR's and might break the top ten in that area this year. Finding a replacement for Morton is the major task of the unit this offseason and while this is still a solid unit, I can't imagine his replacement will match his numbers. I look for the unit to drop some in the rankings this season.



LB Ryan Fowler led the Blue Devils in tackles (87) and sacks (7).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since Duke went to the 1995 Hall of Fame Bowl they have gone 12-54 SU overall and 6-42 SU in the ACC, suffering through 2 winless years including last season. Normally teams improve in the second year with a new coach, but the Blue Devils went from 3-8 in Carl Franks' first season to a hideous 0-11, being outscored by an average of 39-14, and only 2 of their losses were by less than double digits. Last year Duke had just 10 returning starters which was the lowest in the conference but 23 frosh saw significant playing time last year and now return. Surprisingly Duke loses 21 lettermen, which is the 2nd most in the conference and the 34 lettermen returning are the lowest in the ACC. Those 2 factors can be offset by the fact that Duke suffered a -13 in turnovers last year which means good things should be in the offing (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277). Offensively I like the

talent that Franks has to work with and look for a big season out of QB D Bryant. They could have their most potent offense in the last six years by topping 21 ppg. Defensively they have 7 starters back and can only get stronger on that side of the ball. Overall Duke is my 4th most improved team in the country and are the most improved team in the ACC and naturally will do better than last year's 0-11 record. They have some winnable road games in conference play and I will call for the Blue Devils to escape the basement of the ACC this year and be far more competitive than last year's squad.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB D BRYANT JR. 6-3 211 PS#32. RS in 98. DNP in 99, 7 sts in 00, 1448 yds (50%), 5-10 ratio, 201 yds rush, 2 rec (14.5). Chris Wispelway (6-5 200 rFr) PS#71. Adam Smith PS#90.
RB CHRIS DOUGLAS SO. 5-10 178 PS#110. 4.35 spd. Led frosh in NCAA in all purpose yds. #1 rush as rFr, 503 yds (4.6), 22 rec (7.6), 766 KR yds. Brian Clemmons (5-9 197 SO) PS#88.
WR Reggie Love SO. 6-5 225 PS#40WR. 4 sts as true, 8 rec (12.6). Senterrio Landrum (5-9 170 rFr) PS#137DB. FB Alex Wade (6-0 243 SO) is PS#87. 144 total yards ly.
WR BEN ERDELJAC SR. 6-0 198 PS#270. 4 rec as true, 4 sts in 99, 19 rec (14.1) miss 3 int, 11 sts ly, #2, 31 rec (10.6). Mark Wigalis PS#81. Khary Sharpe (5-10 165 rFr) PS#290.
WR JEREMY BATTIER SO. 6-5 187 PS#36WR. 3 sts as true, 12 rec (6.5). Kyle Moore (5-11 187 Sr) PS#81. 1 start as true, 6 sts in 99, 13 rec (8.5), 5 sts ly, 17 rec (16.5).
TE MIKE HART SR. 6-6 246 PS#68. 4 sts as rFr, 21 rec (13.8). Inj in 99, 4 rec, 10 sts ly, #1 in ACC in TE yr, 31 rec (17.4). Nick Brzezinski (6-4 240 SO) PS#21. 4 sts, 12 rec (14.8).
C Shawn Lynch Sr. 6-4 270 10 starts as rFr in 1998, 9 starts in 1999 (4 at RG, 5 at LG). 1 start, 7 games last year at C, 3 letters. Dan Mooney (6-5 266 rFr) is PS#72.
RG JOHN MILLER SR. 6-6 333 PS#84. 8 games as rFr. (2nd string). Started last 7 in 1999, 11 starts ly, 60 knockdowns, top OL here. Luke Bayer (6-5 278 SO) PS#281.
LG DARYL LEWIS SO. 6-3 323 PS#98. 9 starts as rFr in 2000. Rusty Wilson (6-3 296 SO) PS#155. 5 games, 2nd string last year. Michael Connolly (6-8 320 Jr) PS#129.
RT Christian Mitchell So. 6-6 300 PS#74 in 2000. 3 games as true but injured. Pat Worsham (6-6 287 rFr) PS#141OL in 2000. Jim Moravchik (6-5 287 Jr) is PS#94.
LT DREW STROJNY SO. 6-7 265 PS#69 in 1999, 9 games as rFr, started last 8 and lettered. Drew Martin (6-4 297 Jr) PS#455OL in 1998. Ben Baker (6-5 290 Jr) is PS#189.
K BRENT GARBER SO. 6-1 185 PS#53. 50 yd FG in HS, 44 avg as P, 36 of 40 KO's into EZ. Hit 7 of 12 FG's here as rFr, long of 47 and 4 of his 5 misses were from 50+!!!!

OLB NATE KRILL SR. 6-8 248 PS#15TE. 4 sts as true, 17 tkl, 3 tfl in '98. 4 sts in '99, 27 tkl, 7 tfl, Inj ly. Jamyon Small (6-1 212 Jr) PS#80LB. 9 sts last year, 50 tkl, 4 tfl.
DT SHAWN JOHNSON SO. 6-5 257 PS#125DL. 6 starts as rFr, 23 tkl, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Matt Zielinski (6-2 255 SO) PS#106RB. 1 st, 19 tkl as rFr. Drew Ciepielinski PS#129TE ly.
NG Jeff Loneragan Jr. 6-2 269 PS#209OL. 1 gm as rFr at C, 8 games ly, 4 tkl, 3 sks. Joe Boniewicz (6-4 245 Jr) PS#214DL. Greg Dufala (6-3 279 Jr) PS#263OL. 3 sts on OL L2Y.
DT TYRAN GRISSOM SR. 6-4 273 PS#180LB in '97. 1 tkl in 99, 10 starts ly, 21 tkl, 6 tfl. Charles Porter (6-4 249 Sr) PS#193LB. 1 start, 5 tfl in 1999, 5 starts, 6 tfl last year.
OLB RYAN FOWLER SO. 6-3 223 PS#370. 7 sts as true, #1 w/87 tkl, #1 w/7 sks, 6 tfl, top LB here ly. Cory Broadnax (6-4 250 rFr) PS#141DL. Chad Rice was PS#211 ly.
ILB Jim Scharrer Jr. 6-4 233 PS#94LB in '95. Minor league baseball L5Y, 24 yls old. Jason Davis (6-3 220 Jr) 4 sts ly, 35 tkl, Kurt Miller (6-0 218 SO) PS#129. 7 tkl, 4 sks.
ILB J.T. Cape So. 6-4 199 PS#66TE. 1 start as true, 21 tkl, 3 tfl. Akiel Ross (6-1 216 Jr) PS#40. 4 tkl as rFr in '99. Starter in 2000 but injured in the opening game.
CB JEFF PHILLIPS JR. 6-3 180 200m, 400m star in HS. Good size. Moved to CB from WR in Sept. 4 sts ly, 13 tkl, 2 int. Derrick Lee (5-11 195 Jr), 7 sts, 22 tkl, 2 pbu ly.
CB RONNIE HAMILTON SR. 5-8 178 PS#79. 5 sts as true, 4 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 40 tkl, 11 pbu, 11 sts ly, 63 tkl, 6 pbu. Terrell Smith (5-11 170 SO) 22 tkl as true. Johnnie Mullins PS#135 ly.
SS B.J. Hill Jr. 5-11 206 PS#122RB. 10 sts at RB as true, 798 yds (4.2), 2 sts in 99, 317 tkl yds, RS ly (inj). D'Juan O'Donald (5-11 192 SO) PS#156DB. 13 tkl, 1 pbu as rFr.
FS JOSH KREIDER JR. 6-1 208 PS#70. 33 tkl as rFr. 11 starts last year, 68 tkl, 8 tfl, 1 int. Anthony Roberts (6-3 201 SO), 1 start, 16 tkl as true. Alex Green is PS#67 TY.
P Trey McDonald rFr. 6-2 210 PS#78K in 99, 38 punts as senior in high school, 41.0 average, 39.7 avg in HS career. Brent Garber had 44.0 average in high school as senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Alex Green 6-2 180 PS#67
 DL David Gushall 6-4 225 PS#75
 WR Mark Wigal 5-10 171 PS#81
 OL Jim Moravchik 6-5 287 PS#94
 TE Andy Rolach 6-3 215 PS#53
 DL Demetrius Warrick 6-6 237 PS#138
 DL Micah Harris 6-3 227 PS#152
 LB Giuseppe Aquano 6-1 217 PS#133
 OL Ben Baker 6-5 290 PS#189
 OL David Martin 6-3 225 PS#181
 DB John Paul Kimbrough 5-11 181 PS#236
 OL Kurt Falke 6-5 279 PS#253
 QB Brian Greene 6-1 177 PS#168
 TE Chris Best 6-4 252 PS#100
 WR Lance Johnson 6-0 184 PS#245

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DUKE BLUE DEVILS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Duke is 0-3 ATS on artificial turf the last 6 years.
Blue Devils are 0-4 ATS as an away favorite since 1995.
Duke is 3-6 ATS in the first of 2 or more road games.
Devils are 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs current CUSA teams.
The Blue Devils are 4-7 ATS in their final road game.
The Devils are 6-3 ATS after facing FSU.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score DUKE Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Florida St	G												
Sep. 8	at Rice	A												
Sep. 15	at Clemson	G												
Sep. 22	Northwestern	G												
Sep. 29	at Virginia	G												
Oct. 6	Georgia Tech (HC)	G												
Oct. 13	Wake Forest	G												
Oct. 20	at Maryland	G												
Oct. 27	Vanderbilt	G												
Nov. 3	NC State	G												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	at N Carolina	G												
Nov. 24														

The Seminoles avg margin of victory the last 9 years is 37.2 ppg.
Duke has opened with a SU win only twice in the last 12 years.
Duke is 4-0 straight up vs Rice, last meeting in 1992.
Blue Devils are 7-3 ATS in their last 10 road openers.
Duke is 3-7 ATS in the 2nd of back to back road games.
The Blue Devils are 9-3 last 12 ATS in this series.
Devils are 7-4 SU in this battle of academic bastions.
Blue Devils are 10-2 ATS in sandwiched home games.
Virginia is 11-7 ATS in this series but Duke is 6-1 ATS the last 7.
Duke is 3-0 ATS their last 3 in Virginia.
The Devils are 17-9 ATS as a home underdog since 1994.
The visitor has dropped 5 in a row in this series ATS.
Duke is 6-2 ATS their last 8 vs the Deacons.
Blue Devils are 25-17 ATS in October since 1990.
Devils are 1-3 ATS last 4 when visiting Maryland.
Duke is 4-22 SU vs the Terps, home team is 6-2 ATS last 8 gms.
The Blue Devils are 0-6 ATS the L2Y vs non-conference foes.
The underdog has covered 4 of the last 5 in this matchup.
Duke is 0-7 SU their last 7 vs the Wolfpack, 2-4 ATS L/6Y.
Blue Devils are 5-2 ATS their last 7 prior to a bye week.
Duke is 4-7 ATS in their final road game.
The dog is 14-5 ATS in this ACC clash.

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	3-8	0-11	2-9	4-7	3-8	0-11	20-57
ATS	8-3	4-7	5-6	7-4	4-6	5-6	5-6	38-38
Home Fav	1-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	4-7
Home Dog	3-0	0-2	4-1	4-2	0-2	3-0	3-2	17-9
Away Fav	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
Away Dog	2-1	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-4	15-18
Favorite	3-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-4	0-0	6-11
Dog	5-1	2-5	5-5	7-4	3-4	5-2	5-6	32-27
Grass	7-3	4-6	5-5	7-4	4-5	5-6	5-6	37-35
Artificial	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	31-25
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	0-3	3-0	1-1	0-3	0-3	7-13
Off SU Win	5-3	0-3	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0	9-11
Off SU Loss	2-0	4-3	4-6	6-2	2-4	4-3	5-5	27-23

Coach: CARL FRANKS (Career 3-19)
Franks' records AT DUKE

3rd Year at Duke		0-3	Home Favorite
3-19	Straight Up	6-2	Home Underdog
10-12	Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
9-8	Off A S/U Loss	4-6	Away Underdog
10-6	Vs Conference	0-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
54	Orange	NL	Nebraska	34-7	-
57	Orange	NL	Oklahoma	21-48	-
60	Cotton	NL	Arkansas	7-6	-
89	All American	-3	Texas Tech	21-49	L
94	Hall of Fame	+8	Wisconsin	20-34	L

DUKE (0-11)

CONFERENCE:
ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 34 (14,18,2)
Lost: 21 (12,8,1)



DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
7*	14.1	17	82	2.4	198	48.6	19.9	-13	2000	3	39.1	22	185	4.6
9*	19.7	17	74	2.2	235	46.6	15.6	-6	1999	10	33.0	21	181	4.3
6*	20.8	18	147	3.4	193	48.5	16.3	-10	1998	9	29.0	17	156	4.2
9*	20.3	16	126	3.4	181	49.4	15.2	-7	1997	8	31.0	19	190	4.2
8	14.7	18	104	2.9	187	53.3	19.8	-17	1996	3	36.9	19	207	4.5
6*	25.6	19	107	3.5	247	58.3	13.8	+2	1995	8	35.1	24	269	5.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
E Carolina	9	31-51	1.6	10-25	96	6		24	43-164	3.8	22-31	264	1		-2
at Northwestern	13	32-44	1.4	11-32	130	6		20	52-259	5.0	18-30	213	2		-4
Virginia	16	34-133	3.9	18-36	198	2		23	45-119	2.6	20-30	333	5		-1
at Vanderbilt	13	27-66	2.4	18-36	163	3		25	34-174	5.1	23-40	266	0		-1
Clemson	14	31-67	2.2	16-35	168	10		25	57-315	5.5	12-23	212	2		0
at Florida St	15	33-108	3.3	15-37	152	5		29	25-71	2.8	37-49	536	2		-1
at Georgia Tech	26	46-112	2.4	22-43	210	3		20	35-226	6.5	12-21	221	0		-2
Maryland	19	40-13	0.3	22-38	253	8		15	34-172	5.1	12-23	182	2		0
at Wake Forest	21	30-50	1.7	29-46	354	4		18	48-244	5.1	13-20	138	1		-1
at NC State	23	35-155	4.4	24-37	319	2		25	25-48	1.9	32-51	413	5		0
N Carolina	12	36-107	3.0	10-36	140	6		21	41-247	6.0	18-26	218	2		-1
TOTALS	181	375-906	2.4	195-401	2183	55		245	439-2039	4.6	219-344	2996	22		-13
AVERAGES	16.5	34-82	2.4	18-36	198	5.0		22.3	40-185	4.6	20-31	272	2.0		-1.2

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St	+38	7-44	W	NC State	+7	14-45	L	W Carolina	NL	24-10	-	at E Carolina	+4	9-27	L	E Carolina	+11	0-38	L
Northwestern	+9	13-38	L	at Northwestern	+17	20-24	W	at Northwestern	+12	44-10	W	Northwestern	-8	12-15	L	at Northwestern	+13	5-38	L
at Army	+3	17-35	L	Army	+6	20-17	W	at Florida St	+27	13-62	L	Vanderbilt	-3	14-31	L	Virginia	+20	10-26	W
at Georgia Tech	+18	22-48	L	Navy	+11	26-17	W	Virginia	+10	0-24	L	Florida St	+40	23-51	W	at Vanderbilt	+17	7-26	L
at Navy	+9	27-64	L	at Maryland	+3	10-16	L	at Georgia Tech	+10	13-41	L	at Virginia	+17	24-17	W	Clemson	+37	22-52	W
Clemson	+9	6-13	W	Florida St	+35	27-51	W	at Wake Forest	+5	19-16	W	Georgia Tech	+16	31-38	W	at Florida St	+48	14-63	L
Maryland	+7	19-22	W	at Virginia	+16	10-13	W	at NC State	+10	24-27	W	NC State	-2	24-31	L	at Georgia Tech	+29	10-45	L
Virginia	+26	3-27	W	Wake Forest	+3	24-38	L	Clemson	-2	28-23	W	at Maryland	+9	25-22	W	Maryland	+11	9-20	W
at NC State	+10	22-44	L	at Clemson	+14	20-29	W	at Vanderbilt	-4	33-36	L	at Clemson	+12	7-58	L	at Wake Forest	+4	26-28	W
at Wake Forest	-1	16-17	L	Georgia Tech	+7	38-41	W	Maryland	-9	25-42	L	Wake Forest	+4	48-35	W	at NC State	+18	31-35	W
N Carolina	+32	10-27	W	at N Carolina	+22	14-50	L	N Carolina	+6	6-28	L	at N Carolina	-3	0-38	L	N Carolina	+11	21-59	L

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS



John Stone is a track champ that had 12 receptions and avg'd 24.7 on KR's L.Y.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Jim Caldwell's biggest signee ever was CJ Leak (PS#8) who turned down Notre Dame and played as a true frosh in '99. Last year as a soph the job was his but unfortunately Leak was injured 3 games into the season after throwing for 341 yards (43%) with an 0-2 ratio. After Caldwell's departure, Leak decided to transfer to Tennessee. James MacPherson was in danger of missing most of last year when he tore his ACL at the end of spring. He was able to return, however, and when Leak went down he played in 9 games starting 3. He proved to be an effective passer with a strong arm, throwing for 1,324 yards (55%) but had a 3-6 ratio. Anthony Young (6-3 190 So) has excellent speed and mobility and is more of an option type of QB as he ran for 570 yards (7.2) while passing for 269 (60%) with a 3-2 ratio in 5 starts. Young was the first true frosh to start here at QB since 1978 although he had wanted to redshirt to get bigger and stronger. The combination of Young and MacPherson reminds me of Navy's effective combo of McCoy (runner) and Fay (passer) who led Navy to a 9-3 record including a bowl win in 1996. With Grobe's history of running the option offense I expect Young to be the starter but MacPherson to provide the passing support as he topped 100 yards passing in 7 of the 8 games in which he played. Grobe says they will be a "rush oriented offense with plenty of option in the mix, but will be more balanced than my OU teams." His top QB recruit this year rushed for 1494 and passed for 1329 (Nick Smith PS#61) which proves that the option is in the gameplan. This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and as long as the 2 QB's stay healthy they should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - WF had averaged just 93, 51, 65, 106 and 65 rushing ypg from 1994-'98. Caldwell had some powerful backs and a big veteran offensive line in 1999 and vowed to run the ball and they accomplished that and got to a bowl game while averaging 175 ypg (3.6) on the ground. Naturally with massive losses on the O-line and having to replace their top RB, the numbers dropped last year but were still respectable at 150 ypg and 3.6 ypc. Caldwell did a fine job of recruiting in this area and there are 2 HT's who I list in the 3 deep below. Last year Tarence Williams stepped to the forefront and led the team with 661 yards and an impressive 5.1 ypc. After having just 140 yards after the first 5, Williams rushed for 521 yards over the last 6 (86.8 ypg). He's a smaller back with breakaway speed. Fred Staton (PS#47) and Jamie Scott (PS#62) provide quality depth. I list 3 FB's below and they look solid. New coaches like their own signees so it would be no surprise to see some of Grobe's recruits end up with significant playing time. The only losses are TB Chris McCoy (PS#80) who had 154 yards rushing and 1 start and FB Rhamen Love-Lane who had 2 starts.

With practically everyone back and some added talent, this unit looks much stronger than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - Last year WF had to replace their top 2 WR's and top 2 TE's and had a very young group. Caldwell did a fine job recruiting in this area also as the WR corps has plenty of speed including Fabian Davis and John Stone, both of whom star on the Wake track team. In 1999 Stone was the ACC's 100 and 200 meter champ and is a dangerous receiver and returnman. He also had 84 yards rushing in this year's spring game and could see an expanded role in the new offense. I list the two deep below and basically everyone returns to this unit with the exception of Jimmy Caldwell who had 17 grabs. They also have two HT youngsters backing up Ray Thomas at TE. This is a deep and experienced group with added talent and should be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Wake's bowl season, Jim Caldwell developed a top-notch offensive line through years of redshirting and weight lifting. The starting 5 averaged 6-5 310 that year. Last year that unit was decimated by graduation so they had just one starter back and one of their top OL's, Michael Collins, missed 2 games in September and the unit struggled without him. Seth Houk, a JC transfer, started the last nine. Blake Henry, a Northwestern transfer, had knee surgery in August and did not return until midseason but took over a starter's job. The only senior on the line last year, LT Chris Blank, missed the final 4 games with injury and another starter, Tim Bennett, missed a good portion of the year with injury. The unit paved the way for an avg of 3.6 ypc rushing and surprisingly gave up just 23 sacks on the year, an improvement from the 34 they allowed in 1999. Caldwell did a great job recruiting in this area and there are plenty of HT's listed in the 2 deep below plus a couple of Big 10 transfers with Henry and David Walters who comes from Iowa. They may lose reserve OG Brad Palmer (PS#97) as he is considering a transfer. Naturally this year's group is more experienced with the only major loss being LT Blank (7 sts). The thing that concerns me however is while Caldwell's theory was bigger and stronger, Grobe wanted players to lose weight in the offseason to be more mobile so the training will be different. This still looks like one of the stronger OL's in the ACC this year provided Grobe does not make too many changes that upset the continuity.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In the Deacons' bowl season, they were very formidable up front on defense but had to replace 3 starters last year including a 2nd round draft pick as well as 2 backups. The team went from allowing 3.3 ypc and recording 32 sacks to giving up 4.7 ypc with 26 sacks. Grobe is changing from a 4-3 to a 3-4 this year and must replace DE Bryan Ray (11 sts, HM ACC, 13 tfl), DT Da'Vaughn Mellersen (4 sts, 2 sks) and DE Milo McGuire (1 tkl). Three players return who had 8 or more starts (remember only 3 positions) and Grobe adds 3 HT true frosh this year who could play immediately. This unit is clearly more experienced than it was last season and should be a stronger force up front. **LINEBACKERS** - The Deacons had a 3 man LB corps last year and had to replace all 3 starters plus a top backup. The 3 first teamers heading into last season had a combined 4 starts to their credit. This year they must replace OLB Nick Bender (11 sts, #2 tklr, 14 tfl) and ILB Mike Koch (1 st, 15 tkl) and add a position so only 2 of 4 spots have an experienced starter returning. The emphasis in Grobe's defense is at ILB and it is possible that Kargbookorogie could move there. I list the 3 deep below and while this is clearly not an overwhelming group, they have more experience at LB than they had at the start of last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Prior to their bowl season, the highest WF had ever finished in my pass D rankings was #82 but in 1999 they moved up to #47. Last year they returned 5 of their top 8 but had to replace 3 starters including a #4 DC of the NFL. They then lost the lone returning starter to grades prior to the season in CB Keyshorn Smith. It was a very inexperienced unit that plummeted to #97 in my pass D rankings, allowing 58% with a 20-9 ratio. This year not only is everyone back but due to injuries and substitutions to try to find the best lineup, nine players earned a start and all return. Naturally this group is a lot more experienced than it was coming into last year and has a stronger front 7 playing with them. I look for them to clearly improve their pass defense ranking this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wake's highest special teams ranking in the last 7 years has been #43 in 1997 and they improved a bit last year finishing #58 after a #78 finish in '99. This year's group could be even stronger. They have a strong legged K in Tyler Ashe who put 81% of his KO's into the endzone in 1999 (50% last year) but he has hit 7 of 13 FG's with a long of 50 and most of his misses have been from long range. He was PS#21 and should continue to improve. P Matt Brennie showed great improvement from his

WAKE FOREST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Tarence Williams	130	682	21	661	7	5.1				
Anthony Young	79	570	115	455	3	5.8				
Chris McCoy	37	159	5	154	1	4.2				
Jamie Scott	46	160	21	139	2	3.0				
Ovie Mughelli	40	134	6	128	1	3.2				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
James MacPherson	207	113	54.6	1324	3	6				
C.J. Leak	70	30	42.9	341	0	2				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Ira Williams	45	495	11.0	2	42					
Fabian Davis	33	596	18.1	3	43					
Ray Thomas	18	184	10.2	1	20					
Jimmy Caldwell	17	164	9.6	0	20					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Matt Brennie	63	2648	42.0	-	36.0	0	14			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Tyler Ashe	1-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	5-10	50				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
M. Hopkins	100	0	3	4	0	M. Sharpe	34	0	4	1
Nick Bender	92	4	10	0	0	Q. Williams	31	0	3	0
Bryan Ray	54	6	7	5	0	T. Carpenter	30	0	1	1
N. Belling	52	4	7	2	0	D. Mellersen	30	2	0	1
Calvin Pace	50	9	3	0	0	E. Kargbookorogie	27	1	4	0
M. Clinkscale	47	0	2	6	2	Kellen Brantley	26	0	0	0
A. Duncan	46	0	4	2	2	Dion Williams	24	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Adrian Duncan	13	58	4.5	0	John Stone	32	789	24.7	1	

redshirt frosh season when he averaged 36.6. Last year he increased that to 42.0 for an average with a 36.0 net. QB James MacPherson has had 13 punts the last 2 years and averaged 40.6 in 1999 and also returns. KR John Stone is the ACC 100m/200m track champ who was #3 in the NCAA in 1999 with a 29.9 average. His numbers dropped a little last year but I look for them to get closer to the 1999 numbers this year. Adrian Duncan led the team in PR's but only averaged 4.5 and that area should also improve. This group should have its best finish this year and is clearly a top 25 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for Wake Forest to have a winning record and get to a bowl and they accomplished just that, getting their first bowl bid since 1992. They did that with a veteran and experienced team that was loaded with seniors but 30 of them departed last year, leaving WF as the youngest team in the NCAA in terms of returning starters as they had just 4 overall with 3 on offense and 1 on defense. Naturally last year was a rebuilding year and WF got progressively stronger as the season went on, even having an 11-9 FD edge versus Florida St at the half, and leading NC St by 11 until special teams miscues doomed them. Overall Wake had just 4 seniors on the 2 deep last year and 16 seniors overall. With just 2 senior starters on that team, WF was well positioned to return to a bowl this season. I'm stunned that WF fired coach Jim Caldwell who had been doing an excellent job recruiting as well as redshirting the majority of his classes to build depth and strength. This team is much better than it was when Caldwell took over and for Wake's sake, I hope this does not turn out to be a Baylor situation in which they fired Chuck Reedy after a bad year despite the fact that he led the team to bowl games his first two years and had recruited well. Since that firing, Baylor has had just 6 wins in 4 years. Grobe has a ton of talent on hand with practically everyone back and they now have added experience, therefore WF should have much better results. Grobe's coaching experience comes from Air Force and Ohio U so you can expect the offense to start heading towards the option. They do have a talented QB combination in Anthony Young (runner) and James MacPherson (passer). With a much more veteran unit on offense, naturally they will be more explosive. After having just 1 starter returning last year on the defensive side of the ball and seeing their defensive ppg slip from 17.4 to 32.9, they lose just 5 lettermen this year on that side of the ball and will be much tougher. Had Caldwell remained in charge, I may have called for another season like 1999 as they are the most experienced team in the ACC with 19 starters back and the 13 lettermen lost are the fewest. Also, last year they suffered from -9 turnovers which almost qualified them for my Turnovers=Turnaround article. Teams usually buy into the new coach's program when they have a solid early season of success and with a veteran team and a manageable schedule, the Deacons could have as many as 3 or 4 wins after 7 games. I do not see them winning a game down the stretch and while they should improve upon last year's 2-9 record, I will not call for the same type of transformation they had under similar circumstances in 1999.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB ANTHONY YOUNG SO. 6-3 190 PS#136. 5 sts as true, 269 yds (60%) 3-2 ratio, 570 gross yds rush (7.2). James MacPherson (6-2 197 Jr) 3 sts ly, 1324 yds (55%) 3-6 ratio, 30 yds rush.
RB TARENCE WILLIAMS JR. 5-10 178 PS#154. 55 yds as true, 9 sts ly, 661 yds (5.1). 12 rec (6.0). Fred Staton (6-0 200 So) PS#47. 126 yds (3.2) as true. Jamie Scott (PS#62). 196 yds 2Y.
FB OVIE MUGHELLI JR. 6-2 248 10 sts in 99, 88 yds (4.6). 8 sts ly, 128 yds (3.2). Trevor Harris (6-2 210 rF) PS#213DL. Nick Burney (6-3 215 So) PS#95. Fork Union in 1998.
WR FABIAN DAVIS JR. 5-11 173 PS#105. 2 sts in 99, 7 rec (13.6). 11 sts ly, 33 rec (18.1). 62 yds rush. #6 in ACC in triple jump. John Stone (5-11 180 Sr) 12 rec ly, track champ.
WR IRA WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 206 PS#192. 24 rec (10.3) as rF, 13 rec (16.5) in 99. 8 sts ly, #1 w/45 rec (11.0). Jason Anderson (6-3 180 rF) PS#106. Jax Landfried (5-9 172 Jr).
TE RAY THOMAS JR. 6-4 246 All Canada in HS. 1 rec, 12 gms as bkup & sp lms in 99, 10 sts ly, 18 rec (10.2). Jerome Nichols (6-2 255 rF) PS#47. Josh Warren (6-4 252 So) PS#41.
C VINCE AZZOLINA SR. 6-4 301 PS#55. 4 starts as rF, 12 starts at C in '99, 11 starts at Center in 2000. Blake Linguen (6-4 265 rF) was PS#354. Craig Jones is PS#240.
RG MIKE MOOSBRUGGER SR. 6-7 296 PS#178. 4 starts in 1999. 11 starts at LG in 2000. Brian Woyschik (6-6 290 rF) was PS#259. Brandon Drury (6-4 275 rF) was PS#280.
LG MICHAEL COLLINS SR. 6-6 318 PS#64. 4 starts as rF, 12 sts at LT in '99. 9 starts at RT (miss 2) 470 bench. Marcus Kiser (6-5 286 Sr) PS#226DL. 2 letters as backup.
RT TIM BENNETT JR. 6-4 289 PS#60. Shoulder inj in 99. Started 1st 3 at RG ly, then inj. Seth Houk (6-3 306 Sr) PS#225JUCO. 9 sts ly. Mark Moroz 3 sts at TE as true.
LT BLAKE HENRY JR. 6-6 294 PS#82. 3 sts at NWU as true. Missed start of ly w/ inj, L4 sts at LT. Tyson Clabo (6-6 295 So) PS#204. 1 st as true. David Walters, Iowa trans PS#63.
K TYLER ASHE SR. 5-11 177 PS#21. Handled KO's as rF, 2 of 3 FG's in 99 (miss 56 yds). 81% KO's into EZ. 5 of 10 FG's last year, long of 50, 14 TB's, 50% KO's in EZ.

DE CALVIN PACE JR. 6-6 256 PS#179DL. 5 tkl, 2 sks a rF. 10 sts last year, 50 tkl, 9 sks, 3 tfl. Joe Salsich (6-4 245 rF) PS#220. Cardell Richardson (6-2 240 Jr) PS#159.
NT MONTIQUE SHARP JR. 6-3 272 PS#153. 8 sts, 34 tkl, 4 tfl in 2000. Chad Rebar (6-3 235 So) PS#375OL. listed #1 in spring. Masanori Toguchi (6-3 290 Jr) 4 tkl. 451 bench.
DE NATHAN BOLLING SR. 6-4 272 PS#146OL. 4 sts, 52 tkl, 4 sks, 5 tfl in '98 & '99. 10 sts ly, 52 tkl, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Roderick Stephen (6-4 242 Jr) PS#167. 2 sks, 4 sks, 30 tkl, 2Y.
LOU ED KARGBOOKOROGIE SR. 6-3 219 PS#148. 24 tkl, 2 sks in '98 & '99. 11 starts in 2000. 27 tkl, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Jack Yates (6-0 213 So), former walk-on, Jarrett Heard (6-2 216 rF).
WLB DION WILLIAMS SO. 6-1 235 9 games as rF, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. Kellen Brantley (6-3 238 So). Hargrave in 1999. 26 tkl as true ly. Brad White (6-1 210 rF) was PS#115TE.
SLB MARQUIS HOPKINS SR. 6-2 236 6 tkl in 98. 2 sts, 23 tkl, 4 tfl in 99. 11 starts last year, #1 w/100 tkl, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Jamaal Argrow (6-1 223 So) 11 tkl as true, 2 tkl in 2000.
RLB R.D. MONTGOMERY rF. 6-2 235 PS#82DL. Will play either DE or OLB. Marcus Nesbitt (6-1 216 rF) PS#241RB. #1 tklr at Hargrave in '99. Missed spring with injury this year.
CB ADRIAN DUNCAN SR. 6-1 192 PS#70WR. 1 st, 3 int, 46 tkl in 99. 10 sts ly, 46 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. Ricky Perez (6-1 181 So) 1 st, 13 tkl. Marcus McGruder (5-9 180 rF) PS#235 4 sgd.
CB QUINTIN WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 185 PS#315RB. 3 sts as true, 31 tkl, 2 int. RB Justice (5-10 194 Sr) E Carolina trans. 4 sts, 14 tkl ly. Elliott Ivey (6-0 197 Jr) PS#232RB. 1 st ly.
SS MIKE CLINKSCALE SR. 6-1 194 PS#62. 18 tkl in 98-99, 9 sts ly, 47 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Walter Simmons (6-0 196 Jr) 3 sts, 3 tfl ly. Warren Braxton (6-0 195 rF) 2 gms, 6 tkl as true but still RS.
FS OBI CHUKWUMAH SO. 6-2 196 PS#144. 4 sts as rF, 1 int, 18 tkl. Tehran Carpenter (6-3 204 Sr) PS#75. 7 sts, 48 tkl, 2 int, 2 years. Caron Bracy (6-0 197 rF) PS#137RB.
P MATT BRENNIE JR. 6-2 188 53 punts as rF, 36.6 avg & net of 34.6. 63 punts in 2000, 42.0 average & net of 36.0. James MacPherson 12 punts (40.6) in 1999, bkup last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Nick Smith 6-1 185 PS#61
 DL Goryal Scales 6-0 265 PS#92
 RB Dominic Anderson 6-0 190 PS#101
 DL Jason Finklea 6-5 258 PS#114
 DL Arthur Orlebar 6-4 245 PS#157
 QB Cory Randolph 6-1 180 PS#116
 WR Cassiel Smith 6-2 190 PS#170
 OL Craig Jones 6-1 280 PS#240
 LB Garrett Young 6-3 220 PS#300
 RB Chris Owen 6-2 215 PS#409
 WR Maurice Moten 6-0 164 PS#369
 OL Greg Rothoff 6-3 275 PS#462
 OL Greg Adkins 6-3 265 PS#463
 LB Reborn Stukes 6-0 245 PS#376
 RB Cornelius Birgs 5-10 198 PS#435

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WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

WF is 6-1 ATS as a double digit non-conference dog.
Deacons are 7-1 ATS in their last 8 sandwiched road games.
The visiting team in the WF vs Service Academies meetings are 5-2 ATS.
Deacons are 6-16-2 ATS in 1st of 2 or more AG's since 1985.
Wake Forest is 0-6 ATS in their final road game of the season.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WF Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at E Carolina	G												
Sep. 8	Appalachian St	G												
Sep. 15	N Illinois	G												
Sep. 22	Maryland	G												
Sep. 29	at Florida St	G												
Oct. 6	NC State	G												
Oct. 13	at Duke	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Clemson (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at Virginia	G												
Nov. 10	at N Carolina	G												
Nov. 17	Georgia Tech	G												
Nov. 24														

Wake Forest is 3-8 ATS in their last 11 road openers.
The last meeting w/ECU was in '97 & WF was a 12 pt dog & lost 25-24.
Appalachian St has won SU 3 of the last 4 vs Wake Forest.
The ASU Mountaineers finished 10-4 SU LY & lost in the IAA Semifinals.
Could apply here: WF is 1-6 ATS last 7 off a SU win.
Wake Forest is 7-16 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
The Demons were 1-7 ATS last year vs fellow ACC teams.
The visiting team is 4-7 ATS the last 11 in this series.
FSU has outscored WF 411-71 the last 9 years with an avg margin of victory of 37.8 but WF has covered each of the L3Y.
WF is 4-9 ATS the last 13 vs the Wolfpack.
Deacons are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 sandwiched home games.
The visitor is 23-12-1 ATS when WF plays a Tobacco Road team.
Wake Forest is 1-4 ATS the week before a bye.

The Deacons are 2-5 ATS their last 7 after a bye week.
Wake Forest is 8-3 ATS last 11 vs the Tigers.
WF's 17 consecutive losses to UVA is the longest current ACC series losing skid.
Demon Deacons are 5-12 ATS in that span.
The home team is 0-10-1 ATS in this instate rivalry.
The favorite is 5-1-1 ATS in the series (NC fav 6 times, WF 1).
The home team is 6-0 ATS & 4-2 SU in the series.
Wake is 7-4 ATS last 11 season finales.

*The Tobacco Road teams are Duke, N Carolina, NC State, & Wake Forest.

STADIUM: GROVES STADIUM (31,500) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	1-10	3-8	5-6	3-8	6-5	2-9	23-54
ATS	2-8	5-4-1	4-6	8-3	5-5	6-5	3-7	33-38-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-4
Home Dog	0-4	3-1	2-3	3-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	13-15
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-3
Away Dog	2-3	2-3-1	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-1	1-4	14-16-1
Favorite	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-1	6-7
Dog	2-7	5-4-1	4-6	6-2	4-3	3-3	3-6	27-31-1
Grass	1-7	5-3-1	4-6	8-3	5-5	5-5	3-7	31-36-1
Artificial	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-2
vs Conf	2-6	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	1-7	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	9-7
Off SU Win	0-2	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	7-13
Off SU Loss	2-6	4-4-1	3-4	4-1	4-3	5-0	2-6	24-24-1

Coach: JIM GROBE (Career 33-33-1) Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

1st Year at Wake Forest	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
45	Gator	NL	S Carolina	26-14	-
48	Dixie	NL	Baylor	7-20	-
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34	L
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35	W
99	Aloha	+3	Arizona St	23-3	W

WAKE FOREST (2-9) CONFERENCE: ACC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 10* Returning: 47 (25,20,2)
DEFENSE: 9 Lost: 13 (8,5,0)

LETTERMEN:



WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS

OFFENSE										DEFENSE									
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP		
3	16.5	18	150	3.6	176	52.5	19.8	-9	2000	1	32.9	21	206	4.7	227	58.0	13.2		
6	22.2	17	175	3.6	145	57.6	14.4	+7	1999	7	17.4	17	119	3.3	188	53.7	17.6		
8*	21.4	19	65	2.2	287	56.0	16.5	-4	1998	7	30.5	19	187	4.2	214	59.5	13.2		
9*	22.3	20	106	2.9	253	60.2	16.1	-15	1997	8	26.2	18	96	2.9	264	60.3	13.8		
7	13.1	17	65	2.1	254	50.6	24.4	-4	1996	7	34.0	23	255	5.2	221	57.6	14.0		
6*	17.3	18	51	1.8	279	59.8	19.1	-5	1995	6	32.7	21	193	4.2	233	62.2	13.1		

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS BY	TURN
Appalachian St	11	33-55	1.7	10-21	126	0	21	50-147	2.9	19-34	235	2	0	0
N Carolina	13	40-(-2)	-0.1	14-34	164	5	16	49-129	2.6	7-13	194	5	0	0
at Clemson	8	35-102	2.9	7-17	57	3	30	66-436	6.6	10-21	187	1	-2	-2
Virginia	17	34-154	4.5	14-30	153	3	23	47-237	5.0	16-27	179	1	-1	-1
Vanderbilt	23	56-217	3.9	12-26	158	0	15	33-138	4.2	9-17	147	1	0	0
at Georgia Tech	26	39-179	4.6	27-43	272	3	26	47-245	5.2	16-24	333	0	-4	-4
at Maryland	21	30-72	2.4	29-50	354	3	24	42-233	5.5	20-31	246	3	-3	-3
Duke	18	48-244	5.1	13-20	138	1	21	30-50	1.7	29-46	354	3	+1	+1
Florida St	17	46-162	3.5	11-26	114	1	23	25-229	9.2	24-39	327	1	+2	+2
at Navy	30	53-305	5.8	16-24	272	0	18	54-283	5.2	13-23	151	6	0	0
at NC State	12	39-164	4.2	14-27	126	4	16	37-143	3.9	14-30	139	3	-2	-2
TOTALS	196	453-1652	3.6	167-318	1934	23	233	480-2270	4.7	177-305	2492	26	-9	-9
AVERAGES	17.8	41-150	3.6	15-29	176	2.1	21.2	44-206	4.7	16-28	227	2.4	-0.8	-0.8

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	19-13	-	Northwestern	+13'	27-20	W	at Air Force	-5	0-42	L	at Army	-2'	34-15	W	Appalachian St	NL	16-20	-
Northwestern	+17	28-27	W	at E Carolina	+12	24-25	W	Navy	-9	26-14	W	at Virginia	+10'	7-35	L	N Carolina	+11'	14-35	L
at Georgia Tech	+15	10-30	L	Georgia Tech	+7	26-28	W	at Clemson	+6	29-19	W	NC State	+7	31-7	W	at Clemson	+33	7-55	L
Virginia	+18	7-42	L	NC State	+7	19-18	W	Appalachian St	NL	27-30	-	Rutgers	-17	17-10	L	Virginia	+16'	10-27	L
at Clemson	+15	10-21	W	at Virginia	+10	13-21	W	Duke	-5	16-19	L	Maryland	+1	14-17	L	Vanderbilt	+10'	10-17	W
N Carolina	+23	6-45	L	at N Carolina	+24	12-30	W	at Maryland	+1	20-10	W	at Florida St	+31	10-33	W	at Georgia Tech	+24'	20-52	L
at Maryland	+8	0-52	L	Maryland	-7	35-17	W	N Carolina	+4	31-38	L	UAB	-6	47-3	W	at Maryland	+12'	7-37	L
Navy	+14	18-47	L	at Duke	-3'	38-24	W	Virginia	+12'	17-38	L	Clemson	+4	3-12	L	Duke	-4'	28-26	L
† Florida St	+48'	7-44	W	Clemson	+3	16-33	L	at NC State	+14	27-38	W	at N Carolina	-8	19-3	W	Florida St	+48	6-35	W
Duke	+1'	17-16	W	at Rutgers	-19	28-14	L	Florida St	+28	7-24	W	at Duke	-4	35-48	L	at Navy	+2'	49-26	W
at NC State	+14	22-37	L	at Florida St	+34	7-58	L	at Georgia Tech	+17	35-63	L	Georgia Tech	+9	26-23	W	at NC State	+15	14-32	L

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG EAST TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Ken Dorsey, Miami	David Priestley, Pitt	Brian St. Pierre, BC
RB Lee Suggs, Virg Tech	Clinton Portis, Miami	Tanardo Sharps, Temple
RB William Green, BC	Avon Cobourne, W Virg	James Mungro, Syracuse
WR Andre Davis, Virg Tech	Antonio Brown, W Virg	Johnnie Morant, Syracuse
WR Antonio Bryant, Pitt	Emmett Johnson, VT	Andre Johnson, Miami
TE Jeremy Shockey, Miami	Browning Wynn, VT	LJ Smith, Rutgers
C Nick Romeo, Syracuse	Dan Koppen, BC	Brett Romberg, Miami
G Joseph Burton, Syracuse	Bryan Anderson, Pitt	Jason Brooks, W Virg
G Martin Bibla, Miami	Vernon Carey, Miami	Augie Hoffmann, BC
T Joaquin Gonzalez, Miami	Jon Dunn, Virg Tech	Dave Yovanovits, Temple
T Bryant McKinnie, Miami	Marc Colombo, BC	Anthony Davis, VT
DL Nathaniel Adibi, Virg Tech	Keith Leavitt, BC	Raheem Brock, Temple
DL Dwight Freeney, Syracuse	David Pugh, Virg Tech	Louis Gachelin, Syracuse
DL Chad Beasley, Virg Tech	William Joseph, Miami	Russell Newman, Temple
DL Bryan Knight, Pitt	Santonio Thomas, Miami	Antonio Garay, BC
LB Clifton Smith, Syracuse	Ben Taylor, Virg Tech	Amir Purifoy, Pitt
LB DJ Williams, Miami	Gerald Hayes, Pitt	Taylor Suman, Temple
LB Grant Wiley, W Virg	Chris Campbell, Miami	Howard Clark, Miami
CB Ronyell Whitaker, VT	Willie Ford, Syracuse	Willie Poole, BC
CB Mike Rumph, Miami	Shawn Robinson, Pitt	Richard Bryant, W Virg
SS Edward Reed, Miami	Ramon Walker, Pitt	Keeon Walker, Syracuse
FS Quentin Harris, Syracuse	Shawn Hackett, WV	Tarrell Freeney, Rutgers
K Carter Warley, Virg Tech	Nick Lotz, Pitt	Todd Sievers, Miami
P Freddie Capshaw, Miami	Mark Fazzolari, W Virg	Mike Shafer, Syracuse
KR Shawn Terry, W Virg	Daryl Jones, Miami	Maurice Jackson, Syracuse
PR Andre Davis, Virg Tech	Malik Campbell, Syracuse	Sean Carty, Rutgers



Pitt's Antonio Bryant could become the 1st WR to win back-to-back Biletnikoff Awards.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. Virginia Tech - Frank Beamer has done an INCREDIBLE job turning a mediocre program into a perennial NATIONAL TITLE contender. I am not worried about who the new QB will be and will go on record as saying that this year's QB's will throw for more yards and have a much higher completion % (51.6 last year) than last year's Michael Vick led group. My only question mark this year is the offensive line but Beamer should fashion a solid unit despite losing 4 starters thanks, in part, to his tremendous "Iron Hokie" program (2nd best weight training school in the country next to Nebraska). VT should be favored in each of their first 10 games and could be 10-0 for their season finale vs Miami, at home in Blacksburg and in December (cold weather for Florida boys). They get my call as the Big East Champs and could be in the National Title Game!

2. Miami (Fla) - Miami would have been favored had they met Oklahoma in the National Title Game last year. Using my system (see page 9) in which there is one true Title Game after the bowls are complete they would have been in it! They have 14 starters returning and lose just 17 lettermen from that talented contingent. I do 7 sets of power ratings each preseason and 1 has the Hurricanes as THE most talented team in the country and two others call them #2. They will likely be the Big East favorite and possibly the National Title favorite coming into the year. How can I put a team like that SECOND in their own league? Winning in Blacksburg is extremely difficult and doing so in December vs perhaps Beamer's best team yet will be even more difficult. Last year Miami did benefit from a +13 in turnovers (see pg 277) and they must break in a new head coach and coordinators. Yes, they are a National Title contender but they get my call for 2nd here.

3. Pittsburgh - Check out my article on page 14 and you will see that I am very high on the Panthers this year and contending for the Big East Title may be just the tip of the iceberg for them. Pitt had a super defense last year and lose just 13 lettermen and could have a top 10 defensive unit this year. Walt Harris can always produce a top-notch QB and may have his best player yet at that position. Pitt was -11 in turnovers last year but still made it to a bowl. The ball should bounce their way more often this season. Despite the presence of both Miami and VT (which figure to be Top 5 teams this year) in their own league, I give them a surprising shot at winning the Big East Title!

4. Syracuse - The Orangemen have had poor QB play the last 2 years but with 4 capable candidates, should get much stronger this year. That means the offense should be much more potent than the last 2 seasons. Defensively they get DE Dwight Freeney back and the unit will be tough. Syracuse used to rule this league and have had an amazing 14 straight winning seasons. They were bowl eligible last year but had their streak of 5 straight bowls come to an end. This year they will get back to the postseason but with road trips to each of the top 3 teams and 4 Big East road games overall, winning the Big East Championship may be out of reach.

5. Boston College - In 1999 BC was outgained and outscored overall for the season but still managed an 8-4 record. Last year vs bowl caliber teams they were outgained 455-313 and outscored by an average of 33.4-21. Thanks in part to 5 weak teams on the schedule and a +14 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 277) they snagged another bowl bid and this time beat Arizona St. This is clearly O'Brien's most talented and

deepest team yet. They have a great shot at getting to a 3rd straight bowl game, but I wonder if they can be as fortunate as this year.

6. West Virginia - Rich Rodriguez brings a new attitude and offense to a third program in 5 years. He helped Tulane go from 2-9 to 7-4 in his first year there and then helped guide Clemson from 3-8 to 6-5 in his inaugural season. He inherits a talented team that suffered some big time injuries and also gave up a last second TD to Syracuse but still went to and won their bowl game. They lose just 12 lettermen from that unit (2nd lowest in the league) but were +9 in turnovers last year (almost double digits). They can move up in this tough league and another winning season would not be a surprise.

7. Temple - The Owls were kicked out of the conference but still hold hopes of being reinstated. They have the most experienced team in the COUNTRY with an amazing 61 returning lettermen with just 4 lost, plus some solid new additions! This team will play league games with a vengeance and Wallace has already orchestrated some stunning upsets like beating Virg Tech in Blacksburg!! They have 4 road games in Big East play but this type of veteran team usually makes a solid move up in the standings and they should pull an upset or two in league play.

8. Rutgers - I think Greg Schiano will do a great job at Rutgers and he has the 2nd most improved team in the league this year. If not for Temple's incredible amount of returning lettermen, I would be using that word for the Knights who have 52 lettermen back and just 15 lost. They look stronger on both sides of the ball and will make great strides but let's remember that last year's contingent was not only 0-7 in league play but were outgained by 185 ypg and lost by a mind boggling 31 ppg!!!! They will make up a lot of ground this year and could pull ONE upset but this looks like one of their recurring rebuilding years.



Miami's LT Bryant McKinnie anchors my top rated OL.

Big East Notes: The Big East went 0-4 in bowl games in 1997 and was considered one of the weakest major conferences. They have made solid strides each year since then, spurred on by Miami finally getting over their probation which cost them a lot of scholarships & VT's emergence as a national power. Last year 5 teams were bowl eligible and the 4 that went not only won their bowl games but each did so by double digits. This year they figure to have 2 Top 5 teams at the start of the year and will be a major player in the national title chase.



Syracuse & DL Dwight Freaney look to bring down the Big Boys of the Big East.



RB Lee Suggs will try to keep a Vick-less Virginia Tech offense moving.



Temple RB Tanardo Sharps was the first Owl since '87 to top 1000 yards.



Miami TE Jeremy Shockey made 1st Team Big East and he wasn't even a starter!

2000 BIG EAST CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	YSPG
Lee Suggs, Virg Tech	11	222	1207	5.4	27	109.7
William Green, BC	11	187	1164	6.2	14	105.8
Avon Cobourne, W Virg	9	197	893	4.5	6	99.2
Kevan Barlow, Pitt	11	197	1053	5.3	8	95.7
Tanardo Sharps, Temple	11	201	1038	5.2	10	94.4
Dee Brown, Syracuse	11	172	1031	6.0	9	93.7
Brad Lewis, W Virg	11	201	1006	5.0	11	91.5

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	EFF
Ken Dorsey, Miami	322	188	58.4	2737	8.5	25	152.3	
John Turman, Pitt	233	128	54.9	2135	9.2	18	151.4	
Tim Hasselbeck, BC	229	124	54.1	1810	7.9	16	135.7	
Troy Nunes, Syracuse	154	94	61.0	1366	8.9	8	134.5	
Michael Vick, Virg Tech	161	87	54.0	1234	7.7	8	127.4	
Devin Scott, Temple	216	136	63.0	1456	6.7	5	120.7	
Brad Lewis, W Virg	223	108	48.4	1501	6.7	8	110.5	

RECEIVING

	G	CT	YDS	PER	YDS/G	CT/G	AVG
Antonio Bryant, Pitt	10	68	1302	11	130.2	6.8	19.1
Reggie Wayne, Miami	11	43	755	10	68.6	3.9	17.6
Santana Moss, Miami	11	45	748	5	68.0	4.0	16.6
Antonio Brown, W Virg	11	45	721	1	65.5	4.0	16.0
Khori Ivy, W Virg	11	41	707	5	64.3	3.7	17.2
Dedrick Dewalt, BC	11	38	676	8	61.5	3.4	17.8
Latief Grim, Pitt	11	39	595	2	54.1	3.5	15.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE
Ken Dorsey, Miami	11 16 -23 322 2737 2714 246.7		
Mike McMahon, Rutgers	10 68 243 340 2157 2400 240.0		
Tim Hasselbeck, BC	10 39 141 229 1810 1951 195.1		
John Turman, Pitt	11 65 -18 233 2135 2117 192.5		
Michael Vick, Virg Tech	10 104 617 161 1234 1851 185.1		
Brad Lewis, W Virg	10 37 -26 123 1501 1475 147.5		
Troy Nunes, Syracuse	11 78 106 154 1366 1472 133.8		

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Freddie Capshaw, Miami	11	49	2119	43.2
Mark Fazzolari, W Virginia	11	60	2479	41.3
Mike Shafer, Syracuse	11	51	2085	40.9
Kevin McMyler, BC	11	63	2503	39.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Shawn Terry, W Virginia	27	720	26.7
Will Allen, Syracuse	19	458	24.1
Dennis Thomas, Rutgers	20	447	22.4

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	AVG
Andre Davis, Virg Tech	18	396	22.0
Santana Moss, Miami	36	655	18.2
Ronyell Whitaker, VT	17	245	14.4

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mike Sutphin, BC	11	12	14	85.7	43
Carter Warley, Virg Tech	11	7	9	77.8	47
Cap Poklemba, Temple	11	9	13	69.2	42
Nick Lotz, Pittsburgh	11	10	15	66.7	48

TACKLES

	G	NO	TOT	AVG
Dan Morgan, Miami	11	92	46	138
LeVar Talley, Temple	11	74	61	135
Gerald Hayes, Pitt	10	59	45	104
Taylor Suman, Temple	11	58	52	110
Clifton Smith, Syracuse	11	61	47	108
Ben Taylor, Virg Tech	11	59	44	103

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Dwight Freaney, Syr	13 95	
Bryan Knight, Pitt	12 106	
Wesley Robertson, RU	8 36	
Duke Pettijohn, Syr	8 49	
James Davis, W Virg	6 47	
Sean Guthrie, BC	6 35	

TFL

	NO	YDS
Bryan Knight, Pitt	26 141	
Dwight Freaney, Syr	18 115	
Wesley Robertson, RU	18 74	
Russell Newman, TU	15 65	
Dan Morgan, Miami	15 42	
Duke Pettijohn, Syr	14 59	



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2000 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami (Fla)	7	0	310	67	10	1	469	170
Virginia Tech	6	1	260	156	10	1	443	249
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	167	7	4	267	210
Syracuse	4	3	162	145	6	5	294	212
Boston College	3	4	173	205	6	5	347	260
West Virginia	3	4	179	226	6	5	307	325
Temple	1	6	117	192	4	7	224	269
Rutgers	0	7	95	312	3	8	233	399

1999 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Virg Tech	7	0	315	88	11	0	455	116
Miami (Fla)	6	1	257	107	8	4	404	207
Boston Coll	4	3	161	156	8	3	269	246
Syracuse	3	4	138	189	6	5	280	243
W Virginia	3	4	198	168	4	7	292	289
Temple	2	4	138	206	2	8	153	311
Pittsburgh	2	5	167	198	5	6	281	278
Rutgers	1	6	110	317	1	10	155	427

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES



PR/WR Andre Davis gobbles up yardage whenever he touches the ball.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Michael Vick was the consensus Heisman Trophy frontrunner heading into the season (although my pick was Chris Weinke). In '99 he was the first frosh since 1946 to lead the country in pass efficiency with a 180.4 mark and nearly set the all-time NCAA record, which is 183.3 by Tulane's Shaun King. He was the first frosh ever invited to the Heisman Trophy presentation show which began in 1981 and had a tremendous performance in the 1999 Sugar Bowl. Last year Vick did not match his statistics of 1999, throwing for 1,439 yards (54.2%) with a 9-7 ratio while rushing for 841 yards. He missed half of Pitt, most of Miami and all of the UCF game due to injury. He left early for the NFL draft and was the 1st pick overall by Atlanta. His backup, David Meyer, also departs after throwing for 432 yards (47.2%) with a 1-1 ratio and rushing for another 72 yds. Grant Noel has been the team's 3rd string QB in each of the last 2 years and has participated in six games (77 snaps) while throwing a grand total of 12 passes. He lowered his time in the 40 to 4.62 this past year and has arm strength comparable to Jim Druckenmiller. Jason Davis (6-1 196 rF) was PS#50 and enrolled early last year and was able to participate in the winter conditioning programs the last 2 years and has 2 full springs under his belt. He can throw the ball 80 yards but reading defenses is not his forte. Bryan Randall is PS#4 this year and a contender to start as a true frosh. Vick did redshirt as a true frosh but requested the redshirt as VT had an experienced starter returning in '98 (Randall does not). Will Hunt (6-1 205) is PS#58. Noel was the clear #1 out of spring and while he hit just 13 of 32 for 114 yards in the Maroon/White spring game, it was vs the Hokies' #1 defense which could be the best in the country. I like the talent level here but naturally with the loss of a special player like Vick, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Hokies suffered an unexpected loss at this position as Shyrone Stith, who rushed for 1,187 yards (5.0) in '99 was given some bad advice and left early for the NFL draft and was only pegged in the 7th round. Andre Kendrick was the leading returning rusher with 714 yards (6.2) but missed all of spring due to academics and finished his senior season with just 599 yards (5.4). Lee Suggs, in his first full season, added 100 lbs to his bench press and while bulking up still maintained his 4.27 speed. He simply led Div IA in scoring with an amazing 30 TD's and led the Big East in rushing, finishing the year with 1,280 yards (5.3). With Beamer's Iron Hokie program they always have strong FB's and Jarrett Ferguson is a Super Iron Hokie with a 620 squat and has been a starter for 3 years. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Backup TB Keith Burnell (PS#26) has 4.28 speed. True frosh Kevin Jones is a rare VHT for this position and could play immediately. Kendrick departs, but Suggs, Ferguson and Burnell all return averaging over 5 ypc last year. This unit looks to be in much better shape than last year

although it will be tough to outdo Suggs' outstanding 2000 season.

RECEIVERS - This unit appeared to be in great shape last year as 2 starters returned and a VHT was projected to start. Unfortunately, prior to the season, both TE Derek Carter and WR Andrae Harrison (PS#11) left the team due to a suspension and a transfer leaving just Andre Davis. Davis was a track man who set VT's indoor track record with a 21.43 in the 200m in 1997 and had not played football until his junior year in high school. He gets better every year and averaged an amazing 25.5 ypc in 1999 but last year suffered an injury and missed most of 5 games and only started 8. He was still productive with 26 rec's (14.9), has been 2nd Tm Big East at WR each of the last 2 years and was also 1st Tm AA as a return specialist with an amazing 20.7 on PR's. Emmett Johnson (6-3 206 Sr) has good speed (4.4) for his size and led the team with 35 rec's last year. The top 2 backup WR's are also back (see below). Also added to the mix this year at WR is rF Richard Johnson, who was PS#17DB and could steal Emmett Johnson's starting job, as well as true frosh Fred Lee. TE Browning Wynn won the Ironman competition last year, becoming only the 2nd non-lineman besides Jim Druckenmiller to win the award at this school. He's back and should continue to improve at the TE position in his second year as a starter. There are some VHT's backing him up in Keith Willis (PS#7) and Jared Mazzetta (PS#19). This unit has more talent and much more experience than it did heading into last year and if Andre Davis stays healthy, could be one of the most improved and best units in the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - If I was Coach Beamer my biggest concern in the offseason would be replacing the 4 starters and 2 solid backups from last year's very productive offensive line. VT averaged a super 5.2 ypc while allowing just 24 sacks as they had a veteran unit with 4 returning starters. This year they must replace RG Joshua Redding (12 sts, 2 yr sFr), LG Matt Lehr (12 sts, 2 yr sFr, 2nd Tm AA, #5DC of DAL), RT Dave Kadela (12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 3 yr sFr), LT Anthony Lambo (12 sts, 2 yr sFr), G Joe Marchant (10 games) and T Jeff Hartzog (4 games). Beamer's recruiting classes keep getting better each year and of course they have one of the top 2 weight programs in the country (along with Nebraska) which means this year's replacements will be big and strong as usual. Unfortunately they cannot replicate the experience that last year's group had. Despite a talented 2 deep that I list below, this unit will clearly be weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last season the Hokies had to replace AA DE Corey Moore and 5 other top players from the senior-laden defensive front that played in the National Title game. Only one player was back with starting experience but things are vastly different this year. The top 8 DL's all return and naturally they got bigger, stronger and faster in the offseason. I list the 2 deep below. Derrius Monroe (6-4 266 Sr) who was PS#96 in 1997 and had 27 tackles in 1999 could return to the team in the fall. Also competing for time is Channing Reed (6-2 311 Sr) who was PS#140JC and had 21 tackles here last year. At the same time Beamer has brought in some talented true frosh. They also get the big time addition of rF Jason Lallis (PS#12TE). This should again be one of the best D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - VT had to replace 2 starters last year but moved starting FS Nick Sorensen into the unit so had 2 starters returning. This year they must replace Sorensen (4 sts, 43 tkl, 5 fll), Phillip Summers (8 sts, 70 tkl, 4 fll) and backup LB's Benny Wolfe (16 tkl, 5 fll) and Tee Butler (15 tkl, 2 fll). Also, their 2 returning starters, Jake Houseright and Ben Taylor, both missed spring recovering from ACL and ankle surgeries respectively. While their return is expected for the fall, they both have redshirt seasons left and it is possible that one or both may need to redshirt. There is plenty of talent looming behind them and I list a 3 deep of LB's below which include the WHIP LB position. With the possibility that Houseright or Taylor might not be 100% this year, I will call this group equal to last year at this time.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 VT finished #25 in my pass D rankings despite having just 1 starter returning. Last year they once again had to replace 3 starters including 2nd and 5th round draft picks. They rose to #20 in my pass D rankings, allowing just 48.2% with a 20-25 ratio despite the fact that CB Larry Austin went down to injury after 3 starts. This year they lose ROV Cory Bird (12 sts, 73 tkl, 2 int's, 7 pbu, 12 fll, 2nd Tm BE, #3DC of IND) but have 5 players back with starting experience and get potentially 2 VHT true frosh who may play. I list the 2 deep below and although CB Austin and FS Pile both missed the spring with injuries, their return is expected in the fall. This unit is even stronger than last year's and should be one of the better secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Frank Beamer coaches this unit himself and in the last six years they've ranked as high as #2 twice and have blocked more kicks in

VIRGINIA TECH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Lee Suggs	242	1299	19	1280	30	5.3					
Michael Vick	113	841	205	636	9	5.6					
Andre Kendrick	111	622	23	599	3	5.4					
Jarrett Ferguson	46	241	5	236	7	5.1					
Keith Burnell	18	117	0	117	1	6.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Michael Vick	179	97	54.2	1439	9	7					
Dave Meyer	53	25	47.2	432	1	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Emmett Johnson	35	581	16.6	3	69						
Andre Davis	26	388	14.9	2	64						
Ernest Wilford	13	150	11.5	0	17						
Browning Wynn	10	194	19.4	1	33						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Robert Peaslee	46	1619	35.2	-	Tm (32.5)	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Carter Warley	1-1	4-5	2-4	0-0	7-10	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	FL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	FL	PBU	INT
B. Taylor	110	25	5	2	C. Beasley	60	2	7	5	1	
J. Houseright	78	05	4	6	L. Cobb	51	2	4	2	0	
C. Bird	73	3	9	7	B. Welch	49	1	2	1	0	
P. Summers	70	2	4	1	N. Adibi	48	3	3	1	0	
R. Whitaker	64	0	2	10	N. Sorensen	43	1	4	5	0	
D. Pugh	62	6	7	4	B. Hardee	34	0	2	2	0	
W. Pile	61	0	2	10	E. Green	33	0	1	13	4	
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Andre Davis	19	393	20.7	3	A. Kendrick	26	543	20.9	0		

the '90's than any other team in the NCAA. They "only" finished #16 in 1999 which was surprising as they had an excellent kicker and punter but didn't block as many punts as usual. Last year they had to replace their kicker, punter and top returnman and appeared to be in trouble but Beamer did a great job once again. Andre Davis was simply 1st in the Big East in PR's, averaging 20.7 per return (with 3 TD's!!) and Ronyell Whitaker was 3rd, averaging 13.2. Their top KR Andre Kendrick was average at 20.9 ypr and departs but that unit should improve. Last year they finished #6 and the high ranking was surprising because they really struggled with punting. Last spring, walk-on Robert Peaslee had better distance and hang time than did scholarship kicker Vinnie Burns (PS#52). It was decided that Burns would redshirt and Peaslee struggled, averaging just 35.2 per punt and they even used LB Ben Taylor for 3 pooch punts during the year until he sprained an ankle. The punting position should be among the most improved. K Carter Warley didn't get many chances on FG's but connected on 7 of 10 with a long of 47 and regularly boomed his KO's through the endzone. He could become one of the better kickers in the country. VT blocked 4 punts last year and recorded 3 TD's as a result and as always will contend for the #1 spot.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Frank Beamer has done an incredible job making this program into a perennial National Title contender. They are now 58-14 their last 72 games under Beamer, played for the National Title in 1999 and last year even with a rebuilt defense, went 11-1. In the last 8 years VT has 75 wins, Miami has 69 and Syracuse has 59. Their season ticket sales of 32,000 is double that of just 4 years ago. Their only loss last year was at Miami when QB Vick and WR Davis were out. Their amazing weight training program rivals that of Nebraska and is turning players like Corey Moore and John Engelberger who were not highly recruited out of high school into All-Americans. In 1999 I ranked VT as my surprise contender for the title and of all the preseason magazines, I had them ranked the highest in my preseason poll (one major publication did not even have them ranked). This year I know everyone will say this team will be severely hampered by the loss of Vick but he completed just 54% with a 9-7 ratio, missed parts of numerous games and was not the key to VT's season. Don't forget, they ran the ball 72% of the time. To me the biggest question mark this season will be the offensive line which must replace 4 senior starters. If Beamer can fashion a solid front, they will be potent offensively, regardless of who is the QB, as they have top-rated RB and WR corps. Last year they did an amazing job with just 3 starters back on defense and this year practically the entire unit returns with just 6 lettermen lost. Need I say they

will have one of the toughest defenses in the country? The schedule sets Virginia Tech up not only to be a Big East frontrunner but also for a potential undefeated season. They have a soft non-conf slate with the lone tough game being a trip to Virginia while in Big East play they get 3 home games including the 2 big boys, Miami (Fla) and Syracuse who must travel to Blacksburg, almost an impossible place to pull an upset. Blacksburg will be a chilly place for the Florida boys to come to on December 1st. VT is clearly a threat to win it all this year depending on how the offensive line comes along.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB Kevin Jones 6-1 205 PS#6	QB Bryan Randall 6-2 205 PS#4	QB Fred Lee 5-10 175 PS#9	WR DeAngelo Hall 6-0 190 PS#15	DB D.J. Walton 5-10 195 PS#23	RB Cedric Humes 6-2 200 PS#51	DL Jason Murphy 6-3 255 PS#54	TE Jeff King 6-5 245 PS#21	RB Justin Hamilton 6-3 210 PS#63	OL Curtis Bradley 6-3 285 PS#70	LB Blake Warren 6-2 205 PS#43	DL Kevin Hilt 6-2 255 PS#76	QB Will Hunt 6-1 205 PS#58	DL Chris Pannell 6-5 240 PS#100	QB Chris Clifton 6-4 200 PS#96
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OFFENSE

QB Grant Noel Jr. 6-1 224 PS#43. 6 gms, 2Y, 59 yds (42%), 0-0 ratio. Jason Davis (6-1 196 rF) PS#50, 320 bench. **Bryan Randall** PS#4, over 1,000 rush & pass L/2Y in HS. **RB LEE SUGGS JR.** 6-0 204 PS#48. 4.27 spd & big. 136 yds (3.1) in 99. 1280 yds (5.3), 3rd Tm AA, led NCAA w/31 TD's! Keith Burnell (6-0 202 Jr) PS#26, 4.28 spd. Kevin Jones is PS#6. **FB JARRETT FERGUSON SR.** 5-9 222 9sts aFr, 199 yds (5.4), 12 sts in 99, 178 yds (5.1), 12 sts ly, 236 yds (5.1), 18 career rec, 620 squat. Wayne Ward (5-11 209 Sr) PS#123, 218 total yds, 3Y. **WR EMMETT JOHNSON SR.** 6-3 206 PS#95. 6 sts in 99, 11 rec (15.5), Big & 4.4 spd. 12 sts ly, #1 w/35 rec (16.6). **Richard Johnson** (5-10 189 rF) PS#17DB. **Fred Lee** is PS#9. **WR ANDRE DAVIS SR.** 6-1 194 4.29 speed. #1 in 99 w/42 rec (25.5), 12 sts, 8 sts ly (inj) 26 rec (14.9), 1st Tm AA as PR, 20.7 avg. Ernest Wilford (6-5 211 So) PS#173, 4 sts, 13 rec ly. **TE BROWNING WYNN SR.** 6-3 232 8 rec in 99. Super Iron Man Award ly, 10 sts, 10 rec (19.4). **2nd Tm BE.** 340 bench. 4.59 speed. Bob Slowikowski (6-5 247 Sr) 2 sts in 3 years. **C STEVE DEMASI SR.** 6-3 278 2 sts as rF, 8 games, 12 sts ly, 30 knockdowns, 380 bench, 500+ snaps. Jake Grove (6-3 272 So) PS#182, 420 bench, avg'd 25 snaps per game. **RG Luke Owens Jr.** 6-3 310 PS#86. 6 gms as rF, 10 gms in 2000, added 15 lbs. No spring (inj). Robert Ramsey (6-2 305 rF) PS#112OL. Matt Findley (6-1 284 So). **LG Anthony Nelson So.** 6-3 313 PS#108. Hargrave in '98. RS in '99. 2 games, 24 snaps ly, 425 bench. Jacob Gibson (6-4 293 So) PS#132OL. L/5 games in 2000. Inj in spg. **RT Jon Dunn rFr.** 6-7 320 PS#23 & added 20 lbs. Matt Wincoe (6-5 284 Sr) 12 games as true. 11 games, 275 snaps in '99. 9 games as bkup at RT in 2000. 3 letters. **LT Anthony Davis Jr.** 6-4 314 PS#198. Hargrave in '98. 10 games at LT as true, 12 games in 2000, was "additional" str at LT. Tm Selmon (6-5 287 Jr). Thenus Franklin (6-3 285 Jr). **K CARTER WARLEY SO.** 5-11 184 Strong leg. Deep KO's. **2nd Tm Big East** as rF hitting 7 of 10 FG's w/long of 47, 61-63 xp's. Jonathan Mollerup had 46 yd FG on JV str ly.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE LAMAR COBB JR. 6-2 226 PS#77DB. 12 sts ly, 51 tkl, 6 fll, 10 hurries, 2 pbu. Cols Colas (6-0 239 So) PS#219RB. 20 tkl as rF. Derrius Monroe is questionable for fall. **DT CHAD BEASLEY SR.** 6-5 292 PS#57LB. 30 tkl, 5 fll as rF, 39 tkl, 6 fll in 99. 11 sts ly, 60 tkl, 9 tll. **2nd Tm Big East.** Kevin Lewis (6-1 280 So) PS#87LB. 16 tkl, 3 fll as true. **DT DAVID PUGH SR.** 6-3 271 PS#81OL. 29 tkl, 4 tll in 98. 35 tkl, 12 fll in 99. **12 sts ly, 1st Tm Big East.** 62 tkl, 6 sks, 7 tll. Dan Wilkinson (6-1 258 Sr) 1 st, 26 tkl, 2.5 sks ly. **DE NATHANIEL ADIBI SO.** 6-3 253 PS#23, 4.48 speed! 12 sts as rF, 48 tkl, 5 sks, 3 fll. Jim Davis (6-4 251 So) PS#248. 32 tkl, 5.5 sks as true. **Jason Lallis** (6-0 244 rF) PS#12TE. **ILB JAKE HOUSERIGHT SR.** 6-3 237 PS#18. 22 tkl in 99. 12 sts ly, 78 tkl, 4.5 fll, ankle inj & questionable. Brian Welch (6-0 232 Sr) PS#229. 49 tkl, 3 tll ly. Mikal Baagoe (5-10 218 rF) PS#41. **ILB BEN TAYLOR SR.** 6-2 235 12 sts in 99, 78 tkl, 6 fll. Butkus-semi ly, #1 w/110 tkl, 7.5 tll, inj ACL & questionable. Vegas Robinson (6-0 233 So) PS#82. Chad Cooper (6-2 205 rF) PS#15DB. **WLB T.J. JACKSON JR.** 6-1 214 PS#74DB. 4.4 speed. 10 tkl in 2000. Deon Provitt (6-1 209 So) PS#68QB. 4.4 speed, 13 plays ly. Dirk Taylor (6-0 197 Jr) PS#118QB. **CB LARRY AUSTIN SR.** 5-9 187 PS#117. 39 tkl, 2 tll in '99. 4 starts, 4 pbu ly (inj). **Eric Green** (5-11 177 So) 5 starts as true, 4 int, 13 pbu, 33 tkl ly. DJ Walton is PS#23. **CB RONYELL WHITAKER JR.** 5-9 192 PS#38. 31 tkl, 4 pbu as rF, 12 sts ly, **2nd Tm Big East.** 64 tkl, 6 int, 10 pbu. Gannell Wilds (5-11 193 So) PS#72. DeAngelo Hall is PS#15. **SS Kevin McCadam Sr.** 6-1 219 PS#150JUCO. Orig at Colorado St. 31 tkl, 1 tll here ly. Michael Crawford (5-11 205 So) PS#243, 6 tkl ly. **Mike Daniels** (6-0 187 rF) PS#32. **WLB WILLIE PILE JR.** 6-3 197 PS#268. 12 tkl as rF, 12 sts ly, 61 tkl, 7 int, 10 pbu. Billy Hardee (5-11 196 Jr) 3 sts, 34 tkl, 2 pbu ly. Vincent Fuller (6-1 178 rF) PS#76. **P VINNIE BURNS rFR.** 5-11 177 PS#52. 43 yd avg as a HS senior. **Robert Peaslee** (6-0 201 So) 46 punts in 2000, 35.2 avg, 14 inside the 20. Jason Davis was PS#50QB.

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia Tech has been to 8 straight bowl games.
Hokies are 8-1 ATS off back to back SU losses since 1988.
Tech is 7-1 SU, 6-1-1 ATS since 1994 playing on Thurs or Fri.
VT has had a positive turnover ratio in 4 consecutive seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VT Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	UConn	G												
Sep. 8	W Michigan	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	at Rutgers	G												
Sep. 29	UCF	G												
Oct. 6	at W Virginia	A												
Oct. 13	Boston College (HC)	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Syracuse	G												
Nov. 3	at Pittsburgh	G												
Nov. 10	at Temple	A												
Nov. 17	at Virginia	G												
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	Miami (Fla)	G												

UConn was 3-8 SU & 3-4 ATS LY in their 1st yr in Div IA football.
Tech is 14-8-1 ATS at home vs non-conference foes.
VT is 7-1 SU but 3-5 ATS vs the MAC dating back to 1989.
Virginia Tech is 15-7-1 ATS prior to a bye their last 23.
Bonus: The total points scored the last 9 series meetings between VT & Rutgers is 630 pts with an average of 70 ppg.
The visiting team is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings.
VT is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
Pending earlier results, Va Tech is 36-21-2 ATS the L7Y off a SU win.
Tech is 7-3 ATS in Blacksburg sandwiches since 1995.
VT is 10-3-1 ATS their last 14 games vs W Virginia.
Techsters are 4-9 ATS their last 13 on artificial turf.
Pending the UCF game, VT is 18-6-2 ATS at home after a road game.
VT is 6-2 SU vs BC but 3-4-1 ATS in their last 8 meetings.
The Hokies are 6-9 ATS last 15 but 4-2 ATSL3Y the wk after a bye.
Virginia Tech has squeezed the Orange 5 of the last 8 ATS.
Tech is 7-1 SU but 4-4 ATS vs the Panthers since 1993.
The Hokies are 14-6-2 ATS in November since 1995.
Pending earlier results, VT is 16-8-1 ATS their L25 as away chalk.
Virginia Tech is 8-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
VT has covered 11 of 16 in this rivalry.
Hokies are 10-2 ATS vs the ACC since 1992.
Bonus 1: Va Tech is 13-4 ATS last 17 in their road finale.
Bonus 2: VT is 9-4 SU & 7-4-1 ATS in their final HG since 1989.
Virginia Tech is 5-1 SU vs Miami the last 6 years, 4-2 ATS.
The Hokies are 9-1 ATS in revenge games since 1995.

STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (51,907) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-2	10-1	7-4	8-3	11-0	10-1	63-14
ATS	5-6	8-2-1	7-4	4-7	9-2	7-3-1	5-6	45-30-2
Home Fav	2-4	2-2	5-2	3-3	4-2	4-1-1	3-3	23-17-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	2-1	4-0-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-2	2-2	15-8-1
Away Dog	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	6-5
Favorite	4-5	6-2-1	6-3	4-5	6-2	7-3-1	5-5	38-25-2
Dog	1-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	7-5
Grass	4-5	6-2-1	6-2	4-4	7-2	6-1-1	5-4	38-20-2
Artificial	1-1	2-0	1-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	7-10
vs Conf	3-4	5-1-1	4-3	2-5	6-1	4-2-1	2-5	26-21-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	19-9
Off SU Win	5-3	7-0-1	6-3	2-5	6-2	6-3-1	4-5	36-21-2
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	6-5

VIRGINIA TECH (11-1) CONFERENCE: BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 6 DEFENSE: 9
LETTERMEN: Returning: 43 (16,24,3) Lost: 19 (13,6,0)



VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
8*	40.3	22	266	5.2	160	51.6	10.5	+5		2000	3	22.4	17	98	2.9	226	48.2	14.5							
5	40.3	21	256	5.0	200	68.2	11.3	+1		1999	7	13.5	14	72	2.1	185	54.9	19.0							
4*	31.8	17	181	3.9	133	50.4	9.9	+11		1998	8	15.0	15	98	2.6	186	47.1	18.9							
4	27.0	19	205	4.2	142	56.1	12.9	+1		1997	5	18.9	16	118	3.2	202	53.0	16.9							
6*	30.8	21	225	4.9	191	55.2	13.5	-2		1996	6	17.4	18	126	3.5	198	47.9	18.6							
7	31.7	19	178	4.3	206	52.1	13.2	-2		1995	10	13.8	16	79	2.1	204	45.9	20.5							

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	TURN
Akron	25	48-335	7.0	9-16	214	1		20	44-162	3.7	14-30	248	2		-2
at E Carolina	14	36-205	5.7	9-16	106	2		20	39-87	2.2	23-47	331	4		+2
Rutgers	29	58-348	6.0	15-28	179	3		15	24-57	2.4	17-49	184	1		+1
at Boston Coll	23	57-420	7.4	5-17	61	0		20	40-213	5.3	11-24	74	0		-2
Temple	25	56-214	3.8	14-29	162	4		7	28-(-15)	-0.5	13-28	131	6		0
W Virginia	22	48-271	5.6	10-18	233	1		16	33-78	2.4	15-33	170	2		-1
at Syracuse	14	48-165	3.4	6-11	75	8		15	41-111	2.7	13-25	217	0		+5
Pittsburgh	30	61-283	4.6	15-28	194	2		17	29-24	0.8	17-26	311	5		-1
at Miami (Fla)	18	44-162	3.7	15-30	234	1		16	39-183	4.7	11-23	283	0		-2
at UCF	21	61-313	5.1	2-8	55	0		24	23-21	0.9	28-45	362	6		+6
Virginia	26	53-259	4.9	16-25	202	0		15	34-171	5.0	9-24	157	2		0
Clemson (Bowl)	19	47-211	4.5	10-18	205	2		21	35-88	2.5	21-44	243	6		-1
TOTALS	266	617-3186	5.2	126-244	1920	24		206	409-1180	2.9	192-398	2711	34		+5
AVERAGES	22.2	51-266	5.2	11-20	160	2.0		17.2	34-98	2.9	16-33	226	2.8		0.4

Coach: FRANK BEAMER (Career 141-84-4) Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

15th Year at Virginia Tech	33-26-2	Home Favorite
99-61-2 Straight Up	10-6-1	Home Underdog
83-62-6 Vs The Spread	18-11-2	Away Favorite
31-17-2 Off A S/U Loss	22-19-1	Away Underdog
37-29-3 Vs Conference	46-33-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Orange	+16	Nebraska	21-41	L
97	Gator	+11'	N Carolina	3-42	L
98	Music City	-5	Alabama	38-7	W
99	Sugar	+5'	Florida St	29-46	L
00	Gator	-6	Clemson	41-20	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-39	21-18	L	at Rutgers	-20'	59-19	W	at E Carolina	-10	38-3	W	James Madison	-38	47-0	W	Akron	-32	52-23	L
at Boston College	-2'	45-7	W	Syracuse	-3	31-3	W	at Clemson	+2'	37-0	W	UAB	-24	31-10	L	at E Carolina	-5'	45-28	W
Rutgers	-28	30-14	L	at Temple	-23'	23-13	L	at Miami (Fla)	+4	27-20	W	Clemson	-12	31-11	W	Rutgers	-32'	49-0	W
at Syracuse	+1	21-52	L	Arkansas St	-40	50-0	W	Pittsburgh	-14	27-7	W	at Virginia	-5'	31-7	W	at Boston College	-14'	48-34	L
Temple	-23	38-0	W	Miami (Oh)	-19'	17-24	L	at Boston College	-6'	17-0	W	at Rutgers	-31	58-20	W	Temple	-30	35-13	L
Pittsburgh	-31	34-17	L	Boston College	-18'	17-7	L	Temple	-35'	24-28	L	Syracuse	-12'	62-0	W	W Virginia	-22	48-20	W
SW Louisiana	-21	47-16	W	at West Virginia	+1	17-30	L	at UAB	-21	41-0	W	at Pittsburgh	-22'	30-17	L	at Syracuse	-13	22-14	L
E Carolina	-6	35-14	W	UAB	-24	37-0	W	W Virginia	-4	27-13	W	at W Virginia	-19	22-20	L	Pittsburgh	-16	37-34	L
at Miami (Fla)	+6'	21-7	W	Miami (Fla)	-6'	27-25	L	at Syracuse	+4	26-28	W	Miami (Fla)	-8'	43-10	W	at Miami (Fla)	+9'	21-41	L
W Virginia	-4'	31-14	W	at Pittsburgh	-11'	23-30	L	Rutgers	-28'	47-7	W	at Temple	-29	62-7	W	at UCF	-12	44-21	W
Virginia	-1'	26-9	W	at Virginia	+4'	20-34	L	Virginia	-2'	32-36	L	Boston College	-24	38-14	T	Virginia	-20	42-21	W

MIAMI (FLA) HURRICANES



SS Edward Reed blew away opposing pass attacks with 25 pbu's and 8 int's in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Ken Dorsey figures to be one of the front-runners for the Heisman Trophy this year. He was PS#18 and had 3 starts as a true frosh but did take on 3 weak teams while throwing for 888 yds (60%) with an 11-2 ratio. Last year he got a very tough test early vs Washington and hit just 15 of 34 but came back 4 weeks later against Florida St and hit 27 of 42 for 328 yards. He finished throwing for 3,007 yds (58%) with an outstanding 28-7 ratio. Dorsey only had a gross rushing yardage total of 26 yards, showing little mobility. He was 1st Team All Big East and set a school record with 193 pass attempts without an int and is 14-1 SU as a starter. It's a little thin at backup but Derrick Crudup (6-1 190 rFr, PS#22) is solid and should do well if called upon. Ethnic Sands (6-0 180 Jr) was PS#196DB and took over the backup role last year, playing in 7 games with 13 passes. He now moves to WR. True frosh Buck Ortega (PS#67) will battle former walk on Troy Prasek (6-2 210 Jr, PS#181) for the third string spot. With Dorsey having another year of experience, this unit is improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami's had some great teams in its history but surprisingly has had just five 1,000 yard rushers. James Jackson became just the 5th last year and leaves as the school's #3 all time leading rusher. At the start of the year Clinton Portis, despite coming off the bench, was the team's leading rusher and he averaged a team high 6.1 ypc despite missing 3 games due to injury. He also became the quickest Hurricane ever to top 1,000 career rush yards (12 games). Despite his injury plagued year he was the 2nd leading rusher with 582 yds and figures to be the starter. Jarrett Payton (6-2 205 So) was PS#35 and was forced to play as a true frosh in 1999 due to injuries but was able to redshirt last year. Last year's top 2 FB's both return to the squad in Najeh Davenport and DJ Williams but Williams moves back to his more natural LB spot. TE Robert Williams may move in here and also in the mix is Kyle Cobia (6-2 220 rFr) who was PS#173. I list the 2 deep below and naturally they have some talented backs that could emerge. They also signed PS#10 this year. Despite the loss of a star like Jackson (#3 DC of CLE) this unit should come close in terms of production.

RECEIVERS - Last year Miami had to replace a #1 draft pick at TE but did have one of the best WR corps in the country. This year they amazingly lose two career receiving leaders. Reggie Wayne (#1 DC of IND) leaves as the school's all-time leader in career receptions. Santana Moss (#1 DC of NYJ) leaves as the school's all-time leading receiver in yardage, passing up Michael Irvin, and he also had 28 career TD catches. He averaged an amazing 18.0 per reception in his career. They will be missed as well Andre King who had 13 rec's (13.1). Naturally there are plenty of VHT's waiting to fill in, and I list the 2 deep below which includes 3 players ranked in the top 6 coming out of high school. They must replace TE Ivan Mercer (9 sts, 10 rec) but are still in solid shape at that spot. Jeremy Shockley took over as the TE as a soph and simply was 1st Tm Big East and was #3 on the team with 25 rec's (13.7) even though he did not start! I list his backups below. This is still an outstanding group but with the 2 big losses, clearly looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hurricanes offensive front had to replace two starters and two backups last year but got a nice addition in huge JUCO LT Bryant McKinnie (6-9 330) and he was 1st Tm Big East in his first year.

RT Joaquin Gonzalez was also 1st Tm Big East and 2nd Tm AA and they are a potent duo at tackle. Overall 4 starters return from last year with the only loss being LG Greg Laffere (10 sts, 2 yr str). Not only do all 5 backups return but Vernon Carey was PS#1 in 1999 and is plugged into the open spot. They add another PS#1 as a backup at LT. The O-line went from allowing 25 sacks in 1999 to just 9 last year while paving the way for a super 4.9 ypc. They look like the best OL in the country this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After a horrible performance in 1997, when the once proud Miami defense allowed 4.9 ypc (which was unheard of at this school known for its dominating defenses in the '80's and early '90's) they chopped it to 3.6 in 1998 and down to 3.1 ypc in 1999. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a #2 DC but had six of the top 8 returning. Unfortunately projected starting DT Adrian Wilson was suspended from the team over the summer and after being reinstated only saw action in 2 games (6 tkl). Another projected starter, DE Jamaal Green, was suspended the first two games. It was tough to absorb those losses and the unit dropped off a bit, allowing 3.4 ypc rushing and getting only 25 sacks. This year they lose some good ones again in DT Damione Lewis (10 sts, 1st Tm BE, 16 hurries, 10 tfl, #1DC of STL), DE Quincy Hipps (3 sts, 16 tkl, 5 tfl), DT Wilson (6 tkl), DT Brian Stinson (8 tkl) and DE Jevon Rhodes (2 sts, 8 tkl). Fortunately 4 of the top 8 are back and they get 2 super JUCO transfers, a VHT frosh from last year who reenrolled in January and two more VHT true frosh along with 5 players returning with starting experience. Injuries did hurt this unit with DT Lewis missing 3 games due to injury and at one point he, Hipps and Rhodes were out vs Temple. I really like the talent they have to work with here and this looks like the most formidable DL here since the early '90's.

LINEBACKERS - The Hurricanes had 2 starters returning last year but had to replace the #1 tackler. This year 5 of the top 6 LB's return but the lone loss was a big one in Dan Morgan who was simply 1st Tm AA and won the Butkus, Nagurski and Bednarik Awards, making him the most decorated defensive player in the NCAA. Morgan was the top draft choice of Carolina. They have an outstanding replacement in the middle for him in DJ Williams who was PS#1LB last year but started 4 games at FB. This unit is in much the same shape that it was last year but clearly loses its top guy and while very talented, will probably be down a notch in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hurricanes had young secondaries in both 1997 and 1998, finishing #57 both times, but with a veteran group moved up to #11 in 1999. Last year all 4 starters returned and they were one of the best in the country, finishing #5 in my pass defense rankings and allowing 50.1% with 26 int's and only 12 TD's allowed. This year the losses are a little heavier as they must replace FS Al Blades (12 sts, 1st Tm BE, #2 tk/r), CB Leonard Myers (5 sts tfl inj, 2nd Tm BE, #6DC of NE), CB Delvin Brown (2 tkl) and SS Aaron Moser (18 tkl). Including the 2 true frosh VHT's they signed this year, they have 5 VHT's in the group and 3 players return that have started 7 or more games. Mike Rumph looks like one of the best CB's in the country and SS Edward Reed hauled in 1st Tm AA honors last year. This will be yet another formidable secondary for Miami.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Santana Moss may have had something to do with it but Miami has had some excellent special teams rankings the last few years with a #7 finish in 1999 and last year they simply had the best special teams in the country. P Freddie Capshaw did well as a frosh but improved greatly as a soph and was 1st Tm Big East with an average of 43.3 and a super net of 39.2. K Todd Sievers has handled the KO's the last 2 years with 28 touchbacks last season. He also improved on the team's FG accuracy by hitting 14 of 21 but his long was only 44 and he was 2 of 8 from 40-49. He did hit TWO 50 yard xp att's and has a strong leg. Moss will clearly be missed as he had 6 career PR TD's and last year averaged an amazing 17.8 per PR with 4 TD's. Daryl Jones had 8 PR's with a 26.7 average and 1 TD and should do well in his place. Jones also averaged a lofty 26.6 on KR's. They allowed just 17.4 on KR's behind Sievers' strong leg and should continue to do well in that area. In six years they blocked 39 kicks under Davis but after getting 7 in 1999 they only had 2 last year (1 FG, 1 punt). Even with the loss of an amazing returnman like Moss, Jones appears very capable of filling his shoes and this unit is clearly a Top 10 unit again with the top 2 kickers back.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami was arguably the best team in the country last year but didn't get a chance to play in the National Title game. They went 11-1 including a win at home vs Florida St and crushed Florida in the Sugar Bowl. Miami had the nation's largest increase in attendance in 2000, as attendance was up 48.8% from 1999. This is a program that was arguably one of the top 2 or

MIAMI (FLA) 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
James Jackson	213	1111	43	1068	11	5.0					
Clinton Portis	95	603	21	582	2	6.1					
Najeh Davenport	71	343	18	325	5	4.6					
Santana Moss	6	205	4	201	2	33.5					
Jason Geathers	18	125	3	122	1	6.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Ken Dorsey	362	210	58.0	3007	28	7					
Ethenic Sands	13	9	69.2	174	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Santana Moss	51	837	16.4	5	80						
Reggie Wayne	46	804	17.5	10	47						
Jeremy Shockey	25	343	13.7	4	44						
Najeh Davenport	16	151	9.4	2	22						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
F. Capshaw	51	2207	43.3	9	39.2	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Todd Sievers	7-8	5-5	2-8	0-0	14-21	44					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
D. Morgan	150	4	15	3	D. Lewis	43	3	7	3	0	
A. Blades	93	1	3	4	W. Joseph	41	3	7	0		
E. Reed	89	0	8	25	J. Vilma	40	0	5	1		
C. Campbell	85	4	7	7	J. Green	36	4	5	0		
H. Clark	65	1	4	2	M. Walters	32	3	5	3		
M. Rumph	48	0	1	12	L. Myers	29	1	1	9		
P. Buchanan	45	0	1	9	J. Lewis	28	1	3	4		
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
S. Moss	39	693	17.8	4	Daryl Jones	16	426	26.6	0		

3 programs in the country in the late '80's and early '90's but a tough probation cost them 31 scholarships over 4 years which began to weaken the foundation. In 1997 they actually finished 5-6 and missed a bowl game. Butch Davis turned them around and in 1998 a young team went 8-3 and won their bowl game. In 1999 they went 8-4 vs a killer schedule with their 4 losses to teams who were a combined 40-5 during the regular season. I had them ranked 4th (highest among the Big 9 magazines) in my 2000 preseason poll and they exceeded expectations finishing at #2. The big loss this season is Head Coach Butch Davis who left for the Cleveland Browns. Larry Coker, who has been the OC here since 1995, takes his first head coaching job. Last year on offense they set a single season scoring mark with 469 points in the regular season, a Big East record although they did lead the nation in non-offensive TD's with 13 (5 PR's, 6 int returns and 2 fumble returns). The Hurricanes return 7 starters on offense including one of the top QB's in the country in Ken Dorsey. They also have the top O-line in the country and you know their skill position players, while inexperienced, are loaded with talent. They must replace WR Santana Moss who was the Offensive and Special Teams Player of the Year in the Big East. The new OC is Rob Chudzinski who has been the TE coach at Miami since 1994. Despite the 7 returning starters, I will call for a decrease in the offensive ppg as they will likely not be as fortunate with the defensive and special teams TD's. On the defensive side of the ball, they lose their DC Greg Schiano to Rutgers. They bring in Randy Shannon and he was the LB coach for the Dolphins. Beside Schiano, they also lose their star defensive player in Dan Morgan who was the most decorated defensive player in the NCAA. They have 8 starters back on a defense that held Florida St scoreless at the half. They are loaded with talent and once again will be extremely tough. I do 7 sets of power ratings every year and one says Miami is THE most talented team in the country while two others call them the second-most talented. This is clearly one of the most talented teams in the country but I have questions as far as the National Title chase goes. Will the new coaching staff, which is far less experienced, do as effective a job? Can Miami overcome a tough non-conference schedule which includes Penn St, Washington and Florida St, two of which are on the road? Can the Hurricanes win in December in frigid Blacksburg where they lost 43-10 in 1999? Will they be as fortunate as last year's +13 in the turnover ratio (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277)? Those are some big questions to overcome but clearly Miami has the talent to be a National Title contender this year and should take the Big East race down to the final game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB KEN DORSEY JR. 6-5 200 PS#18. 3 sts as true, 888 yds (60%) 11-2 ratio. 1st Tm Big East in 2000, 12 sts, 3007 yds (58.0%), super 28-7 ratio. Derrick Crudup (6-1 190 rFr) PS#22.
RB Clinton Portis Jr. 5-11 190 PS#124. 5 sts as true, 955 yds (6.2), 9 games in 2000 (inj) 582 yds (6.1). Jarrett Payton PS#35, 262 yds as true. Willis McGahee was PS#6 ly.
FB NAJEH DAVENPORT SR. 6-2 235 PS#34. 400 yds (6.8) in 98. 81 yds in 99 (inj). 5 sts ly, 325 yds (4.6), 16 rec (9.4). 4.35 apd. Nick Nettles (6-2 250 Jr) PS#194DL. Moved to FB ly.
WR Andre Johnson So. 6-3 220 PS#2. 3 rec, 249 return yards as rFr, Jason Geathers (6-3 215 So) PS#3. 122 rush yds as true. Kevin Beard (6-2 175 So) was PS#18.
WR Daryl Jones Sr. 5-10 190 PS#9. 8 sts as true, 2 sts in '99, 28 rec, 2 yrs. 1 st, 14 rec (14.8) ly. Willie Dixon (5-11 185 rFr) PS#6. Ethnic Sands 174 pass yds at QB ly.
TE JEREMY SHOCKEY JR. 6-9 245 PS#159JUCO. 25 rec (13.7) here & 1st Tm Big East. Robert Williams (6-4 240 Sr) PS#16WR. 6 rec ly. David Williams PS#79 last year.
C BRETT ROMBERG JR. 6-3 290 PS#306 (Canada). 7 games as true, 12 sts last year despite inj. Scott Puckett (6-3 275 Sr) PS#279, 17 games, 3 letters. James Sikora PS#172.
RG MARTIN BIBLA SR. 6-4 285 PS#25. 4 starts as rFr. 13 starts in 1999. 12 starts in 2000, excellent run blocker, 3 letters. Chris Myers (6-5 260 rFr) was PS#52 in 2000.
LG Vernon Carey So. 6-5 340 PS#1 in 1999/8 games as backup in 2000. Ed Watkins (6-4 300 Jr) PS#46 in '97. 2 starts at LG last year. Clint Hurt (6-3 290 Sr) was PS#160.
RT JOAQUIN GONZALEZ SR. 6-5 290 2nd Tm AA ly. 12 sts in '98, BE Rookie of the Year. 13 sts in '99. 12 sts ly. Only 2 sacks allowed in L23 mins. Sherko Haji-Rasouli (6-6 310 Jr) 2L.
LT BRYANT MCKINNIE SR. 6-9 330 PS#26JUCO last year. 12 starts here & 1st Tm Big East. LT of Year. Carlos Joseph (6-6 305 So) PS#1. 6 games on DL as true, 1 tackles.
K TODD SIEVERS JR. 6-3 215 PS#3K. 14 of 53 TB's on KO's as true, 14 of 21 FG's ly, long of only 44. 2 of 8 from 40-49. 28 TB's on 83 KO's. 63 yd FG in HS. Two 50 yd xp conv.

DE CORNELIUS GREEN SR. 6-4 250 PS#79JC ly. L7 sts here, 3 sks, 7 tfl. Andrew Williams is PS#28JC. 4 tkl in spg. Jerome McDougale had 12 sks at JC in 99, terror on scout team ly.
DT Antonio Thomas So. 6-4 282 PS#40OL. Orig signed w/Florida. 1 st, 3 gms here ly as true. Vince Willork (6-2 330 Fr) PS#8 ly and re-signed this year. Orien Harris is PS#6.
DT WILLIAM JOSEPH JR. 6-5 290 PS#69. 13 sts as rFr, 52 tkl, 17 hurries. 12 starts, 41 tkl, 10 tfl, 12 hurries ly. Matt Walters (6-5 280 Jr) 61 tkl, 3 sts, 5 sks, 8 tfl in 2 years.
DE JAMAAL GREEN JR. 6-3 250 PS#184. 22 tkl, 4 sacks as rFr. 10 starts, 9 tfl, 36 tkl last year. Larry Anderson (6-4 260 So) PS#114. 4 tkl, 2 tfl, Leon Williams is PS#3.
WLB HOWARD CLARK JR. 6-1 220 PS#10. 20 tkl as rFr. 10 starts ly, 65 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 int. Jarrell Weaver (6-3 210 So) PS#97. 23 tkl, 2 tfl. Jermell Weaver PS#80DB in 1999.
MLB D. J. Williams So. 6-2 235 PS#1LB ly. 4 sts at FB as true, 225 yds. Jonathan Vilma (6-2 220 So) PS#165. 40 tkl, 5 tfl as true. Sheven Marshall PS#52. 2 sts, 35 tkl, 2 yrs.
LB CHRIS CAMPBELL SR. 6-2 225 PS#129DL. 20 tkl as true, 9 sts, 59 tkl, 9 tfl in 99.
1st Tm BE, 12 sts, 85 tkl, 11 tfl ly. Ken Dangerfield (6-2 225 Jr) PS#162. 1 start, 40 tkl in 2 years.
CB MIKE RUMPH SR. 6-2 200 PS#8. 3 sts, 5 pbu as true. 13 sts in 99, 4 int, 5 pbu, 7 tkl, 12 sts ly. 1st Tm BE. 12 pbu. Markese Fitzgerald (5-11 180 Sr) PS#19, 13 sts, 92 tkl, 17 pbu, 3Y.
CB PHILLIP BUCHANON JR. 5-11 175 PS#181. 22 tkl as true, 7 starts last year, 45 tkl, 4 tfl, 9 pbu. Maurice Sikes (5-11 180 Sr) PS#34. 8 tkl as rFr. Antrel Rolle is PS#3DB.
SS EDWARD REED SR. 6-0 190 1st Tm AA ly. 12 sts, 96 tkl, 8 tfl as rFr. 12 sts, 82 tkl, 13 tfl in 99. 12 sts, 89 tkl, 8 int, 25 pbu ly. Alfonso Marshall (6-1 180 So) PS#179. 9 tkl as true.
FS James Lewis Sr. 5-11 190 PS#163WR. 16 tkl as true, 1 st, 40 tkl in 99. 28 tkl, 4 tfl ly. Carl Walker was PS#11. James Scott (6-2 195 Jr) 7 tkl in 99, 11 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu ly.
P FREDDIE CAPSHAW JR. 5-11 180 52 punts as rFr. 40.0 avg in 10 starts. 1st Tm Big East as soph. 51 punts, 43.3 avg, net of 39.2. Jesse Ohlinger (6-3 215 So) did KO's vs FSU as RB.

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 OL Robert Bergman 6-5 275 PS#30
 OL Rashad Butler 6-5 290 PS#43
 TE Brandon Seabald 6-6 240 PS#14
 DB Marcus Maxey 6-3 190 PS#44
 DL Kevin Everett 6-5 235 PS#57
 DL Randy Boxill 6-5 300 PS#70
 DL Andrew Williams 6-4 265 PS#28JC
 RB Sean Taylor 6-3 220 PS#80
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MIAMI (FLA) HURRICANES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miami's average margin of victory in non-lined gms S/'94 is 49 pts. UM is 14-1 SU in their first home game since 1986. Although UM does not play E Carolina this year, the 'Canes are 1-6-1 ATS vs the Pirates since 1983.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Penn St	G												
Sep. 8	Rutgers	G												
Sep. 15	Washington	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 27	at Pittsburgh (Thurs)	G												
Oct. 6	Troy St	G												
Oct. 13	at Florida St	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 25	W Virginia (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 3	Temple (HC)	G												
Nov. 10	at Boston College	A												
Nov. 17	Syracuse	G												
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	at Virginia Tech	G												

The 'Canes last played PSU in 1999 & lost SU 23-27 as a 2 pt dog. UM is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 road openers.

Miami is 1-3 ATS in their last 4 conference openers.

Miami is 6-1 ATS last 7 & the avg victory margin has been 38 ppg.

Prior to LY, UM's last meeting w/UM was in '94, a 38-20 loss as 14' pt favs. Miami is 16-9 ATS prior to a bye since 1990.

The home team is 7-2 ATS last 9 in this series.

Miami was 16-9 ATS as away chalk coming into 2001 season.

Troy St Trojans were 9-3 SU last year in the Southland Conf.

UM lost both SU & ATS the last time they played a non-conf foe prior to FSU.

Last year's 3 pt win was Miami's 1st SU win over FSU since 1994.

Miami is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS in this fierce rivalry.

Miami is 8-10 ATS last 18 but 6-2 ATS last 8 after a SU loss.

The road team has covered 9 of the last 10 meetings.

'Canes are 9-2 ATS the last 3 years in November.

The Hurricanes are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Temple last 6 years.

The Hurricanes are 11-5 ATS last 5 years on artificial turf.

The home team is 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series.

UM entered 2001 with a 16-4 ATS mark in their L20 Big East gms (10 straight ATS).

Hurricanes are 7-2 ATS in their Orange Bowl finale.

UM came into 2001 with a 5-9 ATS mark as a single-digit fav, but 3-1 L4.

'Canes are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS last 6 years vs the Hokies.

STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	8-3	8-3	5-6	8-3	8-4	10-1	57-21
ATS	7-3	3-7	6-4	3-8	7-3	7-5	8-3	41-33
Home Fav	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-4	2-1	4-1	3-2	16-15
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	3-4
Away Fav	4-1	0-4	3-0	1-2	3-0	1-1	4-1	16-9
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	6-5
Favorite	6-3	3-6	4-3	2-6	5-1	5-2	7-3	32-24
Dog	1-0	0-1	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-3	1-0	9-9
Grass	5-2	3-5	3-4	2-6	4-2	6-4	5-2	28-25
Artificial	2-1	0-2	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	13-8
vs Conf	5-2	2-5	5-3	2-5	5-2	4-3	7-0	30-20
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-3	11-13
Off SU Win	6-3	2-5	5-2	2-3	4-3	4-3	7-2	30-21
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	1-2	0-5	3-0	2-2	1-0	9-10

Coach: LARRY COKER (Career 0-0) Coker's record AT MIAMI (FLA)

1st Year at Miami (Fla)	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Orange	+1'	Nebraska	17-24	L
96	Carquest	-3'	Virginia	31-21	W
98	MicronPC	-6'	NC State	46-23	W
99	Gator	-4'	Georgia Tech	28-13	W
00	Sugar	-6'	Florida	37-20	W

MIAMI (11-1) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47 (21,23,3)
Lost: 17 (8,9,0)



MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	42.2	22	194	4.9	266	57.9	10.9	+13	2000	8	15.8	19	115	3.4	228	50.1	21.7
7	33.2	20	177	4.5	229	56.5	12.2	+5	1999	9	16.9	18	114	3.1	196	53.6	18.4
6	37.3	23	208	5.1	255	58.8	12.4	+6	1998	6	24.8	21	149	3.6	235	55.5	15.5
7*	28.6	21	170	4.6	222	56.0	13.7	0	1997	3	25.9	22	220	4.9	177	58.2	15.3
8*	30.6	21	147	4.0	265	59.7	13.4	-4	1996	10	17.5	16	134	3.4	147	46.8	16.0
5	26.7	20	142	3.8	224	59.7	13.7	-5	1995	5	18.3	18	183	4.2	148	48.0	18.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
McNeese St	25	30-287	9.6	22-37	341	0		23	44-197	4.5	19-33	212	0	+3
at Washington	18	33-158	4.8	15-34	215	4		21	46-128	2.8	18-31	223	5	+0
at W Virginia	18	36-96	2.7	22-33	291	0		14	40-155	3.9	15-36	162	3	+2
at Rutgers	25	54-261	4.8	17-23	296	2		14	27-4	0.1	19-42	153	2	+4
Florida St	20	35-120	3.4	27-42	328	0		29	27-69	2.6	29-58	496	0	+0
at Temple	18	36-152	4.2	12-23	205	1		17	43-123	2.9	17-31	135	6	-2
Louisiana Tech	29	48-331	6.9	16-31	185	0		28	18-67	3.7	42-72	418	2	-1
Virginia Tech	16	39-183	4.7	11-23	283	1		18	44-162	3.7	15-30	234	0	+2
Pittsburgh	23	41-155	3.8	22-37	264	0		15	30-77	2.6	19-39	189	2	+3
at Syracuse	19	41-156	3.8	16-29	263	0		9	31-83	2.7	11-27	83	2	+2
Boston College	22	41-244	6.0	18-28	255	0		16	42-176	4.2	12-29	122	2	-1
Florida (Bowl)	28	43-184	4.3	22-40	270	1		25	20-140	7.0	24-51	312	1	+1
TOTALS	261	477-2327	4.9	220-380	3196	9		229	412-1381	3.4	240-479	2739	25	+13
AVERAGES	21.8	40-194	4.9	18-32	266	0.8		19.1	34-115	3.4	20-40	228	2.1	1.1

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-14	30-7	W
Citadel	NL	52-6	-
at Rutgers	-26	33-0	W
Pittsburgh	-36	45-0	W
Florida St	+4'	16-34	L
E Carolina	-17'	6-31	L
at W Virginia	+3	10-7	W
at Temple	-24	57-26	W
Virginia Tech	-6'	7-21	L
Boston College	-21'	43-26	L
at Syracuse	+7'	38-31	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Baylor	-15'	45-14	W
Arizona St	-9'	12-23	L
at Pittsburgh	-15'	17-21	L
W Virginia	-8'	17-28	L
at Florida St	+22	0-47	L
at Boston College	-6	45-44	L
Temple	-20	47-15	W
Arkansas St	-41	42-10	W
at Virginia Tech	+6'	25-27	W
Rutgers	-34	51-23	L
Syracuse	+6	13-33	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	66-17	-
at Cincinnati	-13'	38-12	W
at Virginia Tech	-4	20-27	L
at Rutgers	-28	53-17	W
Florida St	+9'	14-26	L
at W Virginia	+4	34-31	W
Boston College	-15	35-17	W
at Temple	-23'	42-7	W
Pittsburgh	-23'	38-10	W
at Syracuse	+3'	13-66	L
UCLA	+9'	49-45	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Ohio St	+5'	23-12	W
Florida A&M	NL	57-3	-
Penn St	+2	23-27	L
at E Carolina	-11	23-27	L
at Florida St	+14	21-31	W
at Boston College	-18	31-28	L
W Virginia	-17'	28-20	L
at Pittsburgh	-8	33-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+8	10-43	L
Rutgers	-33	55-0	W
Syracuse	-10'	45-13	W
Temple	-31	55-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	-55	61-14	L
at Washington	-3	29-34	L
at W Virginia	-7'	47-10	W
at Rutgers	-30	64-6	W
Florida St	+6'	27-24	W
at Temple	-22	45-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-40'	42-31	L
Virginia Tech	-9'	41-21	W
Pittsburgh	-20'	35-7	W
at Syracuse	-12'	26-0	W
Boston College	-27	52-6	W

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS



DE Bryan Knight was Big East royalty last year, earning 1st Team honors.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Pitt has led the Big East in passing in 3 of Walt Harris' 4 years. In 1999 John Turman and David Priestley split the QB duties, each throwing for 1,300 yards with Priestley completing 58.2% but Turman just 47.9%. Priestley, who threw for 407 yards vs VT in '99, sat out last spring following shoulder surgery which put him behind. Although Harris alternated 3 QB's during the 1H of the year, Turman started 11 games and finished 7th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. He threw for 2,482 yards (55%) with a 20-8 ratio. VHT Rod Rutherford (PS#9) was used to run the option early on but saw little action at QB down the stretch. Turman departs but Priestley's shoulder should be 100%, and Harris is known as one of the best QB coaches in the country. Rutherford played the slash role last year (WR/QB/RB) while rushing 21 times for 97 yards. He should be more productive and allowed to throw more passes (3 ly). He is being given a shot at the starting spot. Pat Hodermy (6-6 230 rF) was PS#42 and has intriguing size. He will likely be the backup. In Harris' first year he took a non-descript 5th year senior in Pete Gonzalez and transformed him into the Big East's top QB and has even more talent to work with in Priestley. Despite the loss of Turman, this group could surpass last year's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Pitt's rush attack has averaged just 2.9, 3.2 and 3.4 ypc the last 3 years. Kevan Barlow led the team in rushing in each of the last 3 years, improving each season. He had 533 yards in 1998, 630 in 1999 and last year became the first RB at Pitt to top 1,000 yards in 6 years, finishing with 1,167 and a lofty 5.3 ypc rushing. He had 2 games of over 200 yards including 272 vs WVU, the 2nd highest ever in a Pitt game next to Tony Dorsett's 303 vs ND in 1975. He departs (#3 DC of SF) as does his backup Nick Goings (294 yards, 3.9). Darcey Levy (PS#50) was a ND transfer who was not eligible until week 5 and only got in 1 rush attempt all year. He moved to WR this spring. Malcolm Postell (6-1 210 rF, PS#119) was #1 in the spring and will battle SEVEN incoming frosh including Mike Jemison (PS#86) who was in for the spring. It is also possible that one of the FB's will move over as they are deep there. Lousaka Polite (PS#213) won the starting FB job and was #3 rusher with 122 yards (3.2). He was also the #3 rec with 17 receptions. Dustin Picciotti (PS#8) is a VHT signee who missed the first 3 games last year due to post-concussion syndrome and saw limited action with 23 rushing yards. I list the two deep as it stands in the spring, but I personally would move Picciotti to the feature TB role and

if that happens they could equal last year's numbers if he is 100% healthy. With the loss of their top 2 rushers, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year Pitt returned 3 of their top 4 players including their supertandem of 1st Tm Big East Latef Grim and super soph Antonio Bryant. Bryant stepped to the forefront in 2000 and despite missing one game, led the NCAA in ypg receiving (130.2) and averaged 20.0 on his 73 rec's with 13 TD's. He won the Biletnikoff Award for top WR in the country! Meanwhile, Grim had 75 rec's as a junior but the number dropped to just 43 (15.5) and he departs. They lost their #3 rec RJ English to injury at midyear and he had 15 rec's and a super 21.7 ypc. Lamar Slade was the top backup with 17 rec (10.5). Donny Patrick (PS#49) redshirted and could steal a starting job. Also in the mix is Robb Butler (6-0 200 Jr) who was PS#49 DB and had 7 tackles last year. The top 2 TE's are back and I list them below. They are used mostly as blockers. They bring in PS#3 TE this year in Erik Gill. The Panthers have had the top receiver in the Big East all 4 of Harris' years and Bryant should make it 5 in a row and his 1,457 receiving yards last year set a Big East record. This group looks to be just as solid as last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Pitt lost two starters to graduation but got back a full-time starter from '98 who missed most of 1999 so basically had 4 starters returning. Even though they opened up the holes for a 1,000 yard rusher and increased the ypc rushing from 3.2 to 3.4, they also allowed 37 sacks after giving up just 28 in 1999. This year they lose C Jeff McCurley (12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 4 yr str) and LT Mark Browne (12 sts, 2 yr str) and once again return 8 of the top 10. The deep I list below shows that the projected 1st teamers all have starting experience of at least 3 games or more. Harris signed a super group last year that will all contribute as rF. This group has just as much experience as it did last year, and I really like the incoming talent so I'll call it stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Pitt's top sackman on the defensive line had just three and last year they had to replace their top 2 DL's and came in with a front that only averaged 255 lbs per man among the starters. Stuningly the unit went from allowing 3.8 ypc to just 2.6 last year and even more impressively, helped Pitt lead the Big East in QB sacks with 35 while allowing under 100 ypg rushing. Bryan Knight had 11.5 sacks and including those sacks, set a Big East record with 26 tfl. The only losses this year are NT Mike White (11 sts, 47 tkl, 8 tfl) who led the team with 15 QB pressures and DT Nigel Neal (2 sts, 8 tkl). Overall 5 players return with starting experience and they get 5 solid rF (both rF & True) joining the mix including Brandon Hayes (PS#64). This unit has added size, has more starting experience, and also added talent. I look for this to be one of the better defensive fronts in the Big East this season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Pitt had to replace one starter and one backup due to graduation but moved in a VHT RB in Brandon Williams and the unit performed well and Pitt's defense was much improved. Everyone is back to this unit including 7 players with starting experience and they signed 3 VHT true frosh that could play immediately. Even 3rd teamer Nick Cole (6-2 240 Sr) had 7 starts in '98 and two in each of the last 2 years and has 133 career tackles. This will be Williams' second year at the position so he will be improved, and Gerald Hayes was the star of the group last year, leading the team in tackles. This could be the most experienced LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt's highest ranking in my pass D ratings from 1997-'99 was #80. In 1999 they had 3 starters back but 2 lost their jobs to youngsters and they finished #87. Last year two starters and 3 backups departed and they had just 2 returning starters. Despite the inexperience they rose to #65, allowing just 53.7% with a 13-1 ratio, and they were helped by the fact that the front 7 provided a lot more pressure on opposing QB's. This year everyone is back including eight players with starting experience and I list the two deep below. Both starting CB's have good size and they should get even more production from FS Ramon Walker who was 1st Tm Big East in 1999 but missed 2 games to suspension and two to injury last year. Also, VHT William Ferguson had 4 starts as a true frosh and should find a starting spot somewhere. Also in the mix but not listed below is Tyrone Gilliard (5-11 175 Fr) who was PS#154RB. This season Pitt should easily have their best finish in my pass defense rankings in the past five years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Panthers highest finish in my special teams rankings prior to 1999 was just #96 but they jumped all the way up to #15 in 1999. Unfortunately they lost P Greg DeBolt who had a super net of 39.1 and also lost their top PR Hank Poteat (16.2). Naturally 2000's unit dropped, finishing #78. K Nick Lotz was solid, hitting 11 of 17 FG's with one miss from beyond 50 yards and a long of 48. His kickoffs helped Pitt rank 4th in the Big East in KR defense. Jay Junko won the punting job at the start of the year

PITTSBURGH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Kevan Barlow	219	1242	75	1167	9	5.3				
Nick Goings	76	322	28	294	0	3.9				
Lousaka Polite	38	123	1	122	1	3.2				
Rod Rutherford	21	97	18	79	1	3.8				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
John Turman	269	148	55.0	2482	20	8				
David Priestley	103	57	55.3	829	5	4				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Antonio Bryant	73	1457	20.0	13	84					
Latef Grim	43	668	15.5	2	47					
Lamar Slade	17	179	10.5	2	28					
Lousaka Polite	17	130	7.6	0	17					
Kevan Barlow	16	174	10.9	1	25					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Andy Lee	35	1355	38.7	-	31.9	0	0			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Nick Lotz	4-6	5-8	2-2	0-1	11-17	48				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
G. Hayes	110	3	7	4	0	B. Beinecke	57	3	5	2
A. Purifoy	86	2	3	2	0	S. Spencer	51	0	0	16
B. Knight	76	115	14	1	1	B. Williams	50	0	1	0
M. Ponko	72	1	3	7	1	W. Ferguson	47	3	1	12
R. Walker	71	0	2	0	0	M. White	47	1	7	0
R. Gonzales	60	1	2	1	0	J. Conlin	46	2	2	1
R. Smith	60	35	5	0	0	S. Robinson	40	0	0	18
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
A. Bryant	19	192	10.1	0	R. Rutherford	13	285	20.4	0	

but avg'd just 34.1 on 21 punts and Andy Lee (PS#38) took over the job and did well down the stretch, averaging 38.7 per punt. The team had a net of just 31.9 and that should improve drastically as both players return and have more experience. Pitt blocked one punt while not allowing any punt blocks. Tim Stein was the PR most of the year, averaging just 5.2 but Antonio Bryant took over down the stretch and avg'd 10.1 on 19 returns and should continue in that role this year. Rod Rutherford moved from backup QB to top KR and avg'd 20.4 on 13 returns. Also dangerous in that capacity are Darcey Levy (7 returns, 15.7) along with Torrie Cox who had 1 TD on KR's, averaging 24.4 on 11 returns. Two long snappers with starting experience are back. With everyone back on the special teams unit, I can see Pitt pulling back into the top 20 this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' first year they had an improbable finish to the season, upsetting both VT and WVU to make it to a bowl game. In 1998 they were a very inexperienced group and actually went 0-7 in Big East play. In 1999 they showed improvement and came within a blocked FG of sending Penn St into OT and upset ND but finished 5-6 with a roster that was down to 67 scholarship players by the end of the year due to injuries and the loss of some players in the coaching transition. Last year they had to replace 19 seniors and played their home games in Three Rivers Stadium. After 8th place and 7th place finishes the previous 2 years, I pegged them 4th last year and they ended up in a tie for 3rd in Big East play and returned to the postseason. They finished the year 7-5 and remember that 3 of their 4 losses were by an average of 4.3 points including a double OT loss to Syracuse, a VT FG with :16 left and a 3 point loss to NC Car. Also note the fact that they suffered through -11 turnovers (see Turnovers-Turnaround on page 277). This year they are playing in the brand new Pittsburgh Steelers Stadium and should have a solid fan following. Walt Harris is known as an offensive mastermind and a solid QB coach. He has six players back on that side of the ball and I expect big things out of that unit with a definite improvement upon last year's 24.7 ppg. Paul Rhoads was hired as DC last year and in his first year turned the team around from allowing 25.3 ppg in '99 to just 20.6, they led the Big East in sacks with 35 and recorded their first shutout since 1987. Their run defense, which allowed 234.1 ypg and ranked #102 in the country prior to Harris, has improved in each of his 4 years and was down to just 97 ypg and 2.6 ypc. They come in #30 in my total defense rankings yet have only 1 senior on the entire 2 deep and keep in mind that the 20.6 ppg allowed was despite the fact that they were -11 in turnovers. The defensive improvement came due to the switch to the Virginia

Tech style of defense and this year's unit will be formidable and has top 10 potential! The schedule is very difficult with home games against the Big East's top 3 teams and 4 conf road games. This is by far Walt Harris' best team yet and it would not surprise me to see them pull some upsets including beating title contenders Miami (Fla) and Virginia Tech. I think Pitt must be listed as a contender in the Big East this year and I will call for them to win 1 or 2 of the games against the Big East's perennial top 3 teams (Miami, Virginia Tech, Syracuse).

TOP NEWSDEALERS FOR 2001

TE Erik Gill 6-5 245 PS#3
DL Joe Dipe 6-4 241 PS#26
OL Dale Williams 6-5 250 PS#47
OL Craig Atkins 6-6 295 PS#59
WR Marcus Furman 5-8 172 PS#55
LB Troy Banner 6-3 285 PS#66
LB Monroe Weekley 6-3 252 PS#38
RB Tim Murphy 5-10 230 PS#68
DL Kevin Harris 6-5 245 PS#81
OL Jason Capizzi 6-9 265 PS#85
RB Mike Jemison 5-11 224 PS#86
WR JJ Horne 6-3 210 PS#80
LB Tyre Young 6-0 250 PS#62
DL Thomas Smith 6-4 245 PS#125
RB Abdulah 6-0 215 PS#139

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OFFENSE

QB David Priestley Sr. 6-4 210 PS#34 & orig at Ohio St. 4 starts here in '99, 1305 yds (58%) 6-3 ratio. 1 st ly, 829 yds (55%), 5-4 ratio. Rod Rutherford (6-3 215 So) PS#49.

RB Malcolm Postell rF. 6-1 210 PS#119RB. Mike Jemison is PS#86, was in for spring. Marcus Furman is PS#55. Abdur Abdullah is PS#139 and Tim Murphy is PS#68.

FB LOUSAKA POLITE SO. 6-0 240 PS#213. 9 sts as rF, 122 rush, 130 rec ly. Dustin Picciotti (6-3 250 So) PS#8. Concussion ly, only 23 yds. Raymond Kirkley is PS#160.

WR ANTONIO BRYANT JR. 6-2 185 1st Tm AA. Biletnikoff Award in 2000. 51 rec (16.5) as true. Led NCAA in ypg in 2000, 73 rec (20.0). Donny Patrick (6-2 205 Fr) was PS#49.

WR R.J. ENGLISH SR. 6-3 215 4 sts, 27 rec, 2 yrs, 21.7 ypc ly. Lamar Slade (6-2 205 Jr) PS#92. 3 sts, 17 rec (10.5) ly. Darcey Levy (6-2 215 Sr) PS#50, orig at Notre Dame.

TE MIKE BOSNIC SR. 6-7 280 PS#53 in '99. 6 sts as rF, 4 sts ly, blocker. Kris Wilson (6-3 230 So) 7 sts as rF, 8 rec. Erik Gill is PS#3. Brennan Carroll (6-4 260 Sr) 3 rec ly.

C Chad Reed Jr. 6-3 280 PS#131. 4 games as true, 3 starts, 11 games ly, 2 letters. Dan LaCarte (6-4 280 So) PS#49TE. Darryl Weston (6-4 255 rF) PS#128DL.

RG BRIAN ANDERSON JR. 6-5 305 PS#43. 11 starts as rF in 1999, 11 starts at RG in 2000, 2 letters. Rob Pettit (6-6 320 rF) PS#135. Justin Belarski (6-3 270 rF) PS#176.

LG JON SCHALL SO. 6-4 295 PS#246 in '99. Enrolled in 2000 & 10 starts as "true," 12 games. Jon Pressnell (6-4 280 rF) PS#140. Mark Caldwell (6-6 275 rF) PS#187.

RT KHAIAWATHA DOWNEY JR. 6-4 305 PS#400 in '97. 10 starts at LG in 1999. Injured early ly but 6 starts at RT. Saul Freund (6-7 305 rF) was PS#39. Dale Williams is PS#47.

LT Matt Morgan So. 6-7 290 PS#55 in '99. 6 sts as rF when Downey was injured, 11 gms, 1 letter. Joe Manganello (6-4 295 Jr) PS#49. 1 start at RT in '99 backup ly.

K NICK LOTZ SR. 6-2 210 1 of 3 FG's as true. Hit 13 of 17 in 1999, long of 44, 30 of 33 xp's. 11 of 17 in 2000, long of 48, 1 miss from 50+. Solid on KO's last year.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE RYAN SMITH JR. 6-4 255 24 tkl, 3 tfl, 9 gms in '99. 10 sts ly, 3.5 sks, 5 tfl, missed spg (back surgery). Brian Guzek (6-2 245 Jr) 3 sts, 36 tkl, 2 yrs. Dan Stephens PS#109.

DT JOE CONLIN SR. 6-5 280 PS#28TE. 2 sts, 18 tkl in '99. 10 sts ly, 46 tkl, 4 tfl. Darrell McMurray (6-4 295 So) PS#102OL, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. Vince Crochunis (6-4 270 rF).

DT Brandon Hayes rF. 6-4 275 PS#64 in 2000 & added 20 lbs. Penny Seimya (6-5 315 So) PS#449OL, 1 st, 17 tkl, 4 tfl as rF. Matt Melford (6-3 270 So) PS#214OL, TE ly.

DE BRIAN KNIGHT SR. 6-2 230 37 tkl as LB as rF. 11 DE sts in '99, 69 tkl, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 12 sts ly, 1st Tm BE. 76 tkl, 11.5 sks, 14 tfl. Claude Harriott (6-4 235 So) 22 tkl, 5 tfl as rF.

SLB GERALD HAYES JR. 6-3 240 PS#150. 3 sts as true, 46 tkl, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm BE ly. 10 sts, 6 tfl w/110 tkl, 10 tfl. Lewis Moore (6-2 245 So) PS#73, 39 tkl, Nick Cole 11 sts, 3 yrs.

MLB AMIR PURIFOY SR. 6-2 235 PS#41. 2 sts, 55 tkl, 5 tfl as true, 6 sts in '99, 60 tkl, 7 tfl, 8 sts ly, 86 tkl, 5 tfl, Ryan Gonzales (6-2 245 Sr) PS#154, 13 sts, 189 tkl in 3Y.

WLB BRANDON WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 225 PS#19RB. 9 starts, 442 yds in '98. 6 sts at LB ly, 50 tkl, 1 tfl. Brian Beinecke (6-1 225 Jr) PS#27 37 tkl in '99, 6 starts, 57 tkl, 8 tfl, 2 pbu last year.

CB SHAWN ROBINSON JR. 6-1 180 WR in '99, 11 starts at CB last year, 18 pbu, 40 tkl, 6 int. William Ferguson (5-10 185 So) PS#27. 4 starts as a true, 47 tkl, 2 int, 12 pbu.

CB SHAWNTE SPENCER SO. 6-2 170 PS#141. 9 sts as true, 51 tkl, 2 int, 16 pbu. Torrie Cox (5-10 185 Jr) PS#258RB, 62 yds as true. 28 tkl, 4 pbu at DB ly. Taron Gray PS#140DB.

SS MARK PONKO SR. 5-10 200 15 tkl as rF, 9 sts in '99, 76 tkl, 4 pbu, 12 sts ly, 72 tkl, 4 tfl, 7 pbu, 3 blk'd punts in 3 yrs. David Roubt (6-4 210 Jr) PS#88UC, 4 tkl last year.

FS RAMON WALKER JR. 6-0 195 PS#167, 1st Tm BE as rF, 131 tkl, 5 tfl, 7 pbu, 7 sts ly (susp & inj), 71 tkl. Corey Humphries (6-2 205 So) 4 sts, 34 tkl, Gary Urschler 1 st, 27 tkl.

P ANDY LEE SO. 6-2 195 PS#39K. Took over P duties as true frosh, 35 punts (38.7), 8 inside 20. Jay Junko (6-4 210 Jr) had 21 punts (34.1) in 2000 with 4 inside 20.

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This year the Panther's HG's will now be on grass as they move to a new stadium.
Although the Panthers are 8-11 ATS the L7Y, they're 4-1 ATS the L2Y on grass.
Pittsburgh is 3-5-1 SU, 1-8 ATS vs the ACC since 1985.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PITT Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	E Tenn St	G												
Sep. 8	S Florida	G												
Sep. 15	UAB	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 27	Miami, Fla (Thur)	G												
Oct. 6	at Notre Dame	G												
Oct. 13	Syracuse (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Boston College	A												
Oct. 27	at Temple	A												
Nov. 3	Virginia Tech	G												
Nov. 10	at Rutgers	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24	at W Virginia	A												

Pittsburgh is 11-3 SU in their last 14 home openers.
The ETSU Bucs finished 6-5 SU last year in IAA play.
Panthers are 10-4 ATS in their first lined home game.
Bulls were 7-4 SU in Division IAA ball last year.
Under Harris, Pitt was 9-5 ATS in non-conf gms coming into 2001.
Panthers are 6-17 ATS their last 23 the week prior to a bye.
Bonus: Pittsburgh is only 2-7 ATS in Big East openers.
Panthers are 5-2 ATS the week after a bye.
Pitt is 12-5 ATS as a double-digit dog since 1997.
Panthers are 6-17 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1990.
Pittsburgh is 19-31 ATS on the road the last 10 seasons.
Panthers are 7-18 ATS their last 25 meetings with the Orangemen.
The home team is 7-2 ATS in the Pitt/Syracuse series.
If they upset Cuse LW: Note that Pitt was 13-5 ATS off a SU win prior to 2001.
Pittsburgh is 5-11 ATS their last 16 vs Boston College.
Pitt is 2-10 ATS as away chalk over the last 10 seasons.
The away team is 2-11 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Panthers are 2-9 ATS the last 3 years in November.
Pittsburgh has covered 4 of the last 5 vs the Hokies.
Pitt came into 2001 with a 5-12 ATS mark off their L/17 SU losses.
Panthers are 13-3 SU but only 9-7 ATS vs Rutgers since 1985.
Pittsburgh is 1-5 ATS the last 6 years in their final road game.
The visitor is 10-3 ATS in this Backyard Brawl.

STADIUM: NORTH SHORE FOOTBALL STADIUM (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	4-7	6-5	2-9	5-6	7-4	29-48
ATS	5-6	4-7	5-6	8-3	3-7	7-4	5-6	37-39
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-3	10-8
Home Dog	2-2	2-3	2-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	14-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-6
Away Dog	2-3	1-3	1-4	4-0	1-3	1-0	1-2	11-15
Favorite	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-3	3-4	12-14
Dog	4-5	3-6	3-5	7-1	2-5	4-1	2-2	25-25
Grass	1-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	8-11
Artificial	4-4	4-6	4-3	6-2	3-4	5-4	3-5	29-28
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	4-3	5-2	1-6	4-3	3-4	21-28
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	1-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	16-11
Off SU Win	1-1	2-0	0-3	4-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	16-9
Off SU Loss	3-5	1-7	5-2	3-2	2-6	2-3	1-3	17-28

PITTSBURGH (7-5) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6

DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 53 (21,27,5)

Lost: 13 (10,3,0)



PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	OFF	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	YPP	OFF	TOTAL	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
7*	24.7	20	131	3.4	276	54.7	16.5	-11	2000	7	20.6	19	97	2.6	233	53.7	16.0						
7	25.5	19	120	3.2	240	52.3	14.1	0	1999	7	25.3	20	143	3.8	256	55.4	15.8						
4	21.3	20	116	2.9	206	49.9	15.1	-9	1998	6	30.4	18	146	3.5	202	53.7	11.5						
8*	27.8	22	149	4.0	249	54.8	14.3	+2	1997	8	29.5	23	161	3.8	254	54.5	14.1						
7*	19.5	15	139	3.5	146	46.3	14.6	-10	1996	4	39.1	23	233	5.0	223	58.4	11.7						
6*	19.7	17	119	3.4	201	48.0	16.2	-7	1995	8	29.9	20	158	4.1	250	55.0	13.7						

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS BY	TURN
Kent St	19	32-119	3.7	13-26	293	1	17	35-83	2.4	18-32	205	1	+2
at Bowling Green	19	35-36	1.0	22-32	321	6	14	39-35	0.9	19-39	197	7	-1
Penn St	16	44-107	2.4	11-19	272	6	15	33-64	1.9	18-36	161	5	0
Rutgers	28	55-212	3.9	19-27	218	3	11	21-(-13)	-0.6	20-37	225	4	-5
at Syracuse	16	32-91	2.8	21-46	237	2	24	53-160	3.0	20-29	279	3	0
Boston College	24	45-252	5.6	16-29	332	2	21	34-140	4.1	19-37	284	2	+2
at Virginia Tech	17	29-24	0.8	17-26	311	5	30	61-283	4.6	15-28	194	2	+1
N Carolina	18	32-63	2.0	18-39	344	5	19	47-129	2.7	13-32	164	3	-1
at Miami (Fla)	15	30-77	2.6	19-39	189	2	23	41-155	3.8	22-37	264	0	-3
at Temple	23	45-170	3.8	18-29	218	1	11	27-12	0.4	18-35	170	5	-3
W Virginia	23	46-275	6.0	11-27	229	0	20	26-49	1.9	21-45	343	3	-3
Iowa St (Bowl)	23	36-144	4.0	20-36	347	2	22	34-67	2.0	23-34	308	0	0
TOTALS	241	461-1570	3.4	205-375	3311	35	227	451-1164	2.6	226-421	2794	35	-11
AVERAGES	20.1	38-131	3.4	17-31	276	2.9	18.9	38-97	2.6	19-35	233	2.9	-0.9

Coach: WALT HARRIS (Career 31-50) Harris' record AT PITTSBURGH

5th Year at Pittsburgh	6-6	Home Favorite
20-26 Straight Up	8-4	Home Underdog
23-20 Vs The Spread	2-5	Away Favorite
8-14 Off A S/U Loss	7-5	Away Underdog
13-15 Vs Conference	10-5	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	83	Fiesta	+3'	Ohio St	23-28	L
	87	Bluebonnet	-4	Texas	27-32	L
	89	John Hancock	+6	Texas A&M	31-28	W
	97	Liberty	+10	S Mississippi	7-41	L
	00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37	L

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
W Virginia	+4	0-34 L	SW Louisiana	-7	45-13 W	Villanova	NL	48-41 -	Bowling Green	-5'	30-10 W	Kent St	-26	30-7 L
Kent St	-29'	52-14 W	at Penn St	+32	17-34 W	Penn St	+25	13-20 W	at Penn St	+34'	17-20 W	at Bowling Green	-7	34-16 W
Houston	-4'	35-42 L	at Houston	+3	35-24 W	at Virginia Tech	+14	7-27 L	Kent St	-33	30-23 L	Penn St	+5'	12-0 W
at Ohio St	+36	0-72 L	Miami (Fla)	+15'	21-17 W	Akron	-12'	35-0 W	Temple	-17'	55-24 W	Rutgers	-20	29-17 L
at Miami (Fla)	+36	0-45 L	at Temple	-5	13-17 L	at N Carolina	+7	10-29 L	Syracuse	+10	17-24 W	at Syracuse	+6	17-24 L
Temple	+2	53-52 W	Notre Dame	+10'	21-45 L	Rutgers	-21	21-25 L	at Boston College	-3'	16-20 L	Boston College	-3'	42-26 W
at Syracuse	+32	7-55 L	at Rutgers	-12	55-48 L	at Syracuse	+24	28-45 W	at Rutgers	-15	38-15 W	at Virginia Tech	+16	34-37 W
at Virginia Tech	+31	17-34 W	at Boston College	+4'	21-22 W	Temple	-14	33-34 L	Virginia Tech	+22'	17-30 W	N Carolina	-8	17-20 L
Boston College	+11'	20-13 W	Syracuse	+19	27-32 W	Boston College	+1'	15-23 L	Miami (Fla)	+8	3-33 L	at Miami (Fla)	+20'	7-35 L
at Notre Dame	+37	6-60 L	Virginia Tech	+11'	30-23 W	at Miami (Fla)	+23'	10-38 L	Notre Dame	+9	37-27 W	at Temple	-8'	7-0 L
Rutgers	-8	24-9 W	at W Virginia	+12	41-38 W	W Virginia	+15	14-52 L	at W Virginia	-1	21-52 L	W Virginia	-5'	38-28 W

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DE Dwight Freney (#54) and OLB Billy Wilson (#49) look to get the D into the Top 25 again in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Orangemen have not been very effective offensively since Donovan McNabb left town. The school has had its share of super QB's like Marvin Graves, Don McPherson and McNabb but has struggled the last two years to find a consistent QB. In 1999 Troy Nunes and Madei Williams (PS#15) battled for the job all year. Williams was supposed to be McNabb's heir apparent, but threw for just 742 yards (50%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 284. Following spring, Williams opted to play his final year at S Illinois. In 1999, Troy Nunes threw for 1,269 yards (60%) with an 11-5 ratio and rushed for 304 yards. RJ Anderson joined the fray last year. Anderson was only PS#170 and played mostly OLB & TE at Milford Prep following HS, but he has solid size and speed as well as a cannon for an arm. Nunes began the year as the starter and things were going great. After 5 games he had hit 69% of his passes with a 6-5 ratio and ranked #3 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. He had 8 int's in the next two games and would not return until the season finale. Anderson took over and after a great first start vs WV in which his TD pass with :10 left gave them the win, he hit just 40% with an 0-4 ratio in the final 3 games. He was pulled at the half vs Rutgers. Nunes' 1,366 yards passing last year (61%, 8-14 ratio) was the 5th highest total in SU history but he lacks the arm strength to throw the deep ball. VHT true frosh Cecil Howard rushed for over 3,000 yards the last 2 years in high school and passed for less than 700 but does have a strong arm. The freeze option offense that SU runs really needs a reliable leader at the QB position. Hopefully one will emerge this year, and it could be the true frosh Howard!

RUNNING BACKS - SU has had some outstanding runners like Larry Csonka, Joe Morris and three players who wore the famed "44", Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown. Dee Brown (#6 DC of CAR) had the best game of his career in the season finale vs Rutgers, rushing for 239 yards and finished the year with 1,031 yards and a solid 6.0 ypg. He leaves as the school's 5th all-time leading rusher and team MVP. The Orangemen appeared to be in great shape heading into last year with their top 3 rushers returning including FB Kyle Johnson and KJ who was injured in the first game of the season and did not return, taking a medical redshirt. James Munro was the #2 rusher with 797 yards and set a Big East record with 6.9 ypg and should do fine as the feature back. Brown and Munro were the 8th best RB rushing combo in the country, combining for 173.4 ypg and SU led the NCAA with the least amount of fumbles lost (3). Walter Reyes (5-11 205 rFr) was PS#20 and may get to wear the famed "44" this year, showing how highly he is regarded. He has breakaway speed, something that Munro lacks. Also in the mix at TB is Diamond Ferri (5-10 204 So) who was PS#21 and had 101 yards rushing as a true frosh and also adds speed. I list the top 4 FB's below and Johnson's

return cannot be overstated. Even with the loss of Brown, this group could be more dangerous in 2001 with added speed at TB and the return of their FB. **RECEIVERS** - The last couple of years SU has suffered significant losses in this area, including 2 of their top 3 receivers who departed last year. Johnnie Morant (PS#3) was a much anticipated signee who had trouble adjusting to the offense despite the fact that Pasqualoni said he would likely get on the field as a true. This year they suffered just one loss in Pat Woodcock, who led the team with 29 rec's (15.6). Everyone else is back and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the group, including all 3 VHT starters that I list below. They also move FB Len Cusumano (6-2 242 So) to TE behind the 31 list below. If Morant lives up to his advanced billing, this unit should be vastly improved in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The results of this unit over the past few years have been surprising. The team rushed for 4.7 ypc in 1998 and returned 4 starters in 1999 but surprisingly dropped to 3.9 ypc while allowing 25 sacks. Last year the unit had to replace 4 starters due to graduation and shuffled the line before the start of the season which meant it struggled in the first couple of games. Surprisingly SU averaged 4.5 ypc and trimmed the sacks allowed to 20. This year practically everyone returns with the exceptions of RG Vaughn Smith (8 sts) and LG Emerson Kilgore (1 st). I list the 2 deep below and the unit is loaded with HT's and even a couple of VHT's. In an option offense you do not want the line to be huge and this year's front averages just 289 lbs per man. With practically everyone back and 3 senior starters, this group looks even stronger in 2001, and could be one of the Big East's best OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Orangemen have not had a lot of top-notch sackmen through the years but DE Duke Pettijohn had 10.5 sacks in 1999 and he and DE Dwight Freney combined for 20.5 last year despite the fact that Freney was lost after 7 games due to illness. The Orangemen's D-line last year was a veteran group with 3 starters returning and 6 of the top 8. This year they must replace Pettijohn (10 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 7.5 sks, 47 tkl, 6 ftl), DE Clifford Snell (27 tkl), DT Rickie Simpkins (69 tkl, 2nd Tm BE, 9 sts, 4.5 ftl) and DT Eric Downing (11 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 62 tkl, 8.5 ftl, #3 DC of KC). The big news is that Freney is back as are four other players with starting experience. SU went from allowing 3.2 ypc and generating 33 sacks in 1999 to surprisingly just 3.8 ypc and getting 31 sacks last year. Freney has 4.42 speed and benches 455 lbs and was leading the NCAA in sacks when he was forced to miss the end of the season with an illness. Last year's unit was clearly the top DL in the Big East with three 2nd team Big East players and a 1st teamer. New starting DT Louis Gachelin benches 480 lbs and played every third series last year. This year's 2 deep contains plenty of HT's and VHT's including Freney, but is clearly less experienced than last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - The Orangemen had to replace a 1st round DC last year in Keith Bulluck as well as 3 others who combined for 51 starts and 21 tackles. This year they must replace LB Morlon Greenwood (11 sts, 1st Tm BE, 98 tkl, 6 ftl, #3 DC of MIA) but could have everyone else returning, including VHT Clifton Smith who has lived up to his billing by starting 8 games as a true frosh and earning 1st Team Big East honors last year as the team's #1 tackler. The question mark is OLB Jameel Dumas (PS#140) who had 2 starts last year but was dismissed from the team in the spring and needs to make grades to play in the fall. Greenwood's loss is a big one as he was a 4 year starter, but this year's group appears just as experienced and should be the equal of the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Syracuse finished #19 in my pass defense rankings in 1998 and had to replace 2 starters in 1999 but still moved up to #16 with 6 of the top 8 back. Last year they once again had to replace 2 players (who combined for 19 starts) but 3 returned with starting experience and they finished #18, allowing only 45.4% with a 9-7 ratio. Six games into the season no DB had an int and also five games into the season the team had allowed 7 TD passes. Over the final six games, SU only allowed 2 TD passes. CB Will Allen led the team with 17 pbu and was one of 12 Jim Thorpe Semifinalists as well as 1st Tm Big East. Allen is the only loss this year and was #1 DC of NYG. SS Keon Walker is now in his 2nd year at DB after moving from RB while Quentin Harris, who was the #2 tackler in 1999, and missed a good portion of last year with injury, should return to his 1999 form. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Maurice Minter (6-3 216 Sr) who was PS#46WR and had 11 tackles in his first year at DB in 2000. Seven players are back with starting experience, and it would not surprise me to see a few of these players end up at LB which is not as deep as this secondary which runs 4 deep in talent. The Orangemen will once again contend for Top 20 honors in my pass defense rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pasqualoni's teams usually fare well in this area as they finished #2, #1 and #8 from 1995-97. They dropped to #53 in 1998 and surprisingly 67th in 1999. Last year they got back on track, finishing #27 in

SYRACUSE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Dee Brown	172	1076	45	1031	9	6.0					
James Munro	115	827	30	797	7	6.9					
Troy Nunes	78	265	159	106	2	1.4					
Diamond Ferri	20	105	4	101	2	5.1					
Chris Davis	26	91	5	86	3	3.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Troy Nunes	154	94	61.0	1366	8	14					
RJ Anderson	91	42	46.2	512	2	5					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Pat Woodcock	29	453	15.6	2	79						
Malik Campbell	26	319	12.3	1	44						
Maurice Jackson	20	337	16.9	1	78						
David Tyree	14	333	23.8	3	65						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Mike Shafer	51	2086	40.9	-	35.1	2	10				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Shafer	5-7	2-8	0-4	0-1	7-20	37					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
C. Smith	108	0	7	2	0	Willie Ford	49	0.5	4	11	1
M. Greenwood	98	0	6	7	0	Duke Pettijohn	47	7.5	6	2	0
K. Walker	85	0	1	2	0	Will Allen	41	0	1	17	2
R. Simpkins	69	1.5	3	2	0	D. Freney	32	13	5	1	0
E. Downing	62	0.5	8	0	0	Will Hunter	27	2	1	4	0
JR Johnson	60	1	2	1	0	Clifford Snell	27	0	0	0	0
G. Harris	55	0	1	6	1	C. Burton	24	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
M. Campbell	32	338	10.6	0	Will Allen	19	458	24.1	0		

my special teams ratings but it's a good thing that FG accuracy was not taken into account. Mike Shafer, who had to handle the punting, KO and kicking duties, hit just 7 of 20 FG's and was 0 for 5 from 40+. He missed more FG's than any other kicker in Div IA ball. If his duties are lightened, he should be more effective and Collin Barber (PS#42) or Valley Forge Military transfer Justin Sujansky should win the FG job. Shafer hit 50% of his KO's into the endzone and hit 19 of 28 FG's in his high school career. Shafer is back to handle the punting duties and was 41st in the NCAA with a 40.9 average and a 35.1 net. SU suffered 3 blocked punts. SU also blocked 3 punts and all 3 were by soph David Tyree who returns this year. The Orange return units were outstanding. They allowed just 7.2 per PR which was 25th in the NCAA and 17.0 per KR, 10th in the NCAA. Shafer avg'd 62 yards on his 21 KO's while Ben Kozik avg'd 54.1 yards on 19 KO's. The return game was also solid as KR Will Allen was 23rd in the NCAA with a 24.1 average and Malik Campbell's 10.6 PR average ranked 37th in the NCAA and his 32 PR's set a school record. The only loss this year is Allen and he will be tough to replace, but SU has a shot at contending for Top 20 honors this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Attendance dropped 7.8% last year yet the team is raising ticket prices and attendance could drop again this year with Virginia Tech and Miami, Fla not on the home schedule. Surprisingly, SU has not sold out since 1998. Pasqualoni has had 12 winning seasons in 12 years, the 2nd most of all active coaches without a losing season. Syracuse has had some great QB's through the years but have not yet been able to recover from the loss of QB Donovan McNabb. In 1998, with McNabb, the Orangemen averaged 39.8 ppg and 421 ypg earning an Orange Bowl berth. The last 2 years they've suffered from inconsistent play at the QB position and the ppg has slipped to just 25.0 and 26.7 which are the lowest totals since 1994. They once again have 4 QB candidates and one needs to emerge to make their freeze option offense as potent as it was in year's past. They have a lot of talent on that side of the ball with 8 starters returning. In their first 3 Big East games last year they averaged 402.3 ypg but only 17 ppg as they were -9 in turnovers. The 1999 team had no 40+ yard TD plays after the second game but got a little better in 2000. Defensively they recorded 31 sacks last year, #6 all-time and welcome back DE Dwight Freney who was leading the NCAA in sacks when he was lost for the season with an illness after 7 games. Four defensive players made 1st Team Big East honors but unfortunately 2 depart as do three 2nd Team

Big East players. Syracuse may be my #19 rated defense in the country last year and despite the losses, they have 6 starters back and will be solid and probably in the Top 25 once again. The schedule is not easy as they take on 9 teams that were in bowls last year and of their 7 Big East games, four take place on the road. Last year they were bowl eligible but had a streak of 5 straight bowl games end when they were not invited. While the schedule is difficult, this year I see Syracuse improving upon last year's six victories and they should easily get back to the postseason.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Cecil Howard	6-2 215 PS#16
WR Larry McClain	5-10 185 PS#60
OL Xavier Greene	6-5 265 PS#63
OL Steven Gregory	5-11 170 PS#85
OL Jared Pierce	6-6 280 PS#93
DL Ryan LaCasse	6-3 240 PS#151
DL Julian Pollard	6-5 250 PS#121
DL James Wyche	6-2 220 PS#163
DL Tommy Harris	6-5 235 PS#164
TE Kellen Pruitt	6-4 205 PS#62
OL Kader Drame	6-5 280 PS#164
OL Tim Carignan	6-4 295 PS#182
RB Cory Brooks	6-2 215 PS#232
LB Billy Wilson	6-4 240 PS#381
QB Xavier Gaines	6-4 185 PS#378

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OFFENSE

QB CECIL HOWARD FR. 6-2 215 PS#16. Troy Nunes (6-2 185 Jr) 13 sts, 2635 yds pass (61%). 19-19 ratio, 569 rush in 2 yrs. **RJ Anderson** (6-1 242 So) PS#170. 4 sts, 512 pass ly. **RB James Munro Sr.** 5-9 215 PS#8. 365 yds, (7.3) as rFr. 699 yds (5.5) in 99. 1 st, 797 yds (6.9) ly. Walter Reyes (5-11 202 rFr) PS#20. Diamond Ferri (5-10 204 So) 101 yds as true. **FB KYLE JOHNSON JR.** 6-1 238 PS#262. 69 yds rush in 1st 2 yrs. 6 sts, 185 rush in 99. RS ly (inj). Chris Davis (5-11 230 Jr) 5 sts, 86 yds ly. Trump Belton (6-0 221 So) PS#120. George Scott (5-10 206) PS#40. **WR MALIK CAMPBELL SR.** 6-2 186 PS#21QB as rFr. 2 sts in 99. 19 rec (16.2). 10 sts ly, 26 rec (12.3). Maurice Jackson (5-8 163 Sr) PS#48. 4.18 spd. 3 sts, 20 rec (16.9) ly. Jared Jones PS#17WR. **WR Johnnie Morant So.** 6-4 216 PS#3WR in 2000. 4.6 speed. David Tyree (6-1 194 Jr) PS#26. 14 rec, super 23.8 ly. Jamel Riddle (5-7 173 So) PS#29DB. 2 rec in 99 yms ly. **TE GRAHAM MANLEY SR.** 6-3 255 PS#14TE. 1 rec, 13 gms '98 & '99. 11 sts ly, 11 rec (9.6). Jeremie Frazier (6-1 246 Sr) PS#19JUCO. Joe Donnelly (6-2 243 So) PS#10. **C NICK ROMEO SO.** 6-1 292 PS#118OL. 490 lb bench. 11 starts at Cas rFr last year, strongest OL. Chris Buda (6-2 292 So) PS#63. 11 games as backup ly, did not letter. **RG JOSEPH BURTON SR.** 6-5 286 PS#16. 2 starts as rFr. 9 starts in 1999 at RG. 11 starts last year, 9 at RT, 2 at RG. Added 14 pounds. Adam Terry (6-7 291 rFr) PS#55OL. **LG SEAN O'CONNOR SR.** 6-3 293 PS#61. 2nd string as rFr. 3 starts at RG in 99. 11 starts last year (1 at LT, 10 at LG), 3 letters. Matt Tarullo (6-5 311 rFr) PS#138, athletic. **RT Kevin Sampson So.** 6-4 277 PS#83OL in 99. 1 start at RT, 10 gms, DNL. Giovanni DeLoatch (6-5 307 Sr) 1 st at RT ly, 2nd string. Jeremy McCorkle was PS#58 ly. **LT PJ ALEXANDER SR.** 6-4 298 PS#176. 4 sts as rFr. 9 games. Backup C in 1999. 10 sts at LT in 2000 (1 game susp). Erik Kaloyanides (6-4 298 Jr) 1 start at RG. PS#130. **K JUSTIN SUJANSKY FR.** 5-10 210 41 of 54 KO's into EZ. 6 of 7 FG's at Valley Forge Military last year. Collin Barber (6-1 192 rFr). Mike Shafer hit 7 of 20 FG's last year.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE DWIGHT FREENEY SR. 6-1 250 PS#64. 2 sts in '99, 5 sks. 7 sts ly til illness. 13 sks (led NCAA), 1st Tm BE. 4.42 spd. 455 benches. Josh Thomas (6-6 256 So) 5 tkl ly til inj. **DT Louis Gachelin So.** 6-1 280 PS#41. 22 tkl, 2.5 sks as rFr. 480 bench. Tre Mathis (6-3 334 So) PS#37OL, moved to DT in spring. Brian Hooper (6-1 281 rFr) was PS#129. **DT Christian Ferrara So.** 6-3 278 PS#71DL. 2 starts as rFr last year, 12 tkl, 1 tfl. 1 pbu. Charles Simpson (6-1 318 So) had 1 tkl as rFr. Julian Pollard (6-5 250 Fr) is PS#121. **DE Mark Holtzman Sr.** 6-4 259 4 starts ly, 19 tkl, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Sheldon King (6-1 259 Sr) PS#90LB. 1 start at TE in '99. Injured ly. James Dumervil (6-0 234 rFr) was PS#65. **OLB Maurice Minter Sr.** 6-3 200 PS#46WR. 11 tkl as DB ly. Jameel Duman (6-2 217 So) PS#140. 2 sts, 15 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. ? for fall (grades). Rich Scanlon (6-1 228 So) PS#67, 12 tkl, 2 tfl ly. **MLB CLIFTON SMITH JR.** 6-2 249 PS#8. 8 sts as true. 70 tkl, 3 tfl, 11 sts ly, 1st Tm Big East, 1st w/108 tkl, 7 tfl. Rodney Wells (5-11 235 Sr) has 14 tkl, 1 tfl in 3 years here. **OLB JR JOHNSON SR.** 6-0 225 PS#39DB. 34 tkl in '98 & '99. 7 sts ly, 60 tkl, 3 tfl. Jose Harris (6-4 225 Jr) JUCO. Billy Wilson (6-4 240 Fr) from Vanier College in Canada. **CB Latroy Oliver Jr.** 5-8 191 PS#30RB. 9 tkl, 1 int as rFr. 2 sts ly, 14 tkl, 4 pbu. Will Hunter (5-10 185 Sr) 2 starts, 27 tkl, 4 pbu ly. Cedric Edmonds (5-9 190 rFr) PS#99. **CB WILLIE FORD SR.** 6-2 199 13 tkl as true. 5 sts, 78 tkl, 6 pbu in 99, 10 tkl, 49 tkl, 11 pbu ly. Jeremy Cooper (6-0 181 Sr) PS#44WR. Troy Swittenburg (5-9 195 Fr) PS#56RB. **SS KEON WALKER JR.** 5-10 192 PS#69RB. 79 total yds as rFr. 10 starts last year, 85 tkl (#3), 2 pbu. Charles Burton (6-1 231 Sr) PS#60. 3 starts, 66 tkl, 6 pbu in 3 years. **FS QUENTIN HARRIS SR.** 6-0 216 PS#32WR. 8 sts, 66 tkl, 3 int as rFr. 12 sts, #2 w/102 tkl, 2 int in 99. 9 sts (inj). 55 tkl, 6 pbu ly. Maurice McClain (6-1 172 Jr) PS#27. 9 tkl, 1 st in 2Y. **P MIKE SHAFER JR.** 5-9 180 PS#55. 43.4 avg in high school. 55 punts in 99. 38.1 avg, 51 punts last year, 40.9 avg, 10 inside the 20, also did FG's & KO's. Just P's this year.

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Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

This year's opener vs Ga Tech will be played in nearby Giants Stadium. Including bowls, Syracuse is 7-2 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1990. The Orangemen are 9-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs the MAC since 1980. Syracuse is 11-16-1 ATS in November since 1994, but 3-1 LY. Orangemen are 0-3 SU & ATS vs ACC teams since 1996.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 26	† Ga Tech (Sun)	G												
Sep. 1	at Tennessee	G												
Sep. 8	UCF	A												
Sep. 15	E Carolina	A												
Sep. 22	Auburn	A												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at Rutgers	G												
Oct. 13	at Pittsburgh	G												
Oct. 20	Temple	A												
Oct. 27	at Virginia Tech	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	W Virginia (HC)	A												
Nov. 17	at Miami (Fla)	G												
Nov. 24	Boston College	A												

Syracuse is 9-3 ATS in their last 12 road openers. This is the Kickoff Classic played in Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ.

Pending last week, 'Cuse is 0-4 ATS on grass the last 2 years. A controversial pass interference pen set up UT for the gm winning FG in '98.

Syracuse is 7-10 ATS but 11-6 SU in their 1st line home game. Pending LW, 'Cuse is 8-3 ATS the last 3 years in September.

Syracuse is 4-2 SU but 2-4 ATS the last 4 years vs CUSA teams. The visitor is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series.

Auburn has only played 1 game on artificial turf in the last 3 years. Orange are 6-3 ATS their last 9 at home prior to a bye week.

Syracuse is 13-1 SU, 12-2 ATS in this series, all as chalk. Orangemen are 25-14-2 ATS S/90 as an AF but just 9-9-1 the L5Y.

McNabb's alma mater is 4-0 SU but only 1-3 ATS the L4Y vs Pitt. Could apply: Syracuse is 2-5 ATS overall L3Y when line is between +5/-5.

Syracuse has outscored TU 223-65 the L6Y but is only 3-3 ATS. 'Cuse is 13-2 SU & 11-4 ATS at home in October.

The home team has covered 9 of 10 in this series. Orange are 4-11 ATS as an AD under Pasqualoni, 4-14-1 ATS in that role L12Y.

The Orangemen are 6-3 SU but 4-5 ATS last 9 at home vs WV. Favorite is 10-2-1 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.

Syracuse is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS in the last 9 meetings. The favorite is 7-1 ATS in that span.

Orangemen are 13-7 ATS vs BC since 1981. The favorite is 14-3 ATS in the last 17 series meetings.

STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,550)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	8-3	9-3	8-3	6-5	6-5	52-26
ATS	5-6	7-4	6-4-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	7-4	41-36-1
Home Fav	1-2	4-2	4-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	4-0	21-15
Home Dog	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	4-2
Away Fav	2-1	2-0	2-2-1	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-1	14-10-1
Away Dog	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	2-9
Favorite	3-3	6-2	6-4-1	6-5	4-6	4-4	6-1	35-25-1
Dog	2-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	6-11
Grass	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	0-1	6-9
Artificial	4-6	5-2	6-4-1	4-4	4-5	5-3	7-3	35-27-1
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	5-2	4-3	4-3	1-6	5-2	25-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	1-2-1	2-3	1-3	4-0	2-2	16-12-1
Off SU Win	3-4	4-4	5-2-1	5-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	26-22-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-3	4-1	10-12

SYRACUSE (6-5) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 35 (17,17,1)
Lost: 15 (5,7,3)



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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
5	26.7	18	207	4.5	171	55.5	14.1	2000	8	19.3	15	136	3.8	175
6	25.0	19	174	3.9	168	56.2	13.7	1999	6	21.3	16	112	3.2	195
6*	39.8	22	220	4.7	201	60.9	10.6	1998	4	25.0	18	142	3.8	195
7*	33.9	22	199	4.5	229	52.1	12.6	1997	4	17.4	15	112	3.0	192
7*	36.4	21	250	5.0	159	53.4	11.0	1996	8	17.3	15	104	2.9	165
5	31.3	19	192	4.2	193	60.9	12.3	1995	6	17.8	22	153	3.9	213

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS BY	TURN
Buffalo	23	50-298	6.0	6-9	82	2	14	33-102	3.1	16-36	168	3	+4	
at Cincinnati	19	37-105	2.8	21-30	221	0	17	35-155	4.4	16-35	188	1	-1	
at E Carolina	18	48-247	5.1	12-22	179	2	15	39-177	4.5	8-17	201	2	-2	
BYU	16	50-224	4.5	10-12	228	3	19	21-21	1.0	24-44	272	4	+1	
Pittsburgh	24	53-160	3.0	20-29	279	2	16	32-91	2.8	21-46	237	3	0	
at Boston Coll	18	46-306	6.7	9-22	134	0	13	36-176	4.9	10-24	119	4	-4	
Virginia Tech	15	41-111	2.7	13-25	217	0	14	48-165	3.4	6-11	75	9	-5	
at W Virginia	18	42-183	4.4	20-37	216	2	15	37-169	4.6	8-21	156	2	+1	
at Temple	18	57-223	3.9	4-14	62	4	10	32-111	3.5	6-27	44	2	+1	
Miami (Fla)	9	31-83	2.7	11-27	83	2	19	41-150	3.7	16-29	263	0	-2	
Rutgers	23	54-339	6.3	11-20	180	3	17	42-177	4.2	17-36	200	1	+1	
TOTALS	201	509-2279	4.5	137-247	1881	20	169	396-1494	3.8	148-326	1923	31	-6	
AVERAGES	18.3	46-207	4.5	12-22	171	1.8	15.4	36-136	3.8	13-30	175	2.8	-0.5	

Coach: PAUL PASQUALONI (Career 115-53-1)

Pasqualoni's records AT SYRACUSE

11th Year at Syracuse	29-22	Home Favorite
81-36-1 Straight Up	6-3	Home Underdog
59-50-2 Vs The Spread	22-13-2	Away Favorite
13-16 Off A S/U Loss	2-12	Away Underdog
37-30-1 Vs Conference	22-20-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Gator	+2'	Clemson	41-0	W
96	Liberty	-17	Houston	30-17	L
97	Fiesta	+3	Kansas St	18-35	L
98	Orange	+6'	Florida	10-31	L
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	-3	10-27	L	Wisconsin	-8	34-0	W	Tennessee	E/-1	33-34	L	at Toledo	-13'	35-12	W	Buffalo	-43'	63-7	W
at Minnesota	-8'	33-35	L	at NC State	-25	31-32	L	at Michigan	+10	38-28	W	C Michigan	-30'	47-7	W	at Cincinnati	-7'	10-12	L
Virginia Tech	-1	52-21	W	at Oklahoma	-11	34-36	L	Rutgers	-41	70-14	W	Michigan	+5'	13-18	W	at E Carolina	+5'	17-34	L
Rutgers	-25	42-0	W	at Virginia Tech	+3	3-31	L	at NC State	-12	17-38	L	W Virginia	-13'	30-17	W	BYU	-7'	42-14	W
Pittsburgh	-32	55-7	W	Tulane	-23	30-19	L	Cincinnati	-42'	63-21	L	Tulane	-14'	47-7	W	Pittsburgh	-6	24-17	W
at Boston College	-13'	45-17	W	E Carolina	-14'	56-0	W	at Boston College	-13'	42-25	W	at Pittsburgh	-10	24-17	L	at Boston College	+1	13-20	L
at W Virginia	-4	30-7	W	at Rutgers	-33	50-3	W	Pittsburgh	-24	45-28	L	at Virginia Tech	+12'	0-62	L	Virginia Tech	+13	14-22	W
at Tulane	-24	31-7	T	Temple	-28	60-7	W	at W Virginia	-2'	28-35	L	Boston College	-19	23-24	L	at W Virginia	-3	31-27	W
Army	-18'	42-17	W	W Virginia	-10	40-10	W	Virginia Tech	-4	28-26	L	Temple	-18	27-10	L	at Temple	-10	31-12	W
at Temple	-31	36-15	L	Boston College	-27	20-13	L	at Temple	-27	38-7	W	at Rutgers	-30'	21-24	L	Miami (Fla)	+12'	0-26	L
Miami (Fla)	-8	31-38	L	at Pittsburgh	-19	32-27	L	Miami (Fla)	-3'	66-13	W	at Miami (Fla)	+10'	13-45	L	Rutgers	-25	49-21	W

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES



QB Brian St. Pierre flew into action last year, seeing time in all 12 games and passing for 543 yards.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Tim Hasselbeck moves on after being a two year starter and while he had some solid stats last year, throwing for 2,019 yards (53%) with an 18-10 ratio, he did struggle vs bowl teams with just an 8-9 ratio while completing 47% for 161 ypg. He was 3rd in the Big East in pass efficiency and 20th in the NCAA and leaves 6th on the BC career passing charts. He was injured vs ND and Brian St. Pierre (PS#12) was forced to start and did see action in all 12 games. O'Brien usually plays his backup QB on the first series of the 2Q so they gain experience. St. Pierre has 2 starts in 2 years and has thrown for 838 yards with a 5-6 ratio while rushing for 149 gross yards. He should do fine as an upperclassman starter. Kevin Kiley (6-3 217 So) was PS#59 and has played in 3 games with 1 rush attempt. Eric Boatwright (6-3 223 rFr) was PS#49. They signed two more HT frosh this year. While they are less experienced than they were heading into last season, Hasselbeck's stats were not tremendous in 2000 and St. Pierre could easily match them.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year this unit was in great shape as they returned not only one of the Big East's leading rushers in Cedric Washington, but also VHT William Green (PS#7) and some experienced FB's. This year almost everyone is back but they do lose Washington who rushed for 1,152 yards (4.8) and was 1st Team Big East in 1999 but last year due to injuries (and Green's emergence) rushed for just 785 yards (4.5). Green simply was 1st TM Big East, rushing for 1,164 yards and a super 6.2 ypc and provided BC its 3rd straight year with a 1000+ yard rusher. Derrick Knight (5-9 192 So) was PS#144 and rushed for 237 yards (4.1) seeing as much action as Green did as a frosh. Greg Toal (5-11 217 So) was PS#63 and had 6 rush attempts (1.5). The top 2 FB's return and are listed below. Green should once again earn 1st TM Big East Honors and even with the loss of a top back like Washington, this unit looks close to last year's standards.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace 2 starters from this unit but did get a boost from backup TE Rob Ellis who had quit the team in the spring but returned and ended up being 2nd TM Big East with 17 rec's (12.4). He will be tough to replace as will backup TE Mike Guazzo who had 10 rec's (11.9). The WR's are in great shape as both starters returned led by Derrick Dewalt who is their big play threat and averaged 19.1 ypc on his 40 rec's while Jamal Burke (PS#23) had 27 receptions (14.5). I list some others below in the two deep. Joel Hazard (5-9 171 rFr) has 4.35 speed and was the fastest frosh signee last year and I expect him to make an impact this year as will Grant Adams (6-1 197 rFr) who was PS#45. Another player in the mix is Chris Barnes (6-0 202 So) who was PS#53. With the top 3 TE's gone, they move over a pair of defensive players and have two HT rFr whom I list below. Even with the TE losses, this unit has more talent and experience than it did last year and will be more dangerous.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Prior to Tom O'Brien's arrival BC had allowed 46 sacks but gave up just 20, 17 and 22 in his first 3 years. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 6th round draft pick but had 3 players back with starting experience. Prior to the year O'Brien said it could be the best OL ever and the strength of the offense. They showed that during the season by paving the way for a super 4.8 ypc rushing and allowing a minuscule 7 sacks on the entire year. They enabled BC to maul weaker schools like Army, Navy and UConn at the line of scrimmage. This year they must replace 3 starters in LG Paul LaQuerre (9 sts, 2nd TM BE, 2 yr str), LT Mike Cook (12 sts, 2nd TM BE, 2 yr str) and RG Paul Zukauskas (11 sts, 1st TM BE, 3 yr str, #7DC of CLE). Against Rutgers last year BC was without both starting guards but still rushed for 325 yards, showing the depth of the line. O'Brien has landed top-notch recruits year in and year out and you can look at a 2 deep below that is loaded with HT's and VHT's and 4 players do return with starting experience. I like the looks of this year's line, but it's clearly a little less experienced than last year and it will be tough to match 2000's outstanding performance.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 BC totaled 41 sacks on defense and allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing with a veteran defensive front. Last year they had to replace a 1st Team AA and 1st round DC in NG Chris Hovan as well as 2 other starters and only 2 lettermen returned to the group. This year they lose DE Sean Ryan (7 sts, 30 tkl, 3 tfl) who moves to TE and DE Kevin Crane (9 tkl). O'Brien does a tremendous job recruiting in this area and if you look at the 2 deep below, you will see 5 VHT's. They get a big boost in the return of DE Antonio Garay who was a National quarter-finalist as a heavyweight wrestler in the NCAA but missed last year with injury after starting 4 games and recording 8 tfl in 1999. Three frosh saw action as starters last year so this was a very young group. They still are reasonably young this year but at least have 2 senior starters as well as 1 junior in the mix. BC allowed 4.7 ypc rushing and recorded just 26 sacks last year and should have a much fiercer front wall this year.

LINEBACKERS - Unlike both of the lines, O'Brien has had little luck in this area. In his first 3 years, he could not even field a 2 deep consisting entirely of scholarship players. Last year was the first time he was able to do so replacing just one starter due to graduation and moving in a starting FB to the MLB spot. Unfortunately, injuries hit as OLB Scott Bradley started only 6 games while Ryan Burch had 9 starts with both missing time with knee injuries suffered in the Navy game. This year they must replace Burch (9 sts, 70 tkl, 5 tfl) and Steve Martin (2 sts, 18 tkl, 2 tfl). They are in great shape here this year as Bradley returns from injury, they have numerous HT's in the 2 deep and 5 players return with starting experience. This is the best group of LB's that O'Brien has had in his 5 years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In O'Brien's first 2 years BC finished just #102 and #94 in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they returned their top 10 DB's but still finished a lowly #100 in my ratings. Last year they had to replace a 1st Team Big East FS and a starting SS but made dramatic strides, rising to #30 in my pass D rankings, allowing just 48% with a 14-18 ratio. Teams were able to run the ball more easily on them (207 ypg, 4.7) and did not have to pass as much which aided their rise. This year they must replace CB Jonathan Ordway (5 sts, 28 tkl), CB DJ Sutton (1 st, 9 tkl) and SS Ramon Johnson (12 sts, 1 tkl, 3 tfl, 7 pbu). O'Brien really likes this year's set of CB's, and I agree as they both have good size and speed and have been productive, combining for 8 int's and 20 pbu last year as well as 126 tackles. Both backup CB's are HT's and the safeties also look solid. This group even looks stronger than last year which could mean O'Brien's highest finish in my pass D rankings in his tenure here.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 BC finished just #101 in my special teams rankings but rose to #69 in 1999 as they got more aggressive and blocked 3 punts and numerous FG's. This year they do lose K Mike Sutphin who hit a super 13 of 15 FG's with a long of 50 and was named 1st TM Big East. Everyone else basically returns to the unit but last season they finished just #87 in my overall special teams rankings. P Kevin McMyler improved his net punting from 31.4 as a true frosh to 34.7 last year and should continue to get better. Their KR game which was excellent in 1999 with Green & Dewalt combining for 26.0 ypc, dropped off last year with the team averaging just 17.5 but with both Green and Dewalt back, as well as last year's top KR Dujuan Daniels, it should improve. All of the top PR's are back but once again last year their average slipped some from the 1999 performance. Kickoff man Sandro Sciortino returns and will contend for the FG job. This unit clearly looks stronger in 2001 after last year's disappointing performance but won't be making my Top 20 rankings this year in the preseason.

BOSTON COLLEGE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
William Green	187	1194	30	1164	14	6.2					
Cedric Washington	174	813	28	785	7	4.5					
Derrick Knight	58	268	31	237	1	4.1					
Tim Hasselbeck	41	272	63	209	1	5.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Tim Hasselbeck	250	133	53.2	2019	18	10					
Brian St. Pierre	78	47	60.3	543	4	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Dedrick Dewalt	40	764	19.1	9	77						
Jamal Burke	27	392	14.5	3	58						
Cedric Washington	17	208	12.2	3	42						
Robert Ellis	17	211	12.4	2	26						
Ryan Read	15	246	16.4	1	45						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Kevin McMyler	69	2765	40.1	-	34.7	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Sutphin	5-5	5-7	2-2	1-1	13-15	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
R. Johnson	97	1	2	7	2	Lenny Walls	43	4	1	12	6
Willie Poole	83	1	5	8	2	D. Bessette	40	0	2	1	0
Ryan Burch	70	1	4	1	1	Sean Guthrie	38	6	2	3	1
Josh Ott	60	2	1	1	0	D. Rossy	38	3	3	1	0
R. Parent	58	1	2	5	3	Tom Martin	37	3	5	0	0
K. Leavitt	50	0	5	1	0	A. Romanowsky	34	0	2	0	0
C. Bolden	47	0	4	4	1	Scott Bradley	31	2	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
D. Dewalt	26	207	8.0	1	D. Daniels	13	260	20.0	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tom O'Brien says he has the most experienced team that they've had since he's been here and he is now in his fifth season. He is coming off consecutive winning seasons, which is the first time BC has accomplished that since 1993-1994 and a solid bowl win over Arizona St. In 1999 BC went 8-4 but they were actually outscored on the season and outgained by a 399-370 yard margin. Last year they were fortunate again as with 12 starters returning, they accomplished a 7-5 record but benefited from +14 turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277). The team was hit hard by injuries, especially on the defensive side of the ball and that unit will be vastly upgraded this year. Last year BC beat up on five weaklings on the schedule (Army, Navy, Connecticut, Rutgers and Temple) but vs the seven bowl caliber teams they faced, they were outgained by a 455-314 margin and outscored by an average of 33.4 to 21.0. Boston College loses 21 lettermen from last year's squad which is the most of all of the Big East teams and despite having 16 starters returning, there are just 11 seniors and 19 juniors on this year's squad. I think this is a talented team and is the strongest that O'Brien has fielded and they will have a shot at recording their 3rd consecutive winning season.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Brian St. Pierre Jr. 6-4 213 PS#12. 1 st as rFr, 295 yds (57%), 134 yds rush. 1 st ly, 12 games, 543 yds (60%), 4-3 ratio, 15 yds rush. Kevin Kiley (6-3 217 So) PS#59.
RB WILLIAM GREEN JR. 6-1 215 PS#7. 283 yds (4.7) as true, 421 KR yds. 1st TM Big East in 2000, 1164 yds, super 6.2 ypc, 14 TD's. Derrick Knight 237 yds (4.1) as rFr.
FB RYAN UTZLER SR. 6-2 229 PS#53TE. 10 sts as rFr, 7 yds. 2 recs as backup in 99. 11 sts ly, 0 rush but 12 rec (8.0). JP Comella (6-0 233 So) PS#78RB. 4 rec's (24.4) ly.
WR DERRICK DEWALT SR. 5-9 180 1 w/42 rec (16.0) in 99. 1 ly with 40 rec (19.1). Dujuan Daniels (5-11 184 Sr) PS#84. 15 rec (10.7) ly. Joel Hazard (5-9 171 rFr) PS#39. 143 spd.
WR JAMAL BURKE JR. 6-1 207 PS#23. 12 rec (21.0) as rFr, 12 sts in 2000, 27 rec (14.5). Ryan Read (6-0 183 Sr) 17 rec at Navy in 98. 15 here ly (16.4). Keith Hemmings (6-2 201 Jr) PS#38.
TE Sean Ryan So. 6-5 266 PS#280LB. 7 sts as DE, 30 tkl, 3 tfl ly. Frank Misurrelli (6-4 257 Jr) PS#33TE. 2 sts as DE ly, 9 tkl. Dave Kashaeta PS#22. Joe Tyburczy PS#40.
C DAN KOPPEN JR. 6-3 288 PS#137OL. 9 games as rFr, 12 sts as C ly, 2 TD's.
Team Big East. Todd McKniff (6-4 279 Jr) PS#67DL. 2 letters. Jim Connor (6-5 287 So) PS#56.
RG Augie Hoffmann So. 6-3 308 PS#15OL. Missed spg ly as rFr (inj) but 7 gms. 1 start. 650 lb squat (NJ HS rec). Mark Parenteau (6-5 287 So) PS#119. 5 gms as true but RS ly.
LG John Richardson Sr. 6-4 282 PS#276. 15 gms in 98 & 99. 7 games, 3 sts ly.
Chris Snee (6-3 285 rFr) PS#111. Scout TM MVP ly. Robert Bennett (6-3 292 So) PS#67DL.
RT MARC COLUMBO SR. 6-8 303 PS#147OL. 6 games as rFr, 8 games in '99. 12 sts at RT ly, 2 letters. Rudy Dipietro (6-4 318 So) PS#231 in 1999 will compete as backup.
LT Leo Bell So. 6-8 278 PS#142. 11 games as 2nd string last year.
Frank Wilpert (6-5 289 So) PS#27OL. Dan Murphy (6-6 295 Jr) PS#82DL. 2nd string L2 y.
K Sandro Sciortino So. 5-10 200 From Canada. Did KO's as rFr, 5 tkl, 3 of 3 xp's. Ken Dudnick (6-4 206 So) was PS#31K. Jonathan Yudi (5-10 157 So) also contends.

DE Antonio Garay Sr. 6-4 294 PS#59DL. 20 tkl as true, 4 sts in '99, 64 tkl, 8 tfl. Heavyweight Wrestling AA. Med RS in 2000. Anthony Crosson (6-3 288 rFr) was PS#48DL.
DT DOUG GOODWIN SO. 6-1 279 PS#77OL. 7 starts as true, 30 tkl, 2 sks, 5 tfl.
Tom Martin (6-4 271 So) PS#26DL. 5 starts as rFr, 37 tkl, 3 sks, 5 tfl, added 11 pounds.
NG KEITH LEAVITT SO. 6-6 312 PS#10OL. 11 sts as rFr, 50 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 pbu, added 22 lbs. Justin Hinds (6-3 288 So) PS#11DL. 12 tkl as true, 1 pbu, added 23 pounds.
DE SEAN GUTHRIE SR. 6-4 248 5 tkl, 1 sk as rFr, 7 sts in '99, 26 tkl, 6 tfl, 12 sts ly, 38 tkl, 6 sks, 2 tfl. Deric Rossy (6-3 247 Jr) PS#39LB. 3 sts, 38 tkl, 3 sks, 3 tfl last year.
OLB CURTIS BOLDEN JR. 6-1 220 PS#135DL. 12 sts ly, 47 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Marco Williams (6-0 208 Jr) PS#147DL. 8 sts, 52 tkl in '99, 6 sts, 24 tkl ly, Sydney Baskins PS#160DL.
MLB Andy Romanowsky Sr. 6-2 228 PS#65. 1 st as true, 34 tkl in '98 & 99. 1 st, 34 tkl ly. JD Schmidt (6-3 229 So) PS#19. 10 tkl as rFr. Vince Ciurciu (6-0 238 Jr) Clemson trans.
OLB SCOTT BRADLEY SR. 6-1 221 PS#89. 10 tkl as true, 3 tfl, 12 sts in '99, 59 tkl, 5 sks, 8 tfl. 6 sts in ly ly, 31 tkl. Josh Ott (6-2 216 So) PS#115. 60 tkl, 2 tfl. Jerome Ledbetter 2 sts, 28 tkl, 3 sks in '99.
CB LENNY WALLS SR. 6-4 191 PS#271JUCO. Track in high school. Last 8 sts here ly, 43 tkl, 6 int, 12 pbu, 4 sks, 1 tfl. Peter Shean (5-9 169 rFr) was PS#88DB. 4.4 speed.
CB WILLIAM POOLE SO. 6-0 182 PS#64DB. 10 starts as rFr, 83 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 int, 8 pbu, on basketball team. Trevor White (5-8 181 Jr) PS#38RB. 12 tkl as true, 10 tkl in 2000.
SS Doug Bessette Jr. 5-11 202 PS#101DB. 1 start, 25 tkl as true, 40 tkl, 2 tfl in 2000. Brian Flores (5-11 204 So) PS#39. 6 tkl as rFr. TJ Stancil (6-1 192 Jr) was PS#67.
FS RALPH PARENT JR. 6-2 210 PS#75WR. 8 tkl, 16 yards rush as rFr, 12 starts as FS in 2000, 58 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu, 3 tfl. Paul Cook (5-11 192 So) was PS#114, 23 tkl as rFr.
P KEVIN MCMYLER JR. 6-1 195 65 punts as true frosh, 37.6 average and net of 31.4. 69 punts in 2000, 40.1 average and net of 34.7 put 18 inside the 20, zero blocked.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL Jeremy Trueblood 6-7 270 PS#37
QB Quinton Porter 6-5 190 PS#30
LB Patrick McShane 6-1 195 PS#28
QB Ray Henderson 6-3 195 PS#41
DB Larry Lester 5-8 175 PS#57
RB Jazzmen Williams 5-9 175 PS#61
OL Chris Hathy 6-4 305 PS#76
DL Pat Ross 6-3 265 PS#78
DL Tim Bulman 6-3 270 PS#82
QB Jeff Parros 6-5 221 PS#69
TE Chris Miller 6-6 230 PS#42
TE Mathias Kiwanuku 6-4 215 PS#45
LB Jon Misiewicz 6-3 205 PS#75
RB Brandon Brokaw 6-3 225 PS#269
DB Nathaneal Hasselbeck 6-0 170 PS#358

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BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Boston College is 4-2 ATS vs Louisville.
Eagles are 3-6 ATS in the first of back to back road games.
BC had a positive turnover ratio in 9 of their 12 games last season.
Boston College is 9-4-1 ATS in Big East play the last 2 years.
BC is 11-4 ATS overall on artificial turf over the last 2 seasons.

Boston College is 4-12 ATS in season openers since 1985.
The Eagles are 4-8 ATS in their last 12 conference openers.

Boston College is 4-7-1 on grass over the last 4 seasons.
Eagles are 2-10 ATS S/89 & 5-11 SU S/85 in their 1st road game.

Boston College is 4-10 ATS as a favorite away from Chestnut Hill.
BC is 5-2 SU but just 2-5 ATS vs the Middies.

Eagles are 10-1 SU & 8-3 ATS vs the Black Knights since 1987.
The favorite is 6-2 ATS in the last 8 Army/BC meetings.

Eagles are 11-11 ATS as a HF the L7Y but were **5-0 in that role L.Y.**
BC owns just 2 covers the last 7 meetings against Temple.

Pending LW's outcome, BC is 6-2 ATS the last 2 years in October.
The home team is 1-5-1 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.

The SU winner is 13-1 ATS the last 14 in this matchup.
BC is 11-5 ATS the last 16 series meetings.

Boston College is 4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight game on The Hill.
The Eagles are 9-16 ATS the last 6 years vs non-Big East teams.

Bonus: Boston College is 5-2 ATS last 7 home finales.

The Eagles are 2-6 ATS their last 8 following a bye.
BC is 0-11 SU & 6-5 ATS vs Miami since the Flutie Hail Mary in '84.

Boston College has been favored in 19 of the L/20 meetings vs Rutgers.
The Eagles are 7-2 ATS the last 9 vs the Scarlet Knights.

BC is 8-13 ATS their last 21 games with Syracuse.
Boston College is 7-4-1 ATS their final road game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BC Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	W Virginia	A												
Sep. 8	at Stanford	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	at Navy	G												
Sep. 29	Army	A												
Oct. 6	Temple	A												
Oct. 13	at Virginia Tech	G												
Oct. 20	Pittsburgh	A												
Oct. 27	Notre Dame	A												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	Miami (Fla)	A												
Nov. 17	at Rutgers	G												
Nov. 24	at Syracuse	A												

STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (45,000) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	4-8	5-7	4-7	4-7	8-3	6-5	37-41-1
ATS	6-5	5-7	4-8	4-7	5-6	6-3-1	7-4	37-40-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	1-1	5-0	11-11
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	0-3	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	8-8
Away Fav	3-1	1-2	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	7-10
Away Dog	1-1	2-2	3-1	2-1	1-2	2-0-1	0-4	11-11-1
Favorite	4-4	2-4	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-3	6-0	18-21
Dog	2-1	3-3	3-4	4-3	2-4	4-0-1	1-4	19-19-1
Grass	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-1-1	0-2	10-8-1
Artificial	5-4	2-7	2-8	3-5	4-4	4-2	7-2	27-32
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	2-5	4-3	3-4	5-1-1	4-3	24-24-1
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-4	2-3	0-4	2-2	1-2	3-1	13-16
Off SU Win	3-3	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	4-2-1	4-2	17-16-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	4-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-0	3-1	17-19

BOSTON COLLEGE (7-5) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 6 DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN: Returning: 40 (16,22,2) Lost: 21 (12,8,1)



BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
7*	31.5	20	199	4.8	214	54.7	13.1	+14	2000	5	23.1	20	207	4.7	173	48.0	16.4							
3	24.8	20	171	4.1	200	54.6	15.0	-1	1999	8	25.7	21	162	3.9	235	61.0	15.5							
4	24.8	22	196	4.6	216	60.5	16.6	-2	1998	7	28.3	20	164	3.8	234	57.7	14.1							
8*	21.6	20	178	4.6	222	61.8	18.6	-1	1997	5	28.6	20	199	4.3	196	58.3	13.8							
8	22.0	23	142	3.6	210	50.0	16.1	+1	1996	7	30.3	20	190	4.2	214	56.0	13.3							
7*	17.2	19	132	3.6	184	51.4	18.3	-10	1995	6	26.8	21	195	4.3	190	53.5	14.3							

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
at W Virginia	13	33-79	2.4	15-33	127	2		15	53-189	3.6	7-19	166	4	-5
at Army	30	48-252	5.3	20-30	335	0		24	39-161	4.1	20-38	193	5	+3
Navy	29	47-211	4.5	24-33	414	0		17	44-112	2.5	11-24	111	3	+1
Virginia Tech	20	40-213	5.3	11-24	74	0		23	57-420	7.4	5-17	61	2	+2
Connecticut	25	51-361	7.1	15-22	274	0		19	26-49	1.9	20-40	215	0	+3
Syracuse	13	36-176	4.9	10-24	119	0		18	46-306	6.7	9-22	134	0	+4
at Pittsburgh	21	34-140	4.1	19-37	284	2		24	45-252	5.6	16-29	332	2	-2
Rutgers	22	55-325	5.9	11-18	159	0		19	37-133	3.6	13-36	171	3	+1
Temple	23	45-154	3.4	19-28	273	0		14	32-92	2.9	10-24	126	1	+3
at Notre Dame	15	30-124	4.1	15-29	172	0		22	61-380	6.2	9-12	86	1	0
at Miami (Fla)	16	42-176	4.2	12-29	122	2		22	41-244	6.0	18-28	255	0	+1
Arizona St (Bowl)	14	34-180	5.2	9-22	209	1		20	47-140	3.0	17-34	220	5	+3
TOTALS	241	495-2391	4.8	180-329	2562	7		237	528-2478	4.7	155-323	2070	26	+14
AVERAGES	20.1	41-199	4.8	15-27	214	0.6		19.8	44-207	4.7	13-27	173	2.2	1.2

Coach: TOM O'BRIEN (Career 23-23)

O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

5th Year at Boston College	8-4	Home Favorite
23-23 Straight Up	6-4	Home Underdog
22-20-1 Vs The Spread	3-5	Away Favorite
10-9 Off A S/U Loss	5-7-1	Away Underdog
16-11-1 Vs Conference	6-9	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	92	Hall of Fame	+3'	Tennessee	23-38	L
	93	Carquest	-6'	Virginia	31-13	W
	94	Aloha	+1'	Kansas St	12-7	W
	99	Insight.com	+7'	Colorado	28-62	L
	00	Aloha	+3'	Arizona St	31-17	W

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
at Hawaii	-13	24-21 L	at Temple	-12	21-28 L	at Georgia Tech	+13	41-31 W	at Baylor	-4	30-29 L	at W Virginia	+2'	14-34 L
at Virginia Tech	+2'	7-45 L	at W Virginia	+7	31-24 W	at Rutgers	-22'	41-14 W	at Navy	-7	14-10 L	at Army	-6'	55-17 W
at Michigan	+22	14-20 W	at Rutgers	-14'	35-21 L	at Temple	-18	31-7 W	at Rutgers	-7	27-7 W	Navy	-19	48-7 W
at Navy	-6'	43-38 L	at Cincinnati	+2	6-24 L	at Louisville	-6'	28-52 L	at Northeastern	NL	33-22 -	at Virginia Tech	+14'	34-48 W
at W Virginia	+14	17-34 L	at Georgia Tech	+6'	14-42 L	at Virginia Tech	+6'	0-17 L	at Temple	-14	14-24 L	at Connecticut	-29	55-3 W
at Cincinnati	+2	24-17 W	at Virginia Tech	+18'	7-17 W	Syracuse	+13'	25-42 L	Pittsburgh	+3'	20-16 W	Syracuse	-1	20-13 W
Rutgers	-14'	37-13 W	Miami (Fla)	+6	44-45 W	Navy	-14	31-32 L	Miami (Fla)	+18	28-31 W	at Pittsburgh	+3'	26-42 L
Syracuse	+13'	17-45 L	at Notre Dame	+15	20-52 L	at Miami (Fla)	+15	17-35 L	at Syracuse	+19	24-23 W	Rutgers	-22	42-13 W
at Pittsburgh	-11'	13-20 L	at Notre Dame	-4'	22-21 L	Notre Dame	+11	26-31 W	West Virginia	-3'	34-17 W	Temple	-9'	31-3 W
Notre Dame	+24	21-48 L	at Syracuse	+27	13-20 W	at Pittsburgh	-1'	23-15 W	at Notre Dame	+8'	31-29 W	at Notre Dame	+8'	16-28 L
Temple	-10	21-20 L	Army	-13'	24-20 L	at W Virginia	+13'	10-35 L	at Virginia Tech	+24	14-38 T	at Miami (Fla)	+27	6-52 L
at Miami (Fla)	+22	26-43 W												

W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS



RB Avon Cobourne left the competition in the dust rushing for 1018 yards last season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - New coach Rich Rodriguez wants to run a no-huddle attack and Brad Lewis is the only one of his QB candidates that has run the no-huddle, something he did in high school. Last year WV started with Lewis who had 3 starts in 1999 but he suffered a hand injury in the first game vs BC and aggravated it vs Miami. He missed a good portion of practice time and then vs ND suffered a sprained knee which had him even more hobbled and forced him out of the Syracuse game. For the year Lewis threw for 1,819 yards (50.4%) with a 13-8 ratio after completing 59.8% with an 8-3 ratio in 1999. Although Lewis should be healthy this year and was the MVP in their bowl win, he could lose his job. Lewis is strong and does have 4.68 speed but is not seen as the mobile QB that Rich Rodriguez needs in his new passing offense. Scott McBrien (6-2 180 So) was PS#96 and does have that mobility. He started vs Syracuse and played in 10 games, throwing for 755 yards (42.4%) with a 3-3 ratio. Two mobile recruits that Nehlen signed last year will also contend. Derek Jones (6-4 190 Jr) was called the best pure passer of the incoming frosh and Rasheed Marshall (6-1 185 Jr) was the most mobile and had 474 yards rushing as a senior in high school and also 5 int's as a DB. He looked great in the spring. New coaches like their own recruits and Rodriguez signed Danny Embick (PS#28) and it would not surprise me to see him at the helm come fall. JR House (PS#14QB in '99) may enroll here in the fall after playing 2 years in the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball organization. While this unit will likely be very inexperienced at the start of the year (unless Lewis holds onto his job) I look for much improved numbers as Lewis was far from healthy last year.

RUNNING BACKS - New coach Rodriguez will be drastically changing the offense to a pure pass attack but RB's traditionally do well in it as they have more room to run with teams keying on the pass. He has a very talented group of RB's returning. Avon Cobourne (PS#83) suffered a knee injury in high school or would have been rated higher. He simply led the Big East in rushing as a rFr with 1,139 yards (5.1) and was voted Iron Mountaineer for winter conditioning last year. Cobourne did miss 2 games due to injuries but rushed for 1,018 yards (4.5). Cooper Rego is a rare VHT for this school as he was PS#4 originally signing at Notre Dame and got in one start here in 1999 and had 340 yards rushing (4.2) in 11 games. He's the fastest of the RB's with 4.4 speed. Last year he got in 2 starts, playing in all 12 games and rushed for 521 yards (3.9). Josh McMullen (6-2 210 Sr) was PS#126 back in 1997. He played baseball for 2 years and rushed for 46 yards last season (11.5 ypc on 4 carries). RB Cassel Smith (6-0 195 So) was suspended the first 6 games last year and did not see the field. They add another VHT this year in Quincy Wilson who was PS#33 and rushed for 146 yards as a true frosh but missed last year with injury. With added talent, this unit is one of the stronger RB corps in the Big East.

RECEIVERS - The Mountaineers returned their top 2 receivers last year although they did have to replace their starting TE who was a 1st round DC for the NY Jets. Khori Ivy, who was the team MVP, 2nd Team Big East and

had 47 rec's (17.1) departs. Antonio Brown has 4.2 speed and led the team with 51 rec's (17.2). Phil Braxton came out of nowhere with 237 yards on just 9 rec's (26.3). He got in the dog house early for a case of the droppies but did well at the end of the year and had a big spring. TE Sean Berton was a VHT (PS#15) who had 15 rec's (9.5) but seeing that the TE is not a part of the new offense, he transferred to NC St. LB Jermaine Thaxton moved to WR in late spring to give them a physical WR. With the loss of Ivy and Berton this group looks a little weaker than it was last year but will get a lot more attention in the new passing offense and Brown should have a huge season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Rich Rodriguez was the OC for Tommy Bowden at both Tulane and Clemson in his first year with each school. In 1997 at Tulane the pair inherited an O-line with zero returning starters but the unit allowed just 16 sacks and averaged 34.1 ppg and 419 ypg. In their first year at Clemson together, they once again inherited zero returning starters to the offensive line. The team still improved from 3.2 rushing to 3.6 and allowed only 34 sacks. In the type of offense Rodriguez runs, they need small, agile and physically fit offensive linemen. Many of the Mountaineers' losses this year probably would not have started for him anyway as they were a huge line last year. Gone are C Rick Gilliam (12 sts ly, 2 yr str), LG Terry Dixon (12 sts ly, 2 yr str), RT Tanner Russell (12 sts ly, 2 yr str), LT Matt Wilson (12 sts, 2 yr str) and backup RG Mike Enick. That big OL allowed just 21 sacks last year although WV surprisingly averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing. Only one starter returns and the unit spent a rigorous offseason slimming down. Rodriguez also signed a top-notch class of true frosh this year and with a new head coach, it would not surprise me to see some of them play immediately. This group is nowhere near as experienced or as big (287 lbs vs 318 lbs) as last year, but this is one area that Rodriguez has fared very well in and the dropoff will not be as much as you would expect with the loss of 4 senior starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year, the Mounties had to replace two starters due to graduation. DE Mark Thurston then transferred in August and their only returning starter, Antwan Lake, suffered a sprained ankle and was limited with just 13 tackles in 11 games. They did move SLB Chris Edmonds to RLB (which I'm calling DE) giving them 2 returning starters. Despite the losses and injuries, the Mountaineers somehow improved their defensive ypc from 4.5 to 3.8 and had 7 more sacks than they did in 1999. This year the unit is in much better shape. Their only loss is Edmonds who had 49 tackles and 8 tfl. I list the 2 deep below and Rodriguez wants speed over size on the DL. New DC Phil Elmiasian implemented a switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 in his first year at LSU in 2000 and that defense made great strides. I list a talented 3 deep below and this should be an impressive group in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - The Mounties only had to replace one starter last year but he was a #2 DC of the NFL. This year the only loss is OLB David Carter (11 sts, 53 tks, 6 tfl) and the top 2 LB's return. LB McIntyre will likely move to DE and I project him as a starter which means a 4 of the top 6 are back. Grant Wiley was the Big East Rookie of the Year as a rFr and hopes to be fully recovered from a broken leg he suffered in the bowl. This group is not quite as deep as the DL but has plenty of experience and good talent and should be stronger this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Don Nehlen usually did a great job with the secondary as they ranked #28, #7, #48 and #49 in my pass efficiency defense rankings from 1995-'98. In 1999 despite returning all 4 starters, they surprisingly dropped to #67. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace six of the top 8 DB's who combined for 30 starts. The unit actually improved up to #59, allowing 56.7% with a solid 21-22 ratio. All four starters and all 4 backups return. The team had 19 int's during the regular season and while that number will be tough to replicate, I think the Mounties will finish in the upper half of my rankings again this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - W Virginia was very solid in this area from 1997-'99, ranking #29, #34 and #29. Last year they had most everyone back although they did have to replace their top KR Nate Terry. This was a sore spot for the Mountaineers in 2000. Overall the unit ranked #92 and breakdowns were commonplace. Shawn Terry (Nate's brother) did have an average of 28.8 and 3 TD's on KR's and he is back for his senior season. He was #8 in the NCAA in KR's. PR Antonio Brown was much better than his 7.7 average indicates. During the year he had 70 and 84 yard PR TD's called back on penalties or he would have averaged 15.1, showing that he is dangerous. Punt snaps were a major problem for the year. TE Terlesky began the year as the long snapper and made every snap an adventure and poor snapping was a big reason that the team had 4 punts blocked. They recruited a punt snapper in BJ Coonfield who took over the snapping in the second half of the year. P Mark Fazzolari was 2nd Team Big East in 1999 with a 41.5 avg but was bothered by the bad snaps at the beginning part of the season and then sprained his ankle vs Rutgers later in the year but still managed to average 41.2 per punt and was 2nd Team Big East again. I look for him to have a much better season with more stability in the snapping and better health. Backup P Zach Anglin was also the holder and he was forced into the Rutgers game

W VIRGINIA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Avon Cobourne	224	1079	61	1018	6	4.5					
Cooper Rego	132	619	98	521	9	3.9					
Antonio Brown	23	144	18	126	1	5.5					
Wes Ours	28	77	0	77	4	2.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Brad Lewis	244	123	50.4	1819	13	8					
Scott McBrien	99	42	42.4	755	3	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Antonio Brown	51	877	17.2	3	60						
Khori Ivy	47	806	17.1	7	64						
Sean Berton	15	142	9.5	2	21						
Wes Ours	14	170	12.1	2	40						
Phil Braxton	9	237	26.3	1	60						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Mark Fazzolari	62	2557	41.2	-	-	3	15				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Jon Ohliger	4-4	2-3	1-6	1-1	8-14	50					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
S. Hackett	115	0	3	7	2	C. Edmonds	49	4	4	2	4
K. Hayden	109	3	10	3	0	B. King	42	0	1	10	1
R. Sherrod	104	0	12	3	0	D. Upchurch	40	3	2	0	1
G. Wiley	94	3	11	2	3	R. Bryant	37	0	0	8	5
D. Carter	53	2	4	6	0	Jas. Davis	30	2	7	2	0
James Davis	49	6	6	1	0	L. Frazier	27	0	0	9	2
C. McIntyre	49	1	2	4	1	C. McNeil	18	3	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
A. Brown	27	207	7.7	0	S. Terry	29	836	28.8	3		

but then was injured and lost for the season to a broken leg. He had 9 punts (39.1). K Jon Ohliger hit 8 of 14 FG's with a long of 50 but he was just 1 of 6 from 40-49. Brenden Rauh (PS#12) was a perfect 3 of 3 on FG's with a long of 43 and should do a fine job in his place. While WV scored 3 TD's on returns, they gave up 4 blocked punts and 2 TD's in the return game allowing 14.6 per PR and 20.8 per KR. I look for this to be one of the most improved special teams units in the country as they have dangerous returnmen and a top-notch punter and they should get back towards the Top 25 finish that they had in 1999.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I'd like to take my hat off to Don Nehlen for the tremendous job he did with this program as he guided the Mountaineers to 13 bowl appearances. He had a 149-93-4 record here and finished 5th in the NCAA in career wins. One of the reasons WV had so much success was the continuity of its coaching staff but last year had to replace their OC and had as many changes on the staff overall as they had the previous 21 years. Last year's squad finished 7-5 including a satisfying bowl win over Ole Miss but the season could have been better. They led Virginia Tech 14-7 at the half, led Notre Dame 14-7 in the 2nd but injuries hurt the team and they folded in the 2nd in both games. They also gave up a TD in the final seconds to Syracuse. It's disappointing that in Nehlen's home finale only 40,389 were on hand, the smallest crowd of the year. This for a man that guided WV to an 11-0 regular season record and National Title game a few years back.

The new head man is Rich Rodriguez who returns to his alma mater. Rodriguez is a more energetic coach as he yells, screams and increases the tempo of practices. Offensively just 4 starters return and the bulk of the O-line departs but Rodriguez faced such a rebuilding task at both Tulane and Clemson with the new passing offense. He had great success with both and should have the same here. I must point out that on the offensive side of the ball they were not as potent as the 30.3 ppg indicates. At one point last year 45 of their 74 points were scored by the defense or special teams as the defense had 7 TD's on the year along with 3 special teams TD's. I think the new offense will be effective and they will top last year's 355 ypg despite just 4 returning starters. Defensively, they recorded 12 sacks against Idaho, setting a Big East record and they decreased their ypg rushing allowed from 192 to 142 and total offense from 410 to 388. They had only 2 seniors in the 2 deep and bring in Phil Elmiasian who was the DC at LSU last year and has also been at Virginia Tech and Boston College. They are a much more veteran unit on that side of the ball with 9 starters back and only 2 lettermen lost so their defensive numbers should improve.

Players really buy into the program when a new head coach gets off to a good start and Rodriguez has a manageable non-conference slate early which should have them confident for a tough October featuring games against VT, Notre Dame and Miami, Fla including 2 on the road (ouch). WV did benefit from +9 turnovers last year which almost qualifies them for my Turnovers = Turnaround article. A winning season may hinge on a win in the Backyard Brawl in the season finale and WV will clearly be very competitive in Big East play and get the benefit of four conference home games.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Danny Embick 6-1 207 PS#28	DL Rod Olds 6-3 280 PS#57
DL Matt Ameri 6-4 274 PS#90	LB Shane Graham 6-1 218 PS#79
QB Robert Johnson 6-2 210 PS#81	RB Alex Lake 6-3 220 PS#116
DL Kelvin Dubouse 6-2 300 PS#129	TE Keith Bailey 6-4 220 PS#54
WR Josh Mills 6-0 190 PS#119	WR Keith Mills 6-0 190 PS#119
DL Travis Garrett 6-6 294 PS#134	DL Garin Justice 6-7 275 PS#146
DL Ernest Hunter 6-3 260 PS#170	DL Josh Stewart 6-6 290 PS#166
OL Marcus Campbell 6-3 270 PS#285	DB O'Rondai Cox 6-0 180 PS#311JC

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OFFENSE

QB BRAD LEWIS SR. 6-3 215 PS#119. 726 yds (60%), 3 sts in '99. 11 sts ly, 1819 yds (50%), 13-8 ratio. **Scott McBrien** (6-2 180 So) PS#96. 755 yds. **Danny Embick** is PS#28. **RB AVON COBOURNE JR.** 5-9 190 PS#83. 1139 yds (5.1) in 10 sts as rFr. 10 sts ly (miss 2), 1018 yds (4.5). **Cooper Rego** (5-10 190 Sr) PS#4RB. 340 yds in '99, 521 ly (3.9). **WR Shawn Terry Sr.** 6-3 175 PS#148. 1 rec as rFr. 4 rec in '99, 6 KR (30.8). 9 rec ly, 29 KR (26.8) 3 TD's **Phil Braxton** (6-3 200 Jr) 9 rec (26.3) ly, Special Teams (POB). **WR ANTONIO BROWN SR.** 5-10 170 4.18 spd! 400 bench. 2 sts, 50 rec (9.2) in '99. 12 sts in 2000, #1 w/51 (17.2), 126 rush (5.5), 22 return yds. **Isaac Irby** (5-8 163 rFr) PS#62. **WR AJ Nastasi Jr.** 6-0 185 PS#39. 4 rec as rFr. 12 games, 5 rec (17.4) in 2000. **Shawn Swindall** (5-9 170 Sr) JC transfer. 14 tks at DB ly. May be faster than Brown! **TBK Tim Frost Jr.** 6-4 265 PS#65LB. PQ in '99, 3 rec ly. **Tory Johnson** (6-4 255 So) PS#42TE, 3 rec ly. **Brad Cusick** (6-3 250 Jr) PS#14TE, in/2 yrs. **Josh Bailey** PS#54TE. **C Tim Brown So.** 6-5 295 PS#76OL, 12 games as backup C as rFr. **Justin Williams** (6-3 290 rFr) was PS#91DL. **Josh Kelly** (6-5 275 Jr) was PS#239 in 1998. **RG BRAD KNELL SR.** 6-5 290 PS#88 in '97. Lettered in '99, 11 games. 12 starts last year, 85% grade for year. **Ron Olds** is PS#57. **Jeff Berk** (6-5 285 rFr) was PS#435. **LG Jason Brooks Sr.** 6-4 290 PS#10L in 1997 & orig at Michigan. 1 st in '98. **Trans. 2nd string** here in 2000. **Rondrick Smith** (6-3 295 Jr) was PS#188. 2nd string in 2000. **RT Ben Timmons So.** 6-6 275 PS#81 in '99. OT/TE in '99. **Ken Sander** (6-4 295 Jr) PS#187. Limited action in 2 years. **Geoff Lewis** (6-4 285 So) was PS#227DL in 1999. **LT Lance Nimmo Jr.** 6-6 285 PS#246 in '98. 6 games as rFr. 12 games as backup LT last year, 83% avg grade. **Matt Ameri** is PS#90DL. **Greg Mitteldeier** (6-4 285 So). **K Brenden Rauh Sr.** 5-9 180 PS#12 in '97. Hit 3 of 3 FG's here ly, long of 43. 11 of 13 on xp's. **Todd James** (6-3 205 So) was PS#59. 24 of 59 KO's into endzone as a true.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE Corey McIntyre Sr. 6-0 245 PS#185LB. 83 tks, 3 tfl, 5 pbu in 2 yrs. **Kevin Freeman** (6-3 235 Jr) PS#46TE, 2 sts, 15 tks in '99. **JR Grant** (6-4 205 rFr) PS#148, orig at Clemson. **DT ANTWAN LAKE SR.** 6-5 285 PS#61TE. 11 sts in '99, 39 tks, 10 tfl, 9 sts ly (inj) 3 tfl. **Shannon Washington** (6-5 285 Sr) PS#92. 1 st ly. **Cortez McNeil** (6-3 270 Sr) PS#181JC, 18 tks, 3 tfl ly. **NG DAVID UPCHURCH JR.** 6-4 275 PS#35TE. 12 sts ly, 40 tks, 3 sks. **William Perry** (6-2 290 Jr) PS#200, 2 sts, 15 tks, 3 sks ly. **Sedrick Lewis** PS#79. **Jamien Harvey** (6-4 240 Jr). **DE JASON DAVIS JR.** 6-5 275 PS#168DL. 4 tks, 1 sk as true. 12 sts, 30 tks. 9 tfl ly. **Tim Love** (6-4 265 Jr) PS#125TE. 14 tks ly. **Brian Chlop** (6-5 275 rFr) was PS#118DL. **OLB GRANT WILEY SO.** 6-1 225 PS#141. 12 sts as rFr. Big East Rookie of Year. 94 tks, 14 tfl, 3 int. **Ben Collins** (5-11 210 Jr) PS#147QB. 14 tks ly. **Jermaine Thaxton** (6-1 205 rFr) PS#266LB. **MLB KYLE KAYDEN SR.** 6-3 235 9 starts in 1998, #2 w/73 tks, 5 tfl, 11 starts in 1999, #2 w/81 tks, 3 sks, 5 tfl. 12 sts ly, 109 tks (#2), 13 tfl, 3 pbu. **Quentin Swain** (6-0 230 So). **OLB James Davis Jr.** 6-3 215 PS#249. 18 tackles as rFr. 1 start, 49 tks, 6 sacks, 6 tfl last year. **Adam Lehnort** (6-4 220 rFr) is PS#144 & had a very impressive spring. **CB RICHARD BRYANT SR.** 6-0 170 PS#109WR. 4 pbu in '99, 11 sts ly, 37 tks, 5 int, 8 tks. **Lewis Daniels** (6-1 190 Jr) PS#133RB. 15 tks, 2 yrs. **Arthur Harrison** (5-11 191 Jr) PS#140JC. **CB LANCE FRAZIER SO.** 5-10 185 PS#146. 4 sts as rFr, 27 tks, 2 int, 9 pbu. **Brian King** (6-0 175 So) PS#190, 9 sts, 42 tks, 10 pbu as rFr. **Joe Scritchfield** was PS#246 in 2000. **SS SHAWN HACKETT SR.** 6-1 195 PS#110JC. 12 sts here ly, #1 w/115 tks, 2 int, 7 pbu. **O'Rondai Cox** (6-0 180 Jr) PS#216 & orig at SC Caro. 50 tks at JC ly. **Jared Hostetler** was PS#88QB ly. **FS RICKY SHERROD SR.** 6-3 195 PS#143. 3 pbu in '99, 12 starts ly, 3 tks w/104 tks, 3 int, 12 pbu. **Ben Meighan** (6-1 195 Jr) PS#74QB, 9 tks ly. **Angel Estrada** was PS#270JC. **P MARK FAZZOLARI JR.** 6-0 185 51 punts as rFr, 41.5 avg, 2nd Team BE in '99. **Bad snaps and sprained ankle** bothered him ly but still 2nd Team BE with 62 punts, 41.2 avg.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Since 1980 W Virginia is 97-36-4 (72%) SU in the first 7 games of the season but is just 52-44 (54%) SU after Game 7. WVU is 6-2 SU but 2-4-2 ATS last 8 vs ECU.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WV Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Boston College	A												
Sep. 8	Ohio U	A												
Sep. 15	at Maryland	G												
Sep. 22	Kent St	A												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Virginia Tech	A												
Oct. 13	at Notre Dame	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 25	at Miami, Fla (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 3	Rutgers (HC)	A												
Nov. 10	at Syracuse	A												
Nov. 17	Temple	A												
Nov. 24	Pittsburgh	A												

Mountaineers are 3-9 ATS their last 12 season openers. WVU is 16-4 ATS vs Boston College since 1981.

West Virginia is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 sandwiched home games. WVU is 9-0-1 SU but 3-7 ATS last 10 vs the MAC.

The dog is 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 series meetings. W Virginia is 4-7-1 ATS in their last 12 Terp tussles.

Kent St is 4-14 ATS L/18 vs non-conference teams. Pending earlier results, WVU is 9-18-3 ATS prior to Oct since '94.

WVU is 18-11-1 ATS after a bye week. The favorite has covered 6 of 7 in this matchup.

WVU lost 42-28 last year to ND but were up 14-7 at halftime. Mountaineers are 13-6-1 ATS prior to a bye since 1991.

WVU is 4-7 ATS the last 3 years including 0-3 last year in October. Visiting team has dominated with a 9-1 ATS mark the L10Y.

West Virginia is 18-10 ATS in November since 1993. The home team has covered 9 of 10 games in this matchup.

Mountaineers are 5-3 ATS last 8 at Syracuse but 0-3 last 3 visits. The favorite is 10-2-1 ATS the last 13 series meetings.

WVU is 10-0 SU vs Temple their L/10 meetings. Closest gm in '91-WVU 10 T 9. The visitor is 7-2 ATS the last 9 series meetings.

The last 4 games in this series have averaged 71 ppg!! Mountaineers are 9-4 ATS in their last 13 season finales.

Bonus: WVU is 8-2 ATS in home finales.

STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (63,500) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	5-6	8-3	7-4	8-3	4-7	6-5	45-33
ATS	6-6	5-5-1	4-6-1	5-5-1	7-4	5-6	3-8	35-40-3
Home Fav	2-2	3-2	1-3-1	2-3-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	15-14-2
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	5-7
Away Fav	3-0	0-1	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	10-8
Away Dog	0-3	2-1-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	5-11-1
Favorite	5-2	3-3	4-4-1	3-4-1	6-2	2-4	2-3	25-22-2
Dog	1-4	2-2-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	3-2	1-5	10-18-1
Grass	0-2	1-1-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	8-10-1
Artificial	6-4	4-4	2-5-1	2-5-1	6-2	4-4	3-6	27-30-2
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	1-6	23-26
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-2-1	1-2-1	2-1-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	12-14-3
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2-1	2-5-1	4-2-1	5-2	2-1	2-4	20-18-3
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	4-3	0-4	14-16

W VIRGINIA (7-5) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4*

DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 39 (15,20,4)

Lost: 12 (9,2,1)



WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.7	18	139	3.4	217	48.1	12.0	+9	2000	4	30.3	20	142	3.8	246	56.7	12.8
3*	26.6	20	144	3.8	225	59.7	13.9	-5	1999	6	26.3	19	192	4.5	218	51.7	15.6
8*	34.2	23	154	4.2	308	64.7	13.5	+6	1998	7	22.3	19	171	3.8	180	51.7	15.8
7	30.0	20	168	4.3	215	58.9	12.8	+7	1997	5	23.8	20	138	3.6	222	54.3	15.1
7*	22.6	17	132	3.4	193	49.2	14.4	+11	1996	8	13.0	14	66	1.9	158	45.7	17.2
8	23.0	20	161	3.4	213	51.7	16.2	+1	1995	6	19.1	17	135	3.4	164	50.5	15.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
Boston College	15	53-189	3.6	7-19	166	3	13	33-79	2.4	15-33	127	2	+5
Maryland	25	45-276	6.1	14-22	165	0	16	30-71	2.4	19-30	215	0	-2
Miami (Fla)	14	40-155	3.9	15-36	162	0	18	36-96	2.7	22-33	291	3	-2
at Temple	18	40-152	3.8	18-32	242	1	14	25-143	5.7	18-32	154	2	-2
Idaho	13	34-116	3.4	12-30	131	2	29	48-89	1.9	35-50	365	13	+2
at Virginia Tech	16	33-78	2.4	15-33	170	2	22	48-271	5.6	10-18	233	1	+1
Notre Dame	22	46-134	2.9	16-35	305	2	12	43-227	5.3	9-17	146	3	-1
Syracuse	15	19-169	4.6	8-21	156	2	18	42-183	4.4	20-37	216	2	-1
at Rutgers	19	51-152	3.0	12-26	126	0	23	35-176	5.0	24-48	274	1	+4
E Carolina	21	46-79	1.7	13-25	316	5	19	32-1	0.0	26-42	313	4	+0
at Pittsburgh	20	26-49	1.9	21-45	343	3	23	46-275	6.0	11-27	229	0	+3
Mississippi (Bowl)	19	34-114	3.4	15-21	318	1	28	31-96	3.1	28-51	388	0	+2
TOTALS	217	485-1663	3.4	166-345	2600	21	235	449-1707	3.8	237-418	2951	31	+9
AVERAGES	18.1	40-139	3.4	14-29	217	1.8	19.6	37-142	3.8	20-35	246	2.6	0.8

Coach: RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 0-0)

Rodriguez's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

1st Year at West Virginia	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Carquest	-2	S Carolina	21-24	L
96	Gator	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T
97	Carquest	+3	Georgia Tech	30-35	L
98	Insight.com	+3'	Missouri	31-34	W
00	Music City	+3'	Mississippi	49-38	W

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	-4	34-0	W
W Michigan	-28	34-9	L
E Carolina	-7'	10-9	L
at Purdue	-6	20-6	W
Maryland	-13	13-0	T
Boston College	-14	34-17	W
at Temple	-21	30-10	L
Miami (Fla)	-3	7-10	L
Syracuse	+4	7-30	L
at Rutgers	-18	55-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+4'	14-31	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-15'	42-31	L
E Carolina	-7	24-17	T
at Boston College	-7	24-31	L
at Miami (Fla)	+8	28-17	W
Rutgers	-28	48-0	W
at Maryland	-9	31-14	W
Virginia Tech	E	30-17	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-40	L
Temple	-21	41-21	L
at Notre Dame	+10	14-21	W
Pittsburgh	-12	38-41	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio St	+10	17-34	L
Maryland	-19	42-20	W
Tulsa	-13	44-21	W
at Navy	-16	45-24	W
at Temple	-25	37-7	W
Miami (Fla)	-4	31-34	L
at Virginia Tech	+4	13-27	L
Syracuse	+2'	35-28	W
at Rutgers	-20'	28-14	L
Boston College	-13'	35-10	W
at Pittsburgh	-15'	52-14	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	-6	23-30	L
Miami (Oh)	-3'	43-27	W
at Maryland	-6	0-33	L
at Syracuse	+13'	7-30	L
Navy	-10	28-31	L
Rutgers	-20	62-16	W
Temple	-17	20-17	L
at Miami (Fla)	+17'	20-28	W
Virginia Tech	+19	20-22	W
at Boston College	+3'	17-34	L
Pittsburgh	+1	52-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-2'	34-14	W
Maryland	-10	30-17	W
Miami (Fla)	+7'	10-47	L
at Temple	-6	29-24	L
Idaho	-13	28-16	L
at Virginia Tech	+22	20-48	L
Notre Dame	+3	28-42	L
Syracuse	+3	27-31	L
at Rutgers	-14'	31-24	L
E Carolina	+3	42-24	W
at Pittsburgh	+5'	28-38	L

TEMPLE OWLS



Whoooooooooooooo got 110 tackles last year? None other than LB Taylor Suman

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Temple ran an option offense and Devin Scott started the last 5 games, threw for 459 yards, completed just 36% while rushing for 164 yards. He began 1999 as the starter but lost his job after the team was shutout in its first 10 quarters. Mac DeVito (5-11 179 Sr) started 2 games and threw for 435 yards (48%) with a 3-7 ratio. DeVito was injured, so Scott (PS#96), who has 4.6 speed, returned and ended up throwing for 1,815 yards (60%) with a 12-12 ratio while rushing for 177 yards with a Temple record 222 completions for the season in the first year of the new passing offense. Last year Scott was the starter but alternated with Mike Frost who was PS#17JC. Frost threw for 3,405 yards as a soph at JUCO in 1999. Frost ended up with 3 starts and threw for 450 yards (38.6%) with a 3-9 ratio while rushing for 87 yards. Scott had 8 starts and threw for 1,456 yards (63%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 207. All three return and Coach Wallace, with an eye towards the future, would like to redshirt Frost. DeVito is a Doug Flutie type and a fan favorite. They may all feel pressure from Collin Hannigan (6-5 240 rFr) who was PS#76 and has excellent size. Louis Angelo (6-1 211 So) who was PS#220 is also in the mix as is Dan Bosnic (6-7 242 Fr) who was PS#150. This group has added talent, more experience and should continue to improve in the 3rd year of the current passing offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Temple moved from an option offense to a pure passing offense and their rushing numbers dropped dramatically from 1998 to 1999, going from 197 ypg (4.0) to 60 ypg (2.4). Last year Tanardo Sharps (PS#180) got the running game going and topped 1,000 yards, becoming the first Temple player to do that since 1987 and he finished with a super 5.2 ypc, having 1,542 all-purpose yards. Sharps did have his biggest games vs the weakest defenses as he had 180 yards vs Navy, 203 vs E Mich and 168 vs Rutgers. Lester Trammer (5-10 193 Jr) played HS football in Europe where he made All-Europe and was the #2 rusher here last year with 178 yards (3.9). Lawrence Wade (6-0 191 So) was PS#108 and had 20 yards as a true frosh. Makonnen Fenton (5-9 186 Jr) was PS#176. I list the top 2 FB's below and they are solid. Also in the mix is Kyron Johnson (5-9 206 Sr) who had 18 yards last year. Naturally with everyone back this unit looks stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 1998 with the Owls running an option offense, their leading returning receiver in 1999 had just 18 rec's. The team suffered numerous losses during that season. Last year they appeared in great shape with almost everyone back but their top receiver, Carlos Johnson, left the team prior to the year so two of their top three receivers were gone. This year they are in much better shape as everyone who caught a pass is

back while, of course, they have added some talent. In the fourth week of the season Wallace said "we've got great depth at WR, we really don't care who among them is in the game." Greg Muckerson is an ex-QB who led the team with 41 rec's (11.9) while Sean Dillard has blazing speed. Also Ikey Chuku (6-3 172 So) had 13 rec ly & 99 yds in the spring game. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and note that Tyrone Ditzel (12 rec, 13.0) was only in his first year at TE last year after moving over from the defensive line. At the same time they also get two fine additions there (see below) that could beat him out. WR Terrence Stubbs missed the first 4 games with a broken jaw. It would not surprise me to see true frosh Jamel Harris emerge as the go-to guy. He was PS#31 WR heading into last fall but missed the year with injury and dropped in the recruiting rankings. He is 6-1 with 4.3 speed.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Temple loses just 2 seniors this year, and one of them departs from the OL in RT Mathias Nkwenti (11 sts, #4 DC of PIT) who won the Top OL Award and had 49 knockdowns. Five players return with starting experience, but numerous newcomers will be incorporated into the lineup. Wallace says by the ninth game of 2001 he doesn't even know who the starting O-line will be because there are so many possible combinations. They play a soft slate early and in those early non-conf games he expects to incorporate 4 JUCO transfers, 4 rFr and 2 true frosh into the lineup. I list most of the JUCO's below. Some of them were in for the spring and as many as 3 could win starting jobs. Wallace also mentioned true frosh Yohance Perry (PS#339) who is 6-6 335 and has 39" sleeves. Last year they had to replace 4 graduates who combined for 38 starts and had a very young 2 deep made-up predominantly of soph's and frosh. They surprisingly improved from 2.4 ypc to 3.5 and trimmed their sacks allowed from 42 to 36. With this group being much more experienced and having a boatload of added talent, I look for significant improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Owls had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups last year but brought in a couple of productive LB's who were moved to DE. As I mention in the forecast Temple's defense made great improvements, going from allowing 4.2 ypc to 3.4 and Wallace says that DT's Dan Klecko and Russell Newman are the best in the conference. I think they're good, but I wouldn't go that far. They have good speed on the ends and this year everyone returns with the exception of backup DT James Simpson (6 tkl). Not even listed below are Marques Coleman (6-4 215 So) who had 7 tfl at JUCO and true frosh Michael Dollman (PS#72). Seven players return with starting experience and once again Wallace has brought in 3 JUCO's and a top-notch true frosh to contend. This is the best D-line Temple has had in recent history. **LINEBACKERS** - Temple had a veteran LB corps last year when all 3 starters returned including their star, LeVar Talley, who had 11 starts, and led the team with 135 tackles, added 7 tfl and was 2nd Team Big East. This year two starters return and Wallace brings in 3 JUCO's whom I plug into the 2 deep plus he has a couple of youngsters like JD Stanley (PS#63DL) and Rick Scialla (PS#240). True frosh Donta Rajah (PS#76), Anthony DeGannes (PS#55) and Manuel Tapia (PS#107) join the corps as well. This group is a lot deeper and even with the loss of Talley could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Owls finished a poor #98 in my pass defense rankings in 1998 and in 1999 dropped to #99. Last season they had to replace 5 players who combined for 39 starts but moved in a couple of WR's to the secondary. Surprisingly, Temple's defense moved up to #78, allowing 54.9% with a 14-10 ratio. The big news this year is that everyone returns and they have some solid additions like JUCO Jairo Almonte and CB Dante Coles. Coles is 6-2 207 and runs the 100m in 10.5 but has had academic problems the last three years. He could have a big impact at CB this year as long as he qualifies, but that is not a certainty as of presstime. This unit is a lot more experienced than it has been in recent years, and could move into the upper half of the pass defense rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly Temple has struggled in this area under Wallace. This seems strange since his N Alabama teams led Div II in net punting in two of his 5 years there. Temple ranked #87 in my special teams rankings in Dickerson's final year and kept that same ranking in Wallace's first year but dropped to #113 in 1999. Last year they rose only a little to #100 with net punting being a major problem at only 31.0. Both Garvin Ringwelski and George Radu are back and while both have been average, I expect improvement this season in that area. Naturally with only 2 seniors on the team last year all of the top PR's, KR's and K's are back. Wallace is very pleased with the amount of DB, LB, DE and TE types that he has available for the coverage units and says he can rotate them to keep it fresh. Cap Poglemba did a good job hitting 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 42 and handled most of the KO's although Jared Davis (PS#42) had 12 KO's. Wallace may bring in a walk-on to take over as he was not happy with the depth of the

TEMPLE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Tanardo Sharps	201	1104	66	1038	10	5.2					
Lester Trammer	46	192	14	178	1	3.9					
Jason McKie	36	95	2	93	3	2.6					
Harold Jackson	14	38	1	37	1	2.6					
Sean Dillard	7	38	4	34	0	4.9					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Devin Scott	216	136	63.0	1456	5	7					
Mike Frost	101	39	38.6	450	3	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Greg Muckerson	41	487	11.9	2	44						
Sean Dillard	32	355	11.1	1	45						
Charles Cobb	27	317	11.7	2	34						
Jason McKie	20	128	6.4	0	15						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Garvin Ringwelski	55	2053	37.3	-	31.0	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Cap Poglemba	4-5	3-4	2-4	0-0	9-13	42					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
LeVar Talley	135	4	3	0	0	R. Brock	47	4	7	3	0
Taylor Suman	110	1	6	2	0	R. Newman	47	5.5	9	0	0
J. Wallace	91	1	3	7	1	Robert Sack	40	1	8	0	0
T. Leftwich	71	0	2	13	4	A. Staples	36	3.5	2	1	0
Chonn Lacey	67	1.5	9	9	3	Jason Davis	32	1.5	1	1	0
L. Thompson	65	0.5	8	4	1	D. Coleman	21	0	0	1	0
P. Shepard	56	0	0	4	1	Dan Klecko	21	1.5	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Mac DeVito	12	88	7.3	0	T. Sharps	20	397	19.9	0		

KO's. They improved last year, going from -5 in the TD/Blk category to -2 and should continue to improve in that area. With Wallace's strong background in special teams in Div II, I expect marked improvement out of this unit in 2001.



RB Tanardo Sharps cut through the 1,000 yard barrier in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year's average attendance was 18,612, a large increase from 1995's figure of 4,045. Prior to last season, from 1991 to 1999 the highest amount of wins in a single season for Temple had been 3 and they averaged just 1.6 wins but somehow avoided a last place finish in the Big East in 5 of the last 6 years. Head coach Bobby Wallace brought in a slot option offense but made a big switch to the spread pass attack and went through some growing pains on offense. Last year looked like a rebuilding year for the Owls as they had to replace 22 seniors and had only 2 seniors on the entire team. Yet at one point they flirted with a bowl bid as they had a 4-3 record. Wallace was awarded a 3 year contract extension after last year's 4-7 finish. The big news this year is the fact that the Big East has booted Temple out of the conference although Temple still thinks that a winning season and increased attendance may get them back in. Temple has poured seven million dollars into a practice facility that will be on campus. If they are going to impress the Big East leaders, this would be the year as Temple has the fewest amount of lettermen lost, most returning lettermen in the country, 20 returning starters and the second most senior-returning letterwinners in the country at 26. This will be a team that will be riding high and full of confidence after its non-conf slate as they should start off a perfect 4-0 heading into Big East play when they host Rutgers.

That means they are one upset away from achieving a winning season and Wallace has pulled some big upsets in the past. In 1998 they went into Virginia Tech and upset the Hokies at one of the toughest sites in the country and also beat Pitt on the road. In 1999 they beat BC at home as a 14 point dog. Last year they narrowly missed upsetting W Virginia and held Pitt to 7 points. It should be an exciting year for the Owls and despite the fact they have 4 Big East road games, this could be their first winning season since 1990.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Jamel Harris 6-1 190 PS#43
DL Michael Dollman 6-3 218 PS#72
LB Anthony DeGannes 6-4 220 PS#55
LB Donta Rajah 6-2 225 PS#76
LB Manuel Tapia 6-3 225 PS#107
LB Quintae McLean 6-4 258 PS#18JC
RB Mark Miller 5-11 225 PS#217
LB Terrance Belvin 6-1 222 PS#24JC
TE Kelly Need 6-4 240 PS#236JC
DB Jason Johnson 6-2 255 PS#226
OL Adam Boyd 6-3 295 PS#268JC
OL Yohance Perry 6-6 335 PS#339
QB Mike McGann 6-6 195 PS#207
DL Adam Fichter 6-4 273 PS#322
DL Eric Carpenter 6-5 250 PS#346

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OFFENSE

QB DEVIN SCOTT SR. 6-1 202 PS#96 5 sts as true, 459 yds (36%), 9 sts in 99, 1815 yds (60%), 12-12 ratio, 8 sts ly, 1456 yds (63%), 5-7, 548 career rush. Mike Frost (6-2 226 Sr) PS#17JC 450 yds ly. **RB TANARDO SHARPS JR.** 5-11 182 PS#180 184 yds (7.4) as true, 11 sts ly, 1038 yds (5.2), 16 rec (6.7). Lester Trammer (5-10 193 Jr) 178 yds (3.9). Lawrence Wade (6-0 191 So) PS#108. **FB JASON MCKIE SR.** 5-11 239 4 sts as true, 201 yds (3.5), 6 sts in 99, 172 yds (4.9), 11 sts ly, 93 yds (2.6), 20 rec (6.4). Harold Jackson (6-2 270 Sr) PS#55 in '97, 72 total yds ly. **WR GREG MUCKERSON SR.** 5-11 190 1st st at QB in 98, 299 yds pass, 173 rush, 6 sts at SB in 99, 41 rec (10.1), 11 sts ly, 41 rec (11.9). Terrence Stubbs (6-0 193 Jr) 2 sts, 16 rec (16.1), 2 years. **WR SEAN DILLARD JR.** 5-9 162 HS Track Champ. 2 sts as true, 16 rec (9.5), 5 sts ly, 32 rec (11.1). Charles Cobb (6-0 173 Jr) PS#255, 6 sts, 27 rec (11.7). Jamel Harris PS#43. **TE JORDAN WITZEL rFr.** 6-2 236 PS#145 (Canada). Kelly Need is PS#236JC. Tyrone Ditzel (6-3 245 Sr) 2 sts as true, 22 tkl, 5 tfl at DT, 1 start in 99, 12 tkl, 10 sts at TE ly, 12 rec (13.0). **C DONNY KLEIN JR.** 6-2 286 PS#242DL 5 sts at C as true. Added 36 lbs ly & 11 sts. Adam Boyd (6-3 295 Jr) is PS#268JC in for spring. Greg Hillard (6-5 293 Jr), 1L. RG Vincent Gabriele Jr. 6-5 283 Inj'd as rFr, 4 starts at RG ly. Anthony Bolden (6-5 295 Jr) PS#624JUCO. Anthony Nembarh (6-5 300 Jr) PS#625JUCO, 380 lb bench. LG JOE LAUDANO SO. 6-2 283 6 starts at LG as rFr, 405 bench. Damian Hendricks (6-4 278 Jr) was PS#164DL, 2nd string last year. Frank McKAndrew (6-3 291 rFr). **RT DAVE YOVANOVITS JR.** 6-3 283 11 sts as true, every snap! 11 sts in 2000, every snap after adding 24 lbs. Darryl Ruhn (6-5 350 rFr) PS#129, John Maxim (6-5 321 rFr). **LT JOSE PORTILLO SO.** 6-3 299 7 sts at RG as rFr, added 25 lbs. Jason Heilman (6-3 280 Jr) PS#589JC, in for spring. Shane Holmes (6-3 346 Sr) 2 games as true. **K CAP POGLEMBA JR.** 5-11 175 Ht 4 of 6 FG's as true, long of 43. Baseball in spg ly, 9 of 13 FG's in 2000, long of 42, 26-27 xp's. Jared Davis (5-6 133 Jr) PS#42, 1 xp, 12 KO's ly.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE AKEIFF STAPLES SR. 6-3 240 5 sts as true, 2 sts til Inj in 98, 2 sts in 99 at LB, 70 tkl, 8 sts at DE ly, 36 tkl, 6 tfl. Ismael Seals (6-4 258 Jr) 8 sts at JC ly. Rafael Fernandes 3 tkl as true. **DT RUSSELL NEWMAN SR.** 6-2 274 3 sts, 19 tkl in '98-'99, 11 sts ly, 47 tkl, 5.5 sks, 9 tfl, 2nd TM BE. Jason Wright (6-3 281 Sr) 5 sts at LG ly. Dominique Veney (6-3 280 Jr) JUCO. **DT DAN KLECKO JR.** 6-1 264 9 starts as true, 53 tkl, 8 sks, 8 tfl, 5 starts last year (miss 3 inj), 21 tkl, 7 tfl. Robert Sack (6-2 255 Jr) PS#155, 6 sts, 40 tkl, 9 tfl last year. **DE RAHEEM BROCK SR.** 6-4 257 PS#199LB 4 sts, 24 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr, 10 sts, 38 tkl, 450 bench in 99, 9 sts ly, 47 tkl, 11 tfl. Jason Davis (6-2 244 Jr) 5 sts, 32 tkl, 2 tfl ly. **SLB TAYLOR SUMAN SR.** 6-2 231 PS#241LB 5 sts as rFr, 99 tkl, 10 sts in 99, 129 tkl, 9 tfl, 11 sts ly, 110 tkl, 7 tfl. Quintae McLean is PS#128JC. JD Stanley (6-4 239 So) PS#63DL. **WLB Terrance Belvin Jr.** 6-1 222 PS#224JUCO, in for spring. Leon Gray (6-1 223 Jr) PS#288 6 sts as true, 64 tkl, 4 tfl. Inj'd 2Y. J.D. Nichols (6-1 226 Jr) JC in for spg. **OWL CHONN LACEY SR.** 6-2 218 7 sts as true, 60 tkl, 11 sts in 99, #3 w/88 tkl, 8 tfl, 11 sts ly, 67 tkl, 11 tfl. Brian West (5-11 188 Sr) PS#247, 13 tkl. Rick Scialla 3 tkl as true. **CB TERRANCE LEFTWICH JR.** 6-0 169 1 st at WR in 99, 13 rec (7.6), 10 sts at CB ly, 7 tkl, 2 tfl, 4 int, 13 pbu. Donnie Coleman (5-10 162 So) 1 st, 21 tkl, Jairo Almonte PS#45JC ly. **CB DANTE COLES SR.** 6-2 207 Nice size & 10.5 in 100m. Acad problems L/3Y. Philip Shepard (5-10 182 Jr) 5 sts in 99, 37 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu, 11 sts ly, 56 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **SS LAFTON THOMPSON SR.** 6-2 199 25 tkl, 2 tfl in 99, 11 sts ly, 65 tkl, 9 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Shawn Walker (6-2 183 Jr) Almonte's Boyles (6-0 200 Sr) PS#307LB, 9 tkl last year. **FS JAMAL WALLACE SR.** 6-0 186 PS#200WR, 5 sts in 99, 26 rec (9.5), 11 sts at FS ly, #3 w/91 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Joel Gray (5-11 178 rFr) PS#132 and will play CB and S. **P GARVIN RINGWELSKI JR.** 6-5 224 41 punts as true, 36.5 avg, 55 punts ly, 37.3 avg. George Radu (5-9 186 Sr) Trans from Pitt, 48 punts, 36.7 avg in 99 here, 17 punts ly, 36.5 avg.

TEMPLE OWLS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Owls only have 2 games on grass this year. They were 4-0 ATS on it last year but 1-9-1 ATS the 4 previous years. Temple is 8-4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. Owls are 5-9 ATS as a home favorite since 1986. Temple is 1-6 SU, 1-5-1 ATS in their 3rd straight road game, losing by an average score of 51-13.

Owls are 8-14-1 SU at Franklin Field, 2-2 ATS last 2 years. Temple is 3-7 ATS in lined home openers.

Toledo also plays on art turf & is 10-3-1 ATS away on the fake stuff. Owls are 5-10 SU, 4-10 ATS in their last 15 MAC attacks.

Pending the L2W, Temple is 10-24-2 ATS in non-Big East gms S/91. TU came into 2001 11-23-2 ATS in their L/36 Sept gms, but 3-1 ATS LY.

Temple is 3-6-1 ATS last 10 in their 1st lined grass game. Hooters are 6-12 ATS in their last 18 prior to a bye week.

Bonus: TU is 28-19-2 ATS in their last 49 Big East contests. Temple is 3-14 ATS after a bye week. Owls are 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in this series.

Temple has covered last 2 years but is just 4-6-1 ATS vs Rutgers. The home team is 4-1 ATS L/5 in this Big East battle.

Pending earlier results: TU is 5-13 SU, 8-9 ATS in their L/18 Oct gms. Owls are 0-12 SU but 5-7 ATS L12Y vs Cuse, avg loss by 26.3 ppg.

The underdog is 9-3 ATS in the last 12 meetings. Temple has covered 10 of 15 games vs the Panthers.

Owls are 0-5 SU & ATS their last 5 meetings with the Hurricanes. TU is 11-17-2 ATS their last 30 in November.

Temple is 1-6 ATS the last 3 years as a double digit home dog. Owls are 5-2-1 ATS since 1993 in their final home game.

Temple is 0-6 SU but 5-1 ATS the last 6 years vs W Virginia. TU has covered 5 of their L/7 final road games. Only loss came LY.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Navy* (Thurs)	A												
Sep. 8	Toledo*	A												
Sep. 15	UConn*	A												
Sep. 22	at Bowling Green	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at Boston College	A												
Oct. 13	Rutgers (HC)	A												
Oct. 20	at Syracuse	A												
Oct. 27	Pittsburgh	A												
Nov. 3	at Miami (Fla)	G												
Nov. 10	Virginia Tech	A												
Nov. 17	at W Virginia	A												
Nov. 24														
	* Franklin Field													

STADIUM: VETERANS STADIUM (66,592) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-10	1-10	3-8	2-9	2-9	4-7	15-62
ATS	8-3	6-3-2	5-6	5-6	3-6-1	4-7	7-4	38-35-3
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-2
Home Dog	3-2	2-1-2	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	2-2	14-12-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-5
Away Dog	5-1	4-2	1-3	1-4	3-1-1	2-4	3-1	19-16-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	5-7
Dog	8-3	6-3-2	4-4	4-5	3-4-1	3-6	5-3	33-28-3
Grass	2-0	2-1	0-3	0-4	1-1-1	0-1	4-0	9-10-1
Artificial	6-3	4-2-2	5-3	5-2	2-5	4-6	3-4	29-25-2
vs Conf	5-2	5-0-2	3-4	5-2	2-5	4-3	4-3	28-19-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-1-1	0-4	3-1	10-16-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-2	7-8
Off SU Loss	6-2	5-2-2	3-6	5-2	2-4-1	2-6	4-2	27-24-3

Coach: BOBBY WALLACE (Career 90-61-1) Wallace's records AT TEMPLE

4th Year at Temple	2-2	Home Favorite
8-25 Straight Up	3-7	Home Underdog
14-17-1 Vs The Spread	1-2	Away Favorite
8-12-1 Off A S/U Loss	8-6-1	Away Underdog
10-11 Vs Conference	4-6-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20	-
79	Garden St	+1	California	28-17	W

TEMPLE (4-7)

CONFERENCE: BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 10* Returning: 61 (29,26,6)
DEFENSE: 10 Lost: 4 (1,3,0)

LETTERMEN:



TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

CUMULATIVE YEARLY TOTALS																	
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS		TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	
5*	20.4	17	131	3.5	180	55.4	15.2	+3	2000	5	24.5	18	137	3.4	197	54.9	13.6
6*	13.9	15	60	2.4	205	57.4	19.0	0	1999	6	33.3	21	192	4.2	213	61.3	12.2
7*	18.0	17	197	4.0	116	40.4	17.4	-4	1998	5	32.7	22	219	4.8	185	60.7	12.3
5	19.3	17	152	3.7	173	53.3	16.9	-14	1997	5	33.7	20	200	4.5	187	59.6	11.5
9*	19.8	18	104	2.6	226	50.0	16.4	-9	1996	7	35.1	19	210	5.3	187	49.8	11.3
10*	17.0	18	106	3.2	200	44.3	18.0	-14	1995	6	32.5	23	193	4.1	211	59.3	12.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Navy	24	58-231	4.0	17-27	188	3	7	30-73	2.4	6-13	75	6	-2
at Maryland	22	36-104	2.9	25-37	339	6	17	36-100	2.8	11-23	154	1	+1
Bowling Green	22	38-128	3.4	24-34	272	0	11	29-26	0.9	14-28	164	2	-2
E Michigan	17	39-298	7.6	10-16	163	1	23	36-132	3.7	34-50	364	2	+1
W Virginia	14	25-143	5.7	18-32	154	2	18	40-152	3.8	18-32	242	1	+2
at Virginia Tech	7	28-(-15)	-0.5	13-28	131	6	25	56-214	3.8	14-29	162	4	0
at Rutgers	27	57-202	3.5	21-32	254	2	15	27-108	4.0	19-39	243	0	+2
Miami (Fla)	17	44-122	2.8	17-31	135	6	18	36-152	4.2	12-23	205	1	+2
at Boston Coll	14	32-92	2.9	10-24	126	1	23	45-154	3.4	19-28	273	2	-3
Syracuse	10	32-119	3.7	6-27	44	2	18	57-223	3.9	4-14	62	5	-1
Pittsburgh	11	27-12	0.4	18-35	170	6	23	45-170	3.8	18-29	218	1	+3
TOTALS	185	416-1436	3.5	179-323	1976	35	198	437-1504	3.4	169-308	2162	25	+3
AVERAGES	16.8	38-131	3.5	16-29	180	3.2	18.0	40-137	3.4	15-28	197	2.3	0.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Michigan	-2'	28-24	W
Washington St	+10	34-38	W
at Bowling Green	+3	16-20	L
† Penn St	+28	0-41	L
at Pittsburgh	-2	52-53	L
at Virginia Tech	+23	0-38	L
W Virginia	+21	10-30	W
at Rutgers	-1'	17-28	L
Miami (Fla)	+24	26-57	L
at Boston College	+10	20-21	W
Syracuse	+31	15-36	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Michigan	-2	14-34	L
Boston College	+12	28-21	W
at Penn St	+37	10-52	L
Virginia Tech	+23'	13-23	W
Maryland	+2'	21-24	L
Pittsburgh	+5	17-13	W
at Syracuse	+28	7-60	L
at Miami (Fla)	+20	15-47	L
Rutgers	-10	49-7	W
at Navy	+13	17-49	L
at W Virginia	+21	21-41	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+12'	12-24	W
Akron	-9	28-35	L
at Boston College	+18	7-31	L
at Maryland	+10	20-30	T
William & Mary	NL	38-45	-
W Virginia	+25	7-37	L
at Virginia Tech	+36	28-24	W
at Rutgers	-3	10-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+14	34-33	W
Miami (Fla)	+23'	7-42	L
Syracuse	+27'	7-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland	+5'	0-6	L
at Kansas St	+34	0-40	L
at Akron	-1	15-25	L
at Marshall	+28	0-34	L
at Pittsburgh	+17'	24-55	L
Boston College	+14	24-14	W
at W Virginia	+17	17-20	W
Rutgers	-10	56-28	W
at Syracuse	+18	10-27	W
Virginia Tech	+29	7-62	L
at Miami (Fla)	+31	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	+10'	17-6	W
at Maryland	+10	10-17	W
Bowling Green	-9'	31-14	W
E Michigan	-14'	49-40	L
W Virginia	+6	24-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+30	13-35	W
at Rutgers	-6'	48-14	W
Miami (Fla)	+22	17-45	L
at Boston College	+9'	3-31	L
Syracuse	+10	12-31	L
Pittsburgh	+8'	0-7	W

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS



Torrance Heggie was the top tackler on the DL in 2000 & finished 3rd in tackles overall.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Scarlet Knights had one of the most underrated QB's in the NCAA in Mike McMahon (#5 DC of DET) who was forced to start as a true frosh back in 1997 and suffered an injury plagued career. McMahon has NFL caliber talent with 4.43 speed and a strong arm and leaves as the Knights' #2 all-time leading passer. Last season he threw for 2,157 yards (49.7%) with an 18-17 ratio. He missed the 2H of the Pitt game and the entire game vs Miami, FL and Chad Schwenk threw for 330 yards (45%) with a 1-4 ratio. Schwenk also had 3 starts in 1999, throwing for 845 yards (58%) with a 3-4 ratio and 53 yards rushing. I expect Chris Dapolito (6-3 215 rFr, PS#48) to be the QB of the future here and win the starting job this season. He is mobile just like McMahon. Of course new coaches like their own signees and added to the mix this year are Ryan Cubit (PS#60) who is the offensive coordinator's son and Chris Baker (PS#77). McMahon's numbers were not great last year, but this unit is going from an NFL caliber, 4 year starter to a lightly experienced group and clearly looks weaker in 2001, but they do have potential.

RUNNING BACKS - The Knights did not get a lot of production from the RB corps in 1999 when they rushed for just 81 ypg and 2.3 ypc. Last year the unit struggled in the first 5 games topping 100 yards just once, but came on strong down the stretch with six straight 100+ yard games and they averaged 105.5 ypg and 3.4 ypc. Last year's group did have to replace their leading rusher and VHT transfer Ravon Anderson (PS#15) did not have the impact I expected, but Dennis Thomas stepped to the forefront and rushed for 587 yards (4.3) and added 223 receiving yards and 447 yards on KRs. The good news for the Knights is that basically everyone is back and this could be the year that Anderson emerges. Anderson had 1 start and 128 yards rushing at N Carolina in 1998 and topped 1,000 yards in JUCO in 1999. The top 2 FB's return and I list them below. New coaches like their own recruits so it is possible that some of this year's top signees will find PT immediately. Thomas showed great improvement after averaging just 32 ypg in the first 8, with 110 ypg in the final 3 and hopefully will continue in that form.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Knights returned all 3 starters and this unit was clearly the deepest position on the team and one that was loaded with HT's. They did suffer a big loss when Walter King, who was #2 in receptions, went down to injury and missed the final 4 (finished #3). Errol Johnson led the team with 46 rec's (12.1) and both he and King depart. Starting TE LJ Smith was #2 in rec's and gets better every year. I like the talent available at WR (see 2 deep) as it has 3 HT's and some of the new recruits may also play here. This looks like a capable group, but is less experienced than last year and I'll call it down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Rutgers averaged just 2.3 ypc rushing and allowed 47 sacks despite the fact that all 5 starters managed to start all 11 games together. Last year they had to replace 4 of those starters. G Travis

Mills started the first 4 then was ruled ineligible. Backup OL Duffy was lost for the year in Wk 3 and LT Blackwood missed 2 starts with injury. Julian Ross was in his first year on the OL after moving from DL while Jeremy Womack spent his first year at center after moving from guard. Despite all these changes, Shea fashioned a good group as they paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing and only allowed 16 sacks. Schiano is fortunate in the fact that almost everyone returns. The lone losses are LG Rich Mazza (10 sts, 2nd Tm BE) and backup OT Tim Baker. Womack did quit the team in the spring and his return is not expected. Six players return with starting experience and there are even some HT's in the group. Schiano also recruited 3 HT OL's this year (see Top Newcomers). This group is even more experienced than it was last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last season the Knights had to replace 3 players that had accounted for 18 starts the prior year, but they were switching to a 3-4 defense so they needed to fill one less spot. Marcus Perry (5 sts) was still suffering some lingering effects from a broken sternum suffered in '99 and had only 24 stops from his DE spot. Greg Pyszczyk made 10 starts at the DT spot & had 39 tackles. William Burnett started 3 games (and got two sacks of Michael Vick in the process) but suffered a knee injury & that opened the door for JUCO Torrance Heggie. Despite battling nagging hip & groin injuries, he became the top tackler on the DL & finished 3rd overall in tackles despite only having 7 starts. Perry, Pyszczyk, Burnett and Heggie all return and this spot will be further buoyed by true frosh Davon Clark (6-4 285, PS#281) and I project him to start immediately. Also providing depth as they switch back to a 4-3 set will be Bill Tulloch (2.5 sks, 5 tll ly), Ron Jenerette (7 tlls as a true ly), Jeff Olsen (6 tlls, 2 blk'd kicks ly) and Marty Pyszczyk, who backs up his brother at DT & could start if Clark is not as impressive as I expect. Overall, this position is greatly improved, and in fact is the most improved area of the team.

LINEBACKERS - As mentioned above, Rutgers is switching back to a 4-3 after playing a 3-4 last season, with last year's SLB position being called a DE this year. They return five players who combined for 13 starts to these three positions, but lose their top player and another who started 4 games. Gone is Wesley Robertson, who was their leading tackler & earned 2nd Team Big East honors despite playing in only 9 games. Dennis McCormack also departs after 26 tlls in only 4 games (injured). These two losses will be felt, but I like the returning talent on hand & I list them in the 2 deep below. A huge addition to this unit is Raheem Orr, who is finally eligible after two years and will start at MLB. He was PS#16 and a very rare VHT for the Knights. Much like the DL, this is another area of significant improvement for the Knights.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Knights' secondary was wiped out by injuries and managed to take just 6 DB's on the season's final trip to Miami with the 2 starting safeties being walk-ons. Last year they had to replace two starters but then FS Garrett Shea was injured and out for the year while Tony Berry had academic problems in August and did not start until the final 3 games. CB Thompson got the first 8 starts and then was injured and missed the last 3 games. Coach Shea brought in Tennessee transfer Shawn Seabrooks and Schiano has numerous HT's on hand whom I list in the 2 deep below. The more experienced unit climbed to #99 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.2% with a 14-8 ratio. They should make significant strides this year. The only losses are FS Shahib White (8 sts, 63 tlls, 4 int) and SS Peter Mendez (1 st, 13 tlls). Not only do six players return with starting experience but they also move LB Tarrell Freaney into his more natural SS slot. This is a rather talented secondary and actually has a shot at finishing in the upper half of the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Knights have finished poorly in my special teams rankings over the last 6 years with their highest finish being #76. The past 3 years they have finished in triple digits, including last season where they were #103. FG man Steve Barone is back, but will have to improve to hold on to his job. Barone hit a 58 yard FG in HS and had a solid true frosh year hitting 8 of 12 with a long of 51. The last 2 years he's hit just 12 of 25 FG's with his longest going from 41 yards in '99 to just 35 yards last year and he was 0 of 3 from 40+ last year. Ryan Sands (6-0 225 So) was PS#76. P Michael Barr is back. He averaged 39.5 as a true frosh in 1998 and redshirted in 1999. Last year he hit 58 punts with a 37.8 average but a net of only 31.3 and should improve. Also in the mix is QB Chris Dapolito who was PS#48QB and averaged 40.0 as a punter in HS. Dennis Thomas has been the leading KR the last 2 years. He improved upon his average last season, going from 21.4 to 22.4. The top PR was Sean Carthy and he too had a solid season, averaging 10.1 on 14 returns. They allowed 4 blocked punts last year, but only blocked 2 themselves. The big news is that Schiano will coach this unit himself (just like VT's Beamer) which means you can expect some starters to play on it and they should easily have their best finish in my special teams rankings in 7 years.

RUTGERS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Dennis Thomas	137	619	32	587	3	4.3					
Jason Ohene	58	316	12	304	2	5.2					
Mike McMahon	68	358	115	243	3	3.6					
Ravon Anderson	28	69	13	56	2	2.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Mike McMahon	340	169	49.7	2157	18	17					
Chad Schwenk	75	34	45.3	330	1	4					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Errol Johnson	46	555	12.1	5	83						
LJ Smith	34	374	11.0	1	32						
Walter King	26	398	15.3	3	40						
Dennis Thomas	21	223	10.6	1	42						
Josh Hobbs	17	235	13.8	1	31						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Mike Barr	58	2192	37.8	-	31.3	3					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Steve Barone	2-3	4-7	0-3	0-0	6-13	35					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYERS	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
W. Robertson	83	8	10	6	0	B. Haws	48	0	3	4	0
T. Freaney	82	1	3	1	0	M. Davis	42	0	2	2	1
T. Heggie	64	5	5	3	0	G. Brackett	40	1.5	3	0	0
S. White	63	0	4	1	0	B. Hambrecht	40	1.5	2	0	0
S. Seabrooks	57	0	2	2	0	G. Pyszczyk	39	0.5	1	1	0
T. Berry	53	0	3	2	0	D. Thompson	33	0	1	2	1
N. Colon	48	0	0	0	0	B. Tulloch	30	2.5	5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Sean Carly	14	141	10.1	0	D. Thomas	20	447	22.4	0		

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rutgers is a school that has had just 4 winning seasons the last 20 years, despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college team located in a highly populated area. In years past they've let some great recruits get away including Chris Simms and Ron Dayne. Their last bowl was 1978 and their last winning season was 1992. In 1999 the team was devastated by injuries and last season they had just 9 returning starters, the fewest in the Big East. The Knights did improve from 1 to 3 wins but were 0-7 in conference play and lame duck head coach Terry Shea was in the final year of his contract and was let go when the season ended. He had won the Big East Coach of the Year in 1998 with a 5-6 record. Greg Schiano was the DC at Miami, Fla and brings a new enthusiasm to this team. He was a high school coach in New Jersey and has been an assistant at places like Penn St and in the NFL with the Chicago Bears. Fourteen true frosh played last year and this is a much more veteran Knights team. The new OC is Bill Cubit who comes over from Missouri (2000) and W Michigan (97-99). At Missouri, Cubit ran a little bit of everything on offense, causing defensive coordinators fits. They must replace NFL draft pick QB Mike McMahon but have some talented players to support the new QB with 15 players earning starts last year. They improved from 14.1 ppg in 1999 to 21.2 in 2000. Schiano wants to emphasize the running game, and they should continue to improve. Defensively 17 players return that earned starts last year and only 7 lettermen depart. They have a talented secondary and are greatly upgraded at all 3 positions. With Schiano's defensive emphasis, you can expect them to be solidly improved on that side of the ball as they had just 3 starters returning on defense in 2000. There is some talent on this team and Schiano has a great recruiting class (see Top Newcomers). They get 4 Big East home games but still look to be a level or two behind the top 6 teams in the Big East (despite the fact that they upset Syracuse at home in 1999) and they must face Temple on the road so they will likely be an underdog in all 7 Big East games. If they pull an upset, they will improve upon last year's record but even with the 52 lettermen returning including 14 starters this will likely be a rebuilding year for the Knights.

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DEFENSE

QB Chris Dapolito rFr. 6-3 215 PS#48QB in 2000. Chad Schwenk (6-2 200 Jr) 845 yds (58%), 3-4 ratio as true. 1 st in 2000, 5 gms, 330 yds (45%), 1-4 ratio, 22 yds rush. 6-1 225 PS#185. 6 sts in 98, 418 yds (3.9). 9 sts at FS in 99, 180 yds rush, 192 yds rec. 9 sts ly, 587 yds (4.3). 21 rec (10.6) Tm MVP. Ravon Anderson (PS#15) 56 yds.
FB JASON OHENE SR. 6-0 195 71 yds (2.3) as rFr. 1 st in 99, 100 yds (3.7). 3 sts ly, 304 yds (5.2). 11 rec (9.0). Seth Stanton (6-2 240 Sr) PS#279. 32 yds in 99, 3 sts, 16 yds ly.
WR Delrico Fletcher Sr. 6-1 190 PS#38. 10 rec here as true. JC in '99. 6 rec here ly. Antoine Lovelace (6-2 185 Jr) PS#40. 5 rec as true, 4 rec ly. Sean Carthy PS#177, 14 rec, 2 yrs.
WR Aaron Martin Jr. 6-4 205 PS#69. 2 starts as true, 8 rec. 4 sts ly, 13 rec (18.8). David Stringer (6-0 205 Sr) NC St trans, 12 rec (11.3) ly. Josh Hobbs, 5 sts, 17 rec (13.8) ly.
TE L.J. SMITH SR. 6-4 225 PS#113. 10 sts in 99, 26 rec (16.1). 10 sts ly, 34 rec (11.0) slowed by inj. Rob Ring (6-4 250 Sr) PS#112. 2 sts, 7 rec, 2 yrs. Chris Loomis is PS#38.
C Mike Williamson So. 6-5 290 PS#435. 7 games as a true. Jeremy Womack (6-4 280 Sr) Navy prep in '97. 10 gms as backup G in '99. Moved to C ly & 11 sts. Quit in spg.
RG Travis Mills Sr. 6-3 305 PS#450JUCO. 4 sts at RG ly then ineligible. Rich McManis (6-5 320 So) was PS#295. 8 games as true, 1 start. Mike Clancy is PS#140.
LG MIKE ESPOSITO JR. 6-4 315 2nd string in '99 at LT. 4 games as backup C ly then started LT at RG. Good size. Brian Duffy (6-5 285 So) PS#80. 3 games as rFr tll inj.
RT JULIAN ROSS SR. 6-4 290 5 tlls as rFr. 2 sts at OLB, 15 tlls in '99. 11 sts at RT ly after move to OL. Dave Showalter (6-5 300 Jr) PS#240. 5 gms/2Y, inj'd & not likely to return.
LT HOWARD BLACKWOOD JR. 6-4 275 PS#350. 10 games as rFr in '99. 9 starts at LT last year (injured 2). Krzysztof Kaczorowski (6-6 300 So) PS#78OL. 2 starts as true in 2000.
K STEVE BARONE SR. 5-11 170 PS#28. hit 58 yd FG in HS. 8 of 12 on FG's here as true and long of 51. 6 of 12 FG's in 99, long of 41. Hit 6 of 13 FG's ly, long of 35.

DE MARCUS PERRY SR. 6-1 260 PS#284OL. 9 sts as rFr, 41 tlls, 4 tll, 1 st, 10 tlls, 4 tll tll inj in 99. 5 sts ly, 24 tlls, 2 tll. Bill Tulloch (6-3 255 Sr) PS#137. 2 sts ly, 7.5 tll, 30 tlls.
DT Davon Clark Jr. 6-4 285 PS#28. 16.5 sks in FS in 99. Ron Jenerette (6-4 250 So) PS#315. 7 tlls, 1 tll as true. John Comiskey (6-4 270 So) Canadian. 4 tlls as true.
DT GREG PYSZCZYK JR. 6-2 260 PS#336. 16 tlls, 1 tll as rFr. 10 sts ly, 39 tlls, 1.5 tll. Marty Pyszczyk (6-2 260 So) PS#278. 8 tlls as rFr (inj 1st 7). Ryan Neill is PS#91LB.
DE TORRANCE HEGGIE SR. 6-5 220 PS#306JC. 15 sks at JC in '99. Last 7 sts here ly, 64 tlls, 5 sks, 5 tll, despite not 100%. William Burnett (6-4 250 Jr) PS#247. 3 sts, 8 tll ly.
OLB Nate Leonard Jr. 6-1 225 PS#187DB. 29 tlls as true, 4 sts, 30 tlls, 4 tll ly. Mitch Davis (6-2 220 Jr) was PS#207RB. 4 sts, 42 tlls, 2 tll ly. Piana Lukabu is PS#87RB.
MLB Raheem Orr Jr. 6-4 225 PS#16LB. Acad ineligible last 2 yrs. Dan Woodward (6-2 220 So) PS#370. 20 tlls, 2 tll last 4 games as true. Cedric Brown is PS#82LB.
OLB Brian Bender Jr. 6-2 210 3 sts as true, 31 tlls. 14 tlls ly tll inj. Bill Hambrecht (6-2 215 So) PS#380. 40 tlls, 4 tll as true. Gary Brackett (5-11 220 Jr) PS#223. 4 sts, 4.5 tll ly.
CB DEWAYNE THOMPSON JR. 5-8 185 PS#112. 10 tlls in '98-'99. 8 sts ly, 33 tlls, 1 int. Tony Berry (6-1 185 Sr) PS#152. 11 sts, 59 tlls, 9 pbu in '99. 3 sts ly, 53 tlls, 2 pbu, 3 tll.
CB BRANDON HAW JR. 6-0 170 PS#153. 8 tlls as true. 11 sts last year, 48 tlls, 3 tll, 4 pbu. 4.38 speed. Nate Jones (5-10 170 So) PS#120. 7 tlls, 10 games as true in 2000.
SS TARELL FREANEY SR. 6-0 200 PS#76LB. 6 sts at LB as true, 41 tlls. 9 sts at SS in 98, 67 tlls. 10 sts at LB ly, 82 tlls, 4 tll. Nate Colon (5-10 190 Jr) PS#146RB. 9 sts as true, 77 tlls, 5 tlls, 48 tlls.
FS SHAWN SEABROOKS JR. 5-9 190 PS#45 & orig at Tenn. 5 sts here ly, 8 tlls, 2 tll. Ben Martin (6-0 205 Sr) PS#97. 21 tlls as true, 5 sts, 73 tlls in '98. 1 start last year, 22 tlls.
P MICHAEL BARR JR. 6-3 235 PS#50. 43.0 average in HS. 17 punts here in 98 as true, 39.5 in 99. 58 punts last year, 37.8 avg and net of 31.3. Chris Dapolito PS#48QB.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rutgers is 1-4 SU, 2-3 ATS the last 11 years vs the ACC. The last 4 years the Knights have an ugly -44 turnover ratio. Knights are 3-11-1 ATS after a SU win the last 6 years. Rutgers is 5-0 SU in "NL" home openers, combined score is 188-61. Knights are 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS vs Miami (Fla).

The Knights are 2-7 ATS in their 1st lined game the last 9 years. Rutgers is 10-4 ATS their L/14 non-conf gms, 1-3 ATS vs the MAC.

Scarlet Knights are 2-6 ATS last 8 in their 2nd straight road game. Knights are 12-29-1 ATS in their last 42 conference games.

These tms met in Berkley in '99 & RU lost 21-7 despite having a 21-13 FD & 300-266 yd edge. Knights are 4-11 ATS at home vs non-conference foes since 1993.

The visiting team is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 series meetings. Scarlet Knights are 13-29 ATS as a home dog since 1989.

Rutgers is 22-33 ATS off a SU loss since 1993. This will be the 1st meeting between these 2 schools since 1983.

Visitor has covered 10 of the last 17 series meetings. Scarlet Knights are 2-12 ATS vs the Orangemen.

The home team has covered 4 of the last 5 series meetings. Scarlet Knights are 9-26-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992.

Rutgers is 4-7 ATS vs Service Academies since 1993. The away team is 6-1 ATS in the last 7 series meetings.

Bonus: Scarlet Knights are 2-13 ATS their L/15 games after a bye. Bonus: Knights are 1-5-1 ATS in their last 7 final away games.

The favorite is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series. The Scarlet Knights lost to WV LY in 2OT: 24-31 as 14' pt dogs.

The Knights have only won 3 of 18 series meetings SU, 7-11 ATS. Rutgers is 1-5 ATS as a home dog vs Pittsburgh in that span.

Scarlet Knights are 1-7 ATS their last 8 season finales. The favorite is 8-2 ATS the last 10 in this series.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	at Buffalo (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 8	at Miami (Fla)	G												
Sep. 15	California	G												
Sep. 22	Virginia Tech	G												
Sep. 29	UConn	G												
Oct. 6	Syracuse	G												
Oct. 13	at Temple	A												
Oct. 20	Navy (HC)	G												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	at W Virginia	A												
Nov. 10	Pittsburgh	G												
Nov. 17	Boston College	G												
Nov. 24														

STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-5-1	4-7	2-9	0-11	5-6	1-10	3-8	20-56-1
ATS	5-6	2-8-1	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	4-6	28-45-1
Home Fav	1-4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-5
Home Dog	0-1	0-4	1-4	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-3	10-20
Away Fav	0-1	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-1
Away Dog	4-0	0-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	14-19
Favorite	1-5	2-1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-6-1
Dog	4-1	0-7	2-8	6-5	5-5	4-7	3-6	24-39
Grass	3-4	1-6	2-4	5-3	4-3	4-5	3-4	22-29
Artificial	2-2	1-2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	6-16-1
vs Conf	4-3	1-5-1	2-5	3-4	3-4	1-6	2-5	16-32-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	0-3	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	12-13
Off SU Win	4-1	0-3-1	0-2	0-0	2-3	0-1	1-2	7-12-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-4	2-6	6-4	3-2	3-6	3-4	20-29

RUTGERS (3-8) BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6

DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 52 (22,28,2)

Lost: 15 (8,7,0)



RUTGERS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
6'	21.2	17	106	3.4	229	48.9	15.8	-7	2000	3	36.3	23	222	4.3	201	59.2
5'	14.1	15	81	2.3	208	49.0	20.5	-5	1999	6	38.8	22	219	5.0	215	66.8
9'	18.7	18	125	3.1	204	50.0	17.6	-12	1998	4	34.2	22	246	5.2	182	58.3
5	17.4	15	106	3.1	194	48.7	17.3	-20	1997	7	45.1	23	258	4.9	221	61.7
3	13.0	14	87	2.3	144	41.5	17.8	+1	1996	6	34.5	23	215	4.6	235	57.4
8'	27.6	23	192	4.3	235	52.5	15.5	-5	1995	7	37.5	20	162	4.1	263	55.6

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
Villanova	24	32-46	1.4	27-44	323	2		16	23-57	2.5	29-49	285	2		+2
Buffalo	19	39-187	4.8	19-29	266	0		17	37-(-7)	-0.2	24-45	223	4		+3
at Virginia Tech	15	24-57	2.4	17-49	184	1		29	58-348	6.0	15-28	179	3		-1
at Pittsburgh	11	21-(-13)	-0.6	20-37	225	4		28	55-212	3.9	19-27	218	3		+5
Miami (Fla)	14	27-4	0.1	19-42	153	2		25	54-261	4.8	17-23	296	2		-4
Temple	15	27-108	4.0	19-39	243	0		27	57-202	3.5	21-32	254	2		-2
at Navy	15	32-112	3.5	18-33	304	4		21	70-260	3.7	8-18	107	2		0
at Boston Coll	19	37-133	3.6	13-36	171	1		22	55-325	5.9	11-18	159	0		-1
W Virginia	22	35-176	5.0	24-48	274	0		19	51-152	3.0	12-26	126	1		-4
Notre Dame	17	30-174	5.8	13-28	175	1		22	60-295	4.9	14-20	186	1		-4
at Syracuse	17	42-177	4.2	17-36	200	1		23	54-339	6.3	11-20	180	3		-1
TOTALS	188	346-1161	3.4	206-421	2518	16		249	574-2444	4.3	181-306	2213	23		-7
AVERAGES	17.1	31-106	3.4	19-38	229	1.5		22.6	52-222	4.3	16-28	201	2.1		-0.6

Coach: GREG SCHIANO (Career 0-0) Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

1st Year at Rutgers	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34	L

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	38-28	-	Virginia Tech	+20'	19-59	L	Richmond	NL	7-6	-	at California	+18'	7-21	W	Villanova	NL	34-21	-
Navy	+3	6-10	L	at Texas	+38'	14-48	W	at Boston College	+22'	14-41	L	Texas	+23	21-38	W	Buffalo	-24'	59-0	W
Miami (Fla)	+26	0-33	L	at Navy	+19'	7-36	L	at Syracuse	+41	14-70	L	Boston College	+7	7-27	L	at Virginia Tech	+32'	0-49	L
at Virginia Tech	+28	14-30	W	Boston College	+14'	21-35	W	Army	+10	27-15	W	at Wake Forest	+17	10-17	W	at Pittsburgh	+20	17-29	W
at Syracuse	+25	0-42	L	at W Virginia	+28	0-48	L	Miami (Fla)	+28	17-53	L	Virginia Tech	+31	20-58	L	Miami (Fla)	+30	6-64	L
Army	+5	21-42	L	Syracuse	+33	3-50	L	at Pittsburgh	+21	25-21	W	at W Virginia	+20	16-62	L	Temple	+6'	14-48	L
at Boston College	+14'	13-37	L	at Army	+16'	35-37	W	Tulane	+19	24-52	L	Pittsburgh	+15	15-38	L	at Navy	+7'	28-21	W
Temple	+1'	28-17	W	Pittsburgh	+12	48-55	W	Temple	+3	21-10	W	at Temple	+10	28-56	L	at Boston College	+22	13-42	L
W Virginia	+18	14-55	L	at Temple	+10	7-49	L	at Navy	+10'	36-33	W	Navy	+14	7-34	L	W Virginia	+14'	24-31	W
at Notre Dame	+41	0-62	L	Wake Forest	+19	14-28	W	W Virginia	+20'	14-28	W	Syracuse	+30'	24-21	W	Notre Dame	+22	17-45	L
at Pittsburgh	+8	9-24	L	at Miami (Fla)	+34	23-51	W	at Virginia Tech	+28'	7-47	L	at Miami (Fla)	+33	0-55	L	at Syracuse	+25	21-49	L

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 CUSA TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Dave Ragone, L'ville	Patrick Ramsey, Tulane	David Garrard, E Car
RB Derrick Nix, S Miss	Ray Jackson, Cincy	Leonard Henry, E Car
RB Mewelde Moore, Tulane	Jegil Dugger, UAB	Tony Stallings, L'ville
WR Roydell Williams, Tulane	Brian Robinson, Houston	Willie Quinnie, UAB
WR Deion Branch, L'ville	Orlando Iglesias, Houston	Bunkie Perkins, Memphis
TE Ronnie Ghent, L'ville	Clint Dodson, Army	Bobby Garner, S Miss
C Torie Taulli, Tulane	Jimond Pugh, Memphis	Al James, Houston
G Dustin Plumadore, Army	Kirt Doolin, Cincy	Aaron Dardzinski, L'ville
G Torrin Tucker, S Miss	Preston Fray, UAB	Victor Payne, TCU
T Josh Gardner, Cincy	Paul Henderson, Army	Jonta' Woodard, L'ville
T Shawn Murphy, Cincy	Chris Redding, Houston	Jabari Beauford, Houston
DL Antwan Peek, Cincy	Michael Josiah, L'ville	Floyd Dorsey, Tulane
DL Andre Arnold, Memphis	Chad Pugh, TCU	Derrick Adams, Cincy
DL Albert Means, Memphis	Dewayne White, L'ville	Damane Duckett, E Car
DL Bryan Thomas, UAB	Rayshun Jones, S Miss	Bo Schobel, TCU
LB Devon Davis, TCU	Vonta Leach, E Car	Damien West, Houston
LB Pernell Griffin, E Car	Chad Bayer, TCU	Adrian Abrams, UAB
LB Rod Davis, S Miss	DeMorrio Shank, Memphis	Nick Simpson, Tulane
CB Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	Jason Parker, Houston	Greg Brooks, S Miss
CB Chris Brown, UAB	Kelly Hardy, E Car	Jason Goss, TCU
SS Anthony Floyd, L'ville	Chad Williams, S Miss	Kelton Lindsay, Cincy
FS Glenn Sumter, Memphis	Adrian Singleton, UAB	Brian Zickefoose, Army
K Ryan White, Memphis	Seth Marler, Tulane	Jonathan Ruffin, Cincy
P Casey Roussel, Tulane	Adam Wulfeck, Cincy	Mark Haulman, S Miss
KR LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	Zek Parker, L'ville	Dawayne Woods, S Miss
PR Omari Thompson, Army	Kenneth Johnson, S Miss	Ryan Johnson, Memphis



Drew Carey, Phil Steele and Louisville QB Dave Ragone are all local legends.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 CUSA FORECAST

- 1. East Carolina** - Steve Logan is doing a fine job here and has done a great job recruiting so they have some of the best talent in the league. This year they are loaded with 15 returning starters and the 13 lettermen lost are the fewest in the league. EC ranks in the top 30 in my preseason ratings on both offense and defense, highlighted by QB David Garrard and Logan's best set of RB's yet. Defense wins championships and EC has a unit that should get them the title. I see the biggest games in CUSA play being EC's final two as they get both Louisville and S Miss at home. That coupled with the fact that they avoid UAB in CUSA play has me calling for their first league title.
- 2. Alabama-Birmingham** - The Blazers may not have the 2nd best talent in the league but they have one of the top defenses and a schedule that allows them to avoid both E Carolina and L'ville. They also benefit from 4 conference home games. I think if WR Willie Quinnie stays healthy he will have a major impact on their offense which has not topped 23 ppg the last 4 years. I call for a 2nd straight winning season, and they will be a major player in this year's title chase.
- 3. S Mississippi** - Never count USM out of the league title chase and they must be considered one of the favorites for league honors once again. Last year they were 6-1 and in the Top 10 but were hit hard by injuries down the stretch and finished 4th, their lowest finish ever in CUSA play. This year the offense looks much stronger and despite huge losses on defense I like the talent and schemes that they have on that side of the ball. While they get 4 league home games, I am concerned that they must face both E Carolina and Louisville on the road. They are always a threat to win it all in this league and they are now 26-5 in CUSA games since the league started.
- 4. Louisville** - The defending league champs did benefit from +11 turnovers last year but are clearly a stronger team than the 2000 version. They lose just 17 lettermen and have 14 starters back including a good portion of their sack happy D-line. Perhaps most importantly, QB Dave Ragone now has a year of experience and should be the top QB in the league. The Cards must play 4 CUSA games on the road this year and they all occur in a 5 week span at the end of the season! The last time UL benefited from double digit turnovers, they had negative double digit turnovers the next year and had a losing year. This team is too talented for a repeat of that and are clearly a contender to repeat their title.
- 5. Tulane** - The Green Wave has the most potent offense in the league and the defense can only get stronger. They actually have some solid athletes on the stop unit and that should make them much tougher. They lose just 17 lettermen from last year's squad but the conference schedule now has 4 road games and they must play all the big boys listed above them as they only miss Memphis and Houston in league action. This is a talented team that will bag their 2nd straight winning season if they can stay healthy. They get my call as the darkhorse of CUSA play this year and are capable of pulling off a big upset or two.
- 6. Cincinnati** - Last year the Bearcats had 4 conference home games, 18 returning starters and benefited from +12 turnovers. They went from a last place finish in league play in 1999 to a tie for 2nd place last year (I pegged them 3rd). This year they have the 2nd lowest amount of returning starters (10) among league teams, play only 3 CUSA home games and will likely not get the same good bounces they did last year on turnovers. One thing they do have going for them is talent. I do a complete All Conference Team (see 2001 College Football Scorebook) which goes to 4th teamers and HM's when the talent warrants it. Cincy has 18 players that make that list which is the highest in the league. They also avoid S Miss and will make some noise and have a shot at another winning record.

- 7. TCU** - The Frogs had 18 returning starters last year, played in the WAC, had a schedule which set them up for 10 wins, and benefitted from +10 turnovers in the regular season. This year they not only must replace 27 lettermen (most in the league), they also lose their head coach, only have 8 starters back, play 4 conference games on the road AND play in a much tougher league. They have solid talent (especially on the D-line) but are lacking in experience (only 5 Sr starters) and this looks like a similar situation for new Coach Gary Patterson to the one that Tulane Head Coach Chris Scelfo went through in his first year. If Patterson guides this team to an above .500 finish, he would get my vote for coach of the year.
- 8. Memphis** - The Tigers were very competitive under Coach Scherer and they had a ton of close games that they barely lost. Had they won a few he would still be the head man but luck was not on his side. Tommy West is an excellent hire as the head coach. If he can have better luck and win one or two of the close games, they could easily move up in the standings. The offense has 7 starters back and is switching to the spread offense. I believe that they will have their most potent offense in over SEVEN years! (OK, that's not really going out on a limb, their top ppg in that span has been 21.1 ppg.) West was the defensive coordinator last year and has 9 starters back on that side and will be tough again. They get 4 home games in league play but must face each of the top 4 teams in the league. The close games will be the key.
- 9. Houston** - UH must replace 26 lettermen (2nd highest in league) but Dana Dimel should have a much stronger team in his 2nd year. The offense has 7 starters back and one of the best WR corps in the country and are now in the 2nd year of the new offense after the drastic change last year. The defense had to replace 6 starters but has good talent, especially in the secondary, and should rank in the middle of the league. The big question mark is the QB. If one does emerge, they have an excellent shot at moving up in the standings as they have 4 CUSA games at home. Their first 4 CUSA games all fall into the winnable category and this could be a surprise team.
- 10. Army** - The Black Knights actually get my call as the most improved team in the league and that is surprising since most military schools lose a high % of their starters each year. They have 13 starters back which is the same amount they had in their dream season of 1996 and they are now in the 2nd year of Berry's radical change of offensive schemes. Army led or was tied in the 4Q of 4 CUSA games last year and should be even more competitive, especially if their offense does not supply the opposition with as many gifts (6 int's returned for TD's). They only get 3 home games in league action and I had to pick someone for the basement.

CUSA Notes: CUSA may have a lot of wide open attacks but last year they had 4 teams ranked in the top 15 in total defense in the NCAA's rankings with S Miss coming in #2, Memphis #5, UAB #11 and Louisville #15 and now TCU joins the league and they were #1 in the NCAA. This may be a young conference but it is an ever improving one. Of the ten teams in the league, FIVE were in bowl games last year and another two were bowl eligible but did not go, so 70% of the league had a winning record. S Mississippi had finished #1 or #2 in the league in each of its first 4 years but dropped to #4 last year. Each team plays 7 league games which means some years they get 4 home games and other years just 3. Surprisingly no CUSA team makes my top 20 list of most improved teams this year. The two that did last year (Tulane and Cincy) both went from a losing to a winning season. This should be another excellent year for CUSA teams and I will call for 6 to be bowl eligible at the end of the year.



Memphis FS Glenn Sumter (24) and LB Greg Harper (42) form a solid duo.



S Miss LB Rod Davis leads a talented Eagle stop unit



Houston WR Orlando Iglesias stands tall among all CUSA wideouts.

2000 CUSA CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YSPG
LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	11	369	2158	5.8	22	196.2
Michael Wallace, Army	10	192	1157	6.0	11	115.7
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	10	174	890	5.1	2	89.0
Ray Jackson, Cincy	10	201	808	4.0	6	80.8
Jegil Dugger, Ala-Birm	11	177	852	4.8	5	77.5
Tony Stallings, L'ville	11	181	810	4.5	6	73.6
Leonard Henry, E Car	11	133	711	5.3	8	64.6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Casey Printers, TCU	176	102	58.0	6	1584	9.0	16	144.0
Dave Ragone, L'ville	354	216	61.0	11	2621	7.4	27	142.2
Patrick Ramsey, TU	389	229	58.9	14	2833	7.3	24	133.2
David Garrard, E Car	312	164	52.6	11	2332	7.5	19	128.4
Jeff Kelly, S Miss	341	198	58.1	10	2381	7.0	15	125.4
Jason McKinley, UH	428	251	58.6	13	2696	6.3	14	116.3
Deontey Kenner, UC	265	137	51.7	7	1717	6.5	10	113.3

RECEIVING

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Adrian Burnette, Tulane	11	74	1075	14	97.7	6.73	14.5
Deion Branch, L'ville	11	71	1016	9	92.4	6.45	14.3
Brian Robinson, UH	11	77	870	6	79.1	7.00	11.3
KeyKowa Bell, UH	10	50	672	2	67.2	5.00	13.4
Shawn Mills, S Miss	11	55	713	5	64.8	5.00	13.0
Terrell Harris, Tulane	11	64	694	1	63.1	5.82	10.8
Kerwin Cook, Tulane	11	48	624	6	56.7	4.36	13.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE
	G CAR YDS	ATT YDS	YDS YSPG
Patrick Ramsey, Tul	10 120 53 389	2833	2886 288.6
Dave Ragone, L'ville	11 101 252 354	2621	2873 261.2
David Garrard, E Car	11 135 358 312	2332	2690 244.5
Jason McKinley, UH	11 150 131 428	2696	2565 233.2
Jeff Kelly, S Miss	11 148 54 341	2381	2435 221.4
LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	11 369 2158 0	0	2158 196.2
Deontey Kenner, UC	9 27 33 265	1717	1750 194.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Casey Roussel, Tulane	11	59	2609	44.2
Adam Wulfbeck, Cincinnati	11	56	2343	41.8
Joey Biasatti, TCU	6	26	1081	41.6
Mark Haulman, S Miss	11	76	3140	41.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	15	506	2	33.7
Zek Parker, Louisville	26	752	0	28.9
Keith Stokes, E Carolina	24	503	0	21.0

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Omari Thompson, Army	12	211	2	17.6
Keith Stokes, E Carolina	27	416	1	15.4
Kenneth Johnson, S Miss	24	333	0	13.9

KICKING

	G	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jonathan Ruffin, Cincy	11	26	29	89.7
Chris Kaylakie, TCU	11	16	18	88.9
Rhett Gallego, Ala-Birm	11	19	24	79.2
Seth Marler, Tulane	11	16	21	76.2

TACKLES

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Wayne Rogers, Houston	11	76	60	130
Brian Zickefoose, Army	11	75	47	122
Kamal Shakir, Memphis	11	76	39	115
Derick McNally, Army	11	65	50	115
Chad Bayer, TCU	11	71	36	107
Jerry Phillips, Tulane	10	65	37	102

SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
Michael Josiah, UL	13	102	Wayne Rogers, UH
Andre Arnold, UM	13	90	Michael Josiah, UL
Dewayne White, UL	12	65	Cedric Scott, S Miss
Cedric Scott, S Miss	12	56	Dewayne White, UL
Bryan Thomas, UAB	11	95	Bryan Thomas, UAB
Wayne Rogers, UH	10	86	Danovan Arp, UL

TFL

	G	NO	YDS
Wayne Rogers, UH	10	86	Danovan Arp, UL

2000 CUSA STANDINGS

Conference

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
TCU	—	—	—	—	10	1	410	106
Louisville	6	1	255	159	9	2	388	246
Cincinnati	5	2	187	165	7	4	275	260
E Carolina	5	2	206	125	7	4	330	229
S Mississippi	4	3	180	150	7	4	286	182
UAB	3	4	144	156	7	4	238	192
Tulane	3	4	192	205	6	5	329	346
Memphis	2	5	109	146	4	7	176	199
Houston	2	5	154	249	3	8	211	370
Army	1	6	129	204	1	10	224	372

1999 CUSA STANDINGS

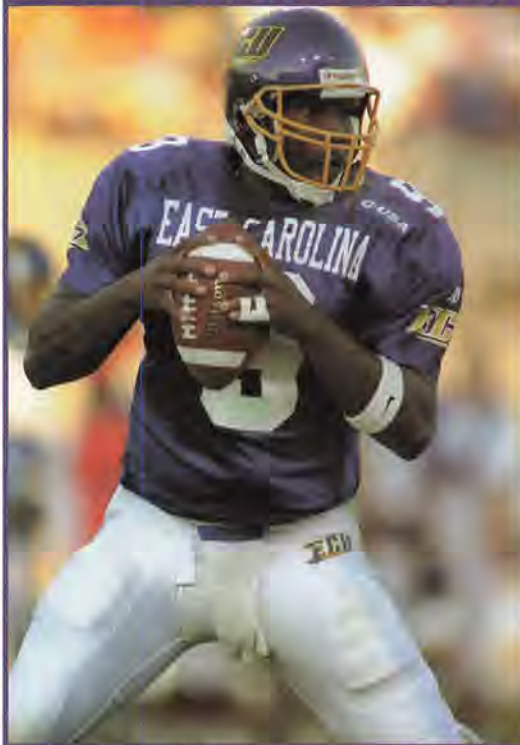
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S Mississippi	6	0	189	88	8	3	310	172
E Carolina	4	2	191	133	9	2	319	197
Louisville	4	2	196	180	7	4	412	331
Memphis	4	2	158	96	5	6	232	182
UAB	4	2	140	129	5	6	248	279
Houston	3	3	131	152	7	4	254	211
Army	1	5	125	197	3	7	216	298
Tulane	1	5	127	236	3	8	279	399
Cincinnati	0	6	121	167	3	8	275	289

1998 CUSA STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tulane	6	0	239	149	12	0	499	268
S Mississippi	5	1	207	80	7	5	349	196
Louisville	4	2	238	203	7	5	444	387
E Carolina	3	3	171	215	6	5	274	297
Houston	2	4	175	196	3	8	254	317
Army	2	4	171	199	3	8	257	325
Memphis	1	5	152	213	2	9	226	340
Cincinnati	1	5	161	259	2	9	259	456



E CAROLINA PIRATES



David Garrard is one of the best in a long line of solid ECU signal callers.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - David Garrard will become EC's career passing leader early on this season. He's already ahead of Jeff Blake and just a few yards behind Marcus Crandell. Last year he was #22 in the NCAA in total offense and #32 in pass efficiency. Garrard is a big, powerful runner who had 755 yards rushing in 1999 and 646 last year. After throwing for 2,550 yards (58%) with a 15-13 ratio in 1999 he threw for 2,561 (53.4%) with a 20-13 ratio last year. He should have a spectacular senior season. Richard Alston (5-11 210 Jr) played in 8 games last year, usually coming in on the 3rd possession, and threw for 108 yards but hit just 5 of 23 passes. He has blazing speed and rushed for 166 yards. He was suspended after 8 games and did not suit up for the bowl. He has been moved to HB but if Garrard gets hurt early he could move back to QB. For the final few games and the bowl Amie Powell, their star WR, was the backup QB. Desmond Robinson (5-10 200 rFr) is an excellent athlete that had a solid spring and is in the running for the #2 QB spot. Paul Troth is an early enrollee who was in for the spring giving him a big jump on the competition for the backup spot. He is PS#19QB and has the talent to play immediately but Logan is not sure whether or not he will redshirt. I think he will be a backup. Sakeen Wright is PS#40 and will likely redshirt. As long as Garrard stays healthy, I look for him to have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - This will be the first year that Leonard Henry has not shared snaps with Jamie Wilson. In 1998 the two had almost equal attempts and each had over 600 yards rushing. In 1999 Wilson had twice as many carries and led the team with 881 yards rushing. Last year Wilson played in 7 games and rushed for 305 (3.7). Henry emerged down the stretch and rushed for 803 yards and a solid 5.2 ypc. Logan likes to split carries to keep the backs fresh but Henry had 100% of the RB snaps versus S Miss. He figures to split time this year with Christhawn Gilliam (5-11 218 Jr) who was PS#41RB. Gilliam had just 5 rush attempts in 1999 as a rFr before tearing his ACL. Due to the depth at TB, Gilliam moved

to LB last year where he had 45 tackles and 2 tfl as a backup. He moved back to RB this spring and has good size to go with 4.5 speed. Art Brown (PS#59) played in 10 games as a true frosh with 164 yards (4.4). Also in the mix is Marvin Townes (5-11 195 So) who was PS#48 and practiced with the team last year while a partial qualifier. Logan says that this is the most talent he has had to work with at RB since he was an assistant at Colorado in 1985-'86 and this does look like his best backfield here.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Pirates returned 3 of 4 starters and 7 of their top 8 receivers. This year they must replace their top 3 receivers. Gone are HB Keith Stokes who led the team with 34 rec's (14.4), FL Marcellus Harris who was #2 with 26 rec's and a super 22.0 ypc, and TE Rashon Burns who had 22 rec's (12.0). Their #4 rec was RB Henry so the leading returning receiver is Amie Powell who had 13 (17.6). Garrard was very high on the receiving corps in the spring and the WR he gained the best rapport with was Derrick Collier who I now project as a starter. With the addition of Richard Alston they have some talented players in the 2 deep below. Not even listed are Marcus White (6-0 190 So) who was PS#112 and had 6 receptions, Donald Whitehead (5-10 170 rFr) who was PS#173 and moves over from CB, Delany Dodd (6-3 225 Sr) who has 12 receptions the last 2 years, Wes Herlocker (6-1 199 So) who was PS#86, and Dominique Hatcher (5-11 199 Jr) who was PS#169DB and had 6 tackles at OLB in 2000. This may be one of the deepest corps that they've had here but with the loss of their top 3 players, I'll call it down a notch.

OFFENSIVE LINE - EC only had to replace one starter last year and had a solid front which paved the way for a 4.1 ypc rushing and allowed just 29 sacks. This was despite the fact that in the W Virginia game they lost 3 starters to injuries. Nine different players earned starts on the OL last year due to the injury situation. This year they must replace C Sherwin Lacewell (11 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 4 yr sTr), RT Samien Jones (12 sts, 3 yr sTr), C James Bell (3 sts) and backup RT Bobby Parker. Despite the losses this group looks almost as experienced as last year and could be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Pirates basically run a 5-2 but their C-DE is much bigger and more like a down lineman than their B-DE and I will list that position here as it looks more like a 4-3 defense. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups who combined for 4 starts but had 3 starters returning. This year they must replace DT Devone Claybrooks (10 sts, 47 tkl, 7.5 sks, 8 tfl), NG Mbayo Ahmadu (12 sts, 37 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Marc Yellock (20 tkl, 2 sks, 2 tfl). Six players that I list below return with starting experience and they've added a couple of JUCO's to the mix along with a couple of VHT's. In each of the last 2 years EC has allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing but last year put more pressure on opposing QB's with 44 sacks. This looks like a solid front once again but is a little less experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - In each of the last 2 years, EC has had to replace their star LB and last year had two starters but did have to replace a 3 time all conference player. This year they only lose Carlos Ochoa (9 tkl) and Christhawn Gilliam (45 tkl). Gilliam moved to RB but this unit returns all 3 starters and could get a much bigger impact from Vonta Leach. Leach was going to redshirt but then was forced to play the last eight games due to injuries to both Greg LeFever and Pernell Griffin. After taking off his redshirt, Leach netted 36 tackles with 1.5 sacks and 4 tfl. Griffin was the leading tackler on the team despite missing 3 games with injury. Not only could this be the best LB corps in CUSA, but also one of the tops in the nation.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Pirates finished #40 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 but last year had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups. The rather inexperienced unit, breaking in new CB's, dropped to #49, allowing 54.1% with a 15-14 ratio. The majority of last year's secondary was made up of underclassmen. This year they are in much better shape as their only loss is CB Eddie Ravenell (10 tackles). Seven different players return with starting experience including Travis Mazzyk who had 6 starts at FS in 1999 but sat out last year and is now back on the squad. With everyone a year older and now experienced, this should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Pirates never finished any higher than #77 in my special teams rankings until 1998 when the punting of Andrew Bayes pushed them to #47 and then in 1999, when he ranked #1 in the NCAA with a super 46.8 per punt, EC rose to #34. Replacing him was a tough task last year. Wes Herlocker (PS#86WR) began the year as the punter but after averaging 45.4 as a senior in high school Herlocker struggled to

E CAROLINA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Leonard Henry	153	879	76	803	10	5.2					
David Garrard	148	646	255	391	6	2.6					
Jamie Wilson	82	344	39	305	3	3.7					
Art Brown	37	181	17	164	1	4.4					
Richard Alston	27	166	21	145	0	5.4					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
David Garrard	339	181	53.4	2561	20	13					
Richard Alston	23	5	21.7	108	1	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Keith Stokes	34	488	14.4	3	61						
Marcellus Harris	26	572	22.0	5	69						
Rashon Burns	22	264	12.0	3	33						
Leonard Henry	18	137	7.6	1	35						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Kevin Miller	33	1314	39.8	-	TM (29.8)	0	7				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Kevin Miller	6-7	5-7	1-4	0-1	12-19	43					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
P. Griffin	94	3	3	0	0	D. Claybrooks	47	7.5	8	3	1
A. Yelverton	78	3	6	3	0	J. Steward	46	0	6	1	
A. Adams	71	0	1	5	0	C. Gilliam	45	1	1	0	0
G. LeFever	55	3	4	3	1	A. Adams	42	0	5	1	
J. Williamson	52	5.5	8	6	2	R. Hamphill	41	3	5	0	0
K. Ward	49	1	5	2	0	T. Heath	39	0	1	3	1
K. Hardy	49	0	2	13	3	B. Williams	39	4.5	3	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Keith Stokes	30	498	16.6	2	Keith Stokes	29	608	21.0	0		

just 34.0. Kevin Miller took over the punting job in the latter half of the year and had 33 punts for a 39.8 average. Logan brought in JUCO Jared Preston and I expect him to win the punting job. Perhaps the double duty put a strain on Miller as his FG accuracy dropped as the season progressed. After hitting 11 of 16 in 1999 and being a Groza Semifinalist with a long of 52 he hit just 12 of 19 last year, missing 4 of 5 from 40+ with a long of 43. The last 2 years they've been blessed with Keith Stokes as the PR man and he was #8 in the NCAA in 1999 and #12 last year. Unfortunately Stokes moves on. Stokes was also the top KR, averaging 21.0. EC allowed a hefty 12.9 per PR including 2 TD's and 20.3 on KR's. The return game clearly looks weaker but I look for big improvement in the punting numbers. Last year EC finished #72 overall in my special teams rankings. I look for them to move up this season provided that a capable returnman emerges.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 E Carolina survived a flood, injuries and a tough schedule and at one point were ranked in the Top 10 in the country and got to their first bowl since 1995. Last year they faced a tough schedule again but had a fine year going 8-4 including their bowl win over Texas Tech in a game that wasn't as close as the 40-27 final score would indicate. This year they look like the strongest team in the conference. They lose just 13 lettermen while the 15 starters they have returning are the second most in CUSA. On offense QB David Garrard is back and is joined by a solid supporting cast including Logan's best set of RB's ever. They averaged over 30 ppg for the first time in 10 years last season and could be just as productive this season. Defensively they are loaded with talent and experience. DC Tim Rose was one of 5 finalists for the Broyles Award (which honors the nation's top collegiate assistant coach) and he welcomes back 9 starters and a surprising amount of VHT's on that side of the ball. They have a potential Top 20 defense this year. They draw 4 CUSA road games as well as non-conference road trips to Syracuse and N Carolina but even with the tough schedule, the Pirates rate as my favorite to win their first CUSA title and top last year's seven regular season wins.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DAVID GARRARD SR. 6-1 249 5 sts as rFr, 2091 yds (62%) 14-7 ratio, 12 sts in 99, 2550 (58%) 15-13 ratio, 12 sts ly, 2561 yds (53.4%), 20-13 ratio 2nd Tm CUSA. 1823 career rush yds.
RB LEONARD HENRY SR. 6-1 197 PS#130, 1st in 98, 634 yds (5.1), 1st in 99, 334 yds (4.1). 2nd Tm CUSA ly, 803 yds (5.2), 18 rec (7.6). Christhawn Gilliam PS#41RB, 45 tkl at LB ly.
HB TERRANCE COPPER SO. 5-11 204 PS#89WR, 11 rec as true & 18.1 ypc with 8 rec in final 4 gms. Richard Alston has 392 yards passing at QB the 12/25, 239 gross yds rushing.
WR ARNIE POWELL SR. 6-5 214 PS#53QB in 97, 1 st as rFr, 10 rec (8.8), 12 sts in 99, 24 rec (17.0), 8 sts ly, 13 rec (17.6), 2 TD rec. Aaron Harris (6-2 197 Sr) 10 rec (13.4) ly.
WR DERRICK COLLIER SR. 6-1 190 PS#240JUCO last year, 8 rec (18.0). Great spring. Torey Morris (6-0 183 Jr) PS#95, 4 rec as true, 4 starts in 2000, 13 rec (12.5), 1 TD.
TE BEN THOMAS JR. 6-2 246 PS#116LB, Corey Floyd (6-2 250 Sr) PS#102.
3 sts in 99, 15 rec (13.1), 11 gms ly, 5 rec (5.0), Seth Yates (6-4 247 So), 2 sts true, 5 rec, 5 rec (5.0). PS#227OL. #3C most of last year but was #2 late in year and had one start. Lettered as a rFr. Hagen Mason (6-0 285 rFr) was PS#435OL.
RG CHRIS NELSON SR. 6-5 315 4 sts as true at RG in only the 2nd year of varsity football. 12 sts at RG in 1999, 5 starts ly incl L4. Brian Fox (6-2 284 So) PS#164DL.
LG AARON WALKER SR. 6-1 303 PS#228DL, 6 games as rFr, 12 sts in 99, 12 sts ly, 3 letters. Charlie Dempsey (6-2 287 So) PS#110. Buddy Smith (6-2 290 So) PS#167.
RT BRIAN RIMPF SO. 6-5 301 PS#267OL, 4 sts as rFr, 10 games, CUSA Frosh Team. Missed spring with injury. Corey Schmidt (6-4 281 So) 1st string in the spring.
LT SHAUN ROSE SR. 6-3 300 PS#63DL, 11 gms as rFr, 10 sts ly, Missed spring of '01. Brandon Pope (6-4 279 So) PS#202, 2nd string as rFr. Phoenix Evans (6-3 326 Jr) PS#89DL, 2 sts ly.
K KEVIN MILLER JR. 6-0 214 PS#25 in '98 Groza semifinalist as rFr, 11 of 16 FG's, long of 52 in '99. Hit 12 of 19 FG's ly, 1 of 4 from 40-49, 0-1 from 50+. Long of 43.

CDE JOHN WILLIAMSON JR. 6-2 234 11 sts at OLB as rFr, 41 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 int, 12 sts ly, +20 tbs, 52 tkl, 5.5 sks, 8 tfl, 6 tfl. Reggie Hamphill (6-1 235 Jr) PS#227RB, 4.4 40, 5 sts ly, 41 tkl, 8 tfl at LB.
DT DAMANE DUCKETT JR. 6-6 280 PQ in 99, 1 start, 14 tkl, 1.5 sacks in 2000. Ty Hunt (6-4 270 Sr) PS#39DL, 12 tkl, 2 sks in 99, 6 sts ly, 24 tkl, 6 tfl. Karl Zubeck is PS#320JC.
NG CHRIS HOWELL SR. 6-3 285 PS#129DL, 1 st, 24 tkl in 99, 34 tkl, 3 sks, 5 tfl. Derek Helms (6-2 285 So) PS#220DL, 1 tkl ly. Ronald Pou (6-1 170 Jr) 17 tfl at JC ly.
DT BERNARD WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 240 PS#31, 3 sts in 99, 60 tkl, 3 tfl, last 5 sts in 2000, 39 tkl, 4.5 sks, 3 tfl. JaWarren Blair (6-5 256 Jr) 13 tkl, 2 tfl ly. Hosea James (6-2 262 Jr) PS#76LB.
BDE ANTWANE YELVERTON JR. 5-11 202 6 sts as rFr, 41 tkl, 2 tfl, 11 sts ly, +15 lbs, 78 tkl, 9 tfl. Kent Nealy (5-9 219 So) PS#95DB, 1 start as rFr, 25 tkl, 1.5 sks, 1 int, 1 pbu, 1 tfl.
ILB VONTA LEACH SO. 5-11 254 PS#31, Took off RS & played L8 ly, 36 tkl, 6 tfl as true, CUSA Fr Tm. Greg LeFever (5-10 242 Sr) 55 tkl, 5 tfl, Calvin Phillips (6-0 241 So) PS#89.
LB PERNELL GRIFFIN SR. 6-1 253 PS#19, 11 sts as rFr, 99 tkl, 12 sts in 99, 128 tkl (#1), 11.5 tfl, 9 sts ly (ly) #1 w/94 tkl, 6 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA L2Y. Kevin Ward (6-1 228 Sr) PS#73, 5 sts, 49 tkl, 6 tfl ly.
CB KELLY HARDY JR. 5-11 197 PS#261, 15 tkl, 3 pbu as true, 12 sts ly, 49 tkl, 9 tfl, 13 pbu, 2 tfl. Brandon Rainer (5-10 172 So) PS#380, 12 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu as true.
CB CHARLIE ROBINSON SR. 5-11 190 PS#383, 1 st, 10 tkl as rFr, 9 tkl in 99, Last 9 sts at CB ly, 38 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Grover Benton (5-7 185 So) 15 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu as true.
SS JEROME STEWARD JR. 5-8 182 24 tkl, 1 int as true, 3 sts at CB ly, 46 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Anthony Adams (5-11 188 Jr) 9 sts in 99, 66 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu, 11 sts ly, 42 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu.
FS ANTWAN ADAMS JR. 5-11 176 13 tkl as rFr, 12 sts ly, 71 tkl, 5 pbu. Travis Hatcher (6-2 186 So) 1 st, 39 tkl, 3 pbu ly. Travis Mazzyk (6-2 184 Jr) 6 sts in 99, 29 tkl, 5 pbu, DNP ly.
P KEVIN MILLER JR. 6-0 214 PS#25, 33 punts ly, 39.8 avg. Jared Preston (5-11 194 Jr) PS#151JC, 42.1 avg at JC ly. Wes Herlocker (6-1 199 So) PS#86WR, started ly as P, 29 punts, 34.0 avg.

E CAROLINA PIRATES

Greenville, North Carolina
Weather (252) 758-8900 ext 1645

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Pirates are 5-13-1 ATS as a double digit dog since 1992.
Visitor is 4-0 SU & ATS in the S Carolina series.
Pirates are 3-7-1 ATS the L/8 years in sandwiched road games.
W Virginia leads the series 6-2 SU, but ECU is 3-3-2 ATS.
ECU is 3-9-1 ATS as a home dog under Logan.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Wake Forest	G												
Sep. 8	at Tulane	A												
Sep. 15	at Syracuse	A												
Sep. 22	William & Mary	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at N Carolina	G												
Oct. 13	at Army	A												
Oct. 20	Memphis (HC)	G												
Oct. 30	at TCU (Tues)	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	at Cincinnati	A												
Nov. 15	Louisville (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 23	S Mississippi (Fri)	G												

Pirates are 1-8 ATS in their 1st lined home game.
E Carolina is 3-6 SU, 3-4-1 ATS in their season opener.
Pending LW, ECU is 9-5-1 ATS in September the last 5 seasons.
Pirates are 9-3 ATS in the 1st of back to back road games.
E Carolina is 13-6-1 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Pirates are 2-4 ATS their last 6 vs the Orangemen.
ECU is 11-0-1 SU their last 12 "NL" games.
Won't apply, but Pirates are 3-5 ATS prior to a bye week the L/9 seasons.
Bonus: Pirates are 9-15-1 ATS in their last 25 October contests.
ECU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 after a bye.
Pirates last meeting with the Tar Heels was a 56-0 loss in 1981.
ECU has 4 gms on artificial turf TY & they are 2-4-1 ATS on it the L4Y.
The home team is 0-4 ATS in this short series.
ECU's last 2 meetings with Memphis were decided by 7 & 3 pts.
Pirates are 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs Memphis.
The Pirates' last meeting with TCU was in '99's Mobile Alabama Bowl...
...the result was a 14-28 loss as a 4' pt favorite.
The home team is 11-2 ATS in this series since 1986.
E Carolina has covered 5 of their last 7 road finales.
This will be EC's 6th Thursday game, they are 2-3 SU & ATS.
ECU is 4-10 ATS in the 1st game of a 2 (+) homestand.
E Carolina is 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
The visitor is 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 in this series.

STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (47,700)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	8-3	5-6	6-5	9-2	7-4	50-27
ATS	5-5	5-4-2	5-4	3-6-2	4-6	9-2	5-6	36-33-4
Home Fav	1-1	2-2-1	1-3	1-2	1-2	4-0	2-3	12-13-1
Home Dog	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	3-5-1
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	9-7
Away Dog	3-1	2-1-1	2-1	0-3-1	2-2	1-0	2-0	12-8-2
Favorite	2-2	3-3-1	3-3	2-3	2-3	6-1	3-5	21-20-1
Dog	3-3	2-1-1	2-1	1-3-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	15-13-3
Grass	4-4	3-3-1	4-4	2-4-1	4-5	8-2	5-5	30-27-2
Artificial	1-1	2-1-1	1-0	1-2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	6-6-2
vs CUSA	2-2	4-1	1-1	3-2-1	1-5	4-2	3-4	18-17-1
vs Non-CUSA	3-3	1-3-2	4-3	0-4-1	3-1	5-0	2-2	18-16-3
Off SU Win	2-4	4-2-1	3-3	2-3	4-3	6-2	2-4	23-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-1-1	2-1	1-3-1	0-3	2-0	1-2	9-11-2

Coach: STEVE LOGAN (Career 59-44)
Logan's records AT EAST CAROLINA

10th Year at East Carolina	14-16-1	Home Favorite
59-44	Straight Up	3-9-1
43-47-4	Vs The Spread	9-9
14-18-2	Off A S/U Loss	17-13-2
20-23-1	Conference	23-24-3
		Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Peach	-2'	N Carolina St	37-34	W
94	Liberty	+7	Illinois	0-30	L
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13	W
99	Mobile Alabama	-4'	TCU	14-28	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27	W

E CAROLINA (8-4) USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 55 (24,30,1)
Lost: 13 (7,5,1)



EAST CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	
9*	30.8	20	169	4.1	225	51.2	12.8	+1	2000	6	21.3	18	137	3.3	212	54.1	16.3
6*	27.8	20	155	4.0	236	57.4	14.1	+3	1999	6	18.8	19	135	3.3	207	52.2	18.2
6	24.9	19	151	3.7	236	62.4	15.5	+10	1998	8	27.0	20	192	4.1	185	55.2	13.9
4	19.5	18	67	2.5	240	58.8	15.8	-2	1997	4	27.1	21	177	3.8	191	56.6	13.6
9*	28.7	23	181	4.8	257	53.8	15.3	+13	1996	6	19.5	19	149	3.6	189	56.6	17.4
8*	22.8	22	140	3.8	253	51.3	17.2	+10	1995	9	18.8	19	148	3.3	177	48.0	17.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
at Duke	24	43-164	3.8	22-31	264	1	9	31-51	1.6	10-25	96	6	+2
Virginia Tech	20	39-87	2.2	23-47	331	4	14	36-205	5.7	9-16	106	2	-2
Tulane	26	44-247	5.6	13-33	258	2	28	53-188	3.5	20-35	299	6	+2
Syracuse	15	39-177	4.5	8-17	201	2	18	48-247	5.1	12-22	179	2	+2
at Memphis	13	21-64	3.0	18-43	246	3	18	56-129	2.3	18-25	175	3	-3
Army	23	42-332	7.9	14-23	195	0	17	43-156	3.6	18-32	147	1	-1
at Louisville	19	48-145	3.0	11-20	174	6	21	38-130	3.4	22-42	252	3	+1
UAB	25	41-157	3.8	18-35	253	3	18	36-156	4.3	15-26	192	2	0
Houston	24	54-247	4.6	12-27	183	1	16	35-100	2.9	15-33	238	2	+2
at W Virginia	19	32-1	0.0	26-42	313	4	21	46-79	1.7	13-25	316	5	0
at S Mississippi	9	43-155	3.6	5-20	55	1	21	47-132	2.8	16-38	239	7	+1
Texas Tech (Bowl)	25	52-252	4.8	17-27	229	2	18	23-62	2.7	31-49	307	5	-3
TOTALS	242	498-2028	4.1	187-365	2702	29	219	492-1635	3.3	199-368	2546	44	+1
AVERAGES	20.2	42-169	4.1	16-30	225	2.4	18.3	41-137	3.3	17-31	212	3.7	0.1

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	45-21	-	at W Virginia	+7	17-24	T	at Virginia Tech	+10	3-38	L	W Virginia	+6	30-23	W	at Duke	-11	38-0	W
at W Virginia	+8	9-10	W	Wake Forest	-12	25-24	L	UT-Chatt	NL	31-0	-	Duke	-4	27-9	W	Virginia Tech	+5'	28-45	L
at S Carolina	-1	23-7	W	S Carolina	E/-1	0-26	L	at Ohio U	-1'	21-14	W	at S Carolina	+1	21-3	W	Tulane	-21	37-17	L
UCF	NL	28-7	-	at Syracuse	+14'	0-56	L	Army	-13	30-25	L	† Miami (Fla)	+11	27-23	W	Syracuse	-5	34-17	W
S Mississippi	-7	7-28	L	S Mississippi	+10	13-23	T	UAB	-15'	26-7	W	at Army	-11'	33-14	W	at Memphis	-6'	10-17	L
at Miami (Fla)	+17'	31-6	W	at Tulane	+10	16-33	L	at Alabama	+9	22-23	W	S Mississippi	+2	22-39	L	Army	-25	42-21	L
Arkansas St	-35	34-16	L	Memphis	-2'	32-10	W	at S Mississippi	+10	7-41	L	Tulane	-10'	52-7	W	at Louisville	+1	28-25	W
at Virginia Tech	+6	14-35	L	at Louisville	-2'	45-31	W	Houston	-6	31-34	L	at Houston	-4'	19-3	W	UAB	-14	13-16	L
Ohio U	-17	55-45	L	at Houston	-2	28-27	L	at Cincinnati	-14'	24-21	L	at UAB	-13	17-36	L	Houston	-15	62-20	W
at Memphis	-7	20-10	W	Cincinnati	+3	14-7	W	Louisville	+3	45-63	L	Cincinnati	-10	48-34	W	at W Virginia	-3	24-42	L
† NC State	-9	50-29	W	at NC State	+10	24-37	L	at Memphis	+2	34-31	W	NC State	-8	23-6	W	at S Mississippi	+6	14-9	W

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM BLAZERS



RB Jegil Dugger is a crowd favorite and blazed his way to 852 yards in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Daniel Dixon returned for his 3rd year as the starter after running mostly the option offense in his 2 previous years. I called for Jeff Aaron, who was PS#24JC in 1999, to win the job but it was Dixon who began as the starter and in 7 games he threw for 507 yards (45.1%) with a 2-6 ratio while rushing for 94 gross yards. Thomas Cox (6-2 190 Jr, PS#91) replaced him early but hit just 2 of 15 for 43 yards. His only start was on the road against LSU (a tough place for visitors) and he missed his first 5 passes and barely saw the field after that. He did guide the upset of E Carolina in 1999. It wasn't until after the Louisville game (when Aaron came off the bench in the 4Q and hit 6 of 11 for 89 yards) that Brown made the switch. Aaron started the last 6 and did not have a turnover in his first 3 starts, finishing with 141.9 ypg passing while Dixon had just 72.4. For the year Aaron threw for 1,135 yards (55%) with a 5-3 ratio and rushed for 206 yards, showing both passing and running ability. Brown was so impressed that he is switching to the pass based spread offense and has gotten away from recruiting option type QB's and is now going with pass oriented ones. Also in the mix is Matt Johnson who has great size (6-8 215 So) and was PS#199 but has yet to play. With Aaron as the full-time starter I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Much like the KC Chiefs in the NFL, UAB has used a RB by committee approach the last few years. Last year they returned everyone but suffered some injuries. Carl Fair, Percy Coleman and Cedric Thatch were all banged up early and Jegil Dugger took over the majority of the ball toting duties. Dugger averaged over 100 ypg in the first 4 but got fewer carries later in the year when the other RB's returned, much to the chagrin of the Blazer fans. He finished with 852 yards (4.8). While Dugger is back, all of the other top RB's are gone. Coleman had 296 rush yards (5.5) but was the team's leading receiver, seeing time at both positions. Fair had 211 (3.8) and Thatch had 191 (5.6) and now all depart. I'm surprised Dedic Hardrick (PS#42 DB) has not made a bigger impact in his 2 years here but he could become a starter. I list the 2 deep below. What's interesting in Bernard Anderson's case is that he had just 4 rush attempts and 1 reception last year but accounted for 3 TD's. While this group is not as deep as last year's they should enjoy better health and I look for Dugger to flirt with the 1,000 yard mark.

RECEIVERS - Last year UAB had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers and then perhaps their top WR, Willie Quinnie, missed most of the season

with injury. Quinnie was basically healthy for only the final 2 games but had 12 receptions in those two contests and finished the year averaging 17.1 ypc. Despite limited playing time, Quinnie was #2 in receptions and has 4.35 speed. As mentioned earlier, Coleman did play some at WR last year and he departs, as do TE Johnni Arrington (6 starts, 7 catches) and TE Undrae Crosby (5 sts, 17 rec's, 10.4). There were a lot of injuries to this unit in 2000 and this group is a little more experienced. If Quinnie stays healthy he could be one of CUSA's best WR's and put up big stats.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 UAB averaged 3.4 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks. Last year they had 9 of the top 10 OL's returning having to replace just one starter. They then lost starting OT Kevin Grace to injury in the 4th week and their top 2 centers both missed a good portion of the early season. Backup T Artavious Williams missed 85% of the season with a hamstring injury. Despite those injuries the team averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. This year they must replace C Ryan Estes (3 sts), RG Kevin Ford (8 sts, 2 yr str), RT Kevin Grace (4 sts), RG Tim Medders (3 sts, 4 yr str), LT Tony Dollison (11 sts, 2 yr str, 2nd Tm CUSA) and RT Phillip Gambrell (7 sts). Not only do just 2 starters return but 2 other projected starters missed spring due to injuries and 2 of this year's projected starters are only redshirt frosh. They also go from an option based offense to pass blocking schemes which takes some time to develop, but they do have the advantage of facing the tough UAB defensive line in practice every day. I think Brown might be able to form a decent nucleus here but clearly with all of the losses, this group is less experienced than the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB had an outstanding D-line in 1998 but almost everyone graduated in 1999 and Brown made the shift from bigger, bulkier players to a smaller line that would put more pressure on opposing QB's. In 1999 they recorded just 24 sacks while allowing 3.7 ypc. Practically the whole unit returned last year and only one player who had 3 starts was lost. UAB made dramatic improvements, allowing just 2.4 ypc rushing and recording 34 sacks and gave themselves the nickname "The Steel Shield." CUSA QB's won't be too happy to learn that their only losses are DE Otis Leverette (11 sts, 12.5 tfl, 11 hurries, #6 DC of MIA), DE Eric Lampley (12 tfls) and DE Rajohn Myles (26 tfls, 6.5 tfl) from the front wall. There are six seniors in this year's 2 deep and this looks like the conference's best defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - As usual with the 4-2-5 defense, I will discuss the WS position here with the LB's. Last year this unit had to replace 2 full-time starters as well as 3 backups who combined for 48 tackles and 2 starts. This year the only loss is backup Tyson Eason (13 tfls) and five players return with starting experience as does a backup who recorded 30 tackles. I list this veteran LB corps below including a JUCO transfer who redshirted last year and a true frosh who may contribute. The only question mark is Adrian Abrams who was suspended in the spring but could return. As long as he is back, this is probably the best LB corps that Watson Brown has had here in Birmingham.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UAB had super CB Rodrigis Brooks on hand in 1999 as well as a veteran secondary and climbed all the way to #15 in my pass defense rankings. I pointed out last year that when teams lose a star CB they tend to drop more in the pass D rankings than usual as those rare NFL caliber cover CB's are tough to replace. Not only did UAB have to replace Brooks last year but also one other starter and a backup. As expected, they dropped in the rankings, falling down to #44 while allowing 52.8% with a 12-14 ratio which was 5 less int's than they had with Brooks. This year the top 8 DB's all return and I list the 2 deep below. I do not see a player the caliber of Brooks in the bunch but clearly this group is more experienced and could flirt with its second top 20 finish in my pass D rankings within 3 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - A couple of years ago, Watson Brown visited with Frank Beamer and took his special teams and defensive philosophies to heart. After UAB finished #102 in my special teams rankings in 1998, they improved that quite a bit in 1999, moving up to #38 with 4 blocked punts and using Rodrigis Brooks as a returnman. Brooks graduated last year and the return game suffered a little as UAB dropped to #51. They still blocked 4 punts and this year they should continue to improve. They must replace their top KR in Cedric Thatch who averaged 20.1. Ross Stewart averaged a solid 40.1 on 58 punts and Rhett Gallego hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 47 and was 2nd Tm CUSA. This is another top-notch group and has a chance of ranking in the top 20.

ALA-BIRM		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS											
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG							
Jegil Dugger	177	909	57	852	5	4.8							
Percy Coleman	54	314	18	296	2	5.5							
Carl Fair	55	227	16	211	0	3.8							
Cedric Thatch	34	196	5	191	0	5.6							
Cory Conley	30	126	9	117	3	3.9							
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT							
Jeff Aaron	182	100	54.9	1135	5	3							
Daniel Dixon	91	41	45.1	507	2	6							
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG								
Percy Coleman	34	256	7.5	0	34								
Willie Quinnie	18	308	17.1	1	65								
Undrae Crosby	17	176	10.4	0	25								
Travis Johnson	14	247	17.6	0	43								
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT						
Ross Stewart	58	2326	40.1	-	34.6	0	21						
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG							
Rhett Gallego	5-6	6-7	8-11	0-0	19-24	47							
PLAYER	TKL	SOCL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCL	TFL	PBU	INT		
A. Singleton	85	1	3	7	3	O. Leverette	42	35	9	4	0		
A. Abrams	79	2	13	10	3	P. Burchfield	40	1	2	6	0		
A. Warner	64	0	2	5	1	S. Winston	39	15	2	1	0		
R. Taylor	54	1.5	6	2	0	N. Stewart	36	1.5	5	1	0		
T. Hale	54	0	1	4	0	E. Freeman	34	5.5	4	5	0		
C. Brown	51	0	0	10	3	R. Jones	30	0	1	1	0		
B. Thomas	45	10	6	5	0	J. Humphries	30	1	1	0	0		
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD				
Torrey Hale	18	163	9.1	0	C. Thatch	15	301	20.1	0				



DL Bryan Thomas

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team until 1991. They joined Div IAA in 1993 and stepped up to IA ball in 1996. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995 they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no offices and no locker room. They joined CUSA 2 years ago and have amazingly recorded a 7-6 record in conference play. UAB achieved a super 7-4 SU record last year and although bowl eligible, were home for the holidays. They beat LSU on the road at night last year and one of their losses was to S Miss in OT. They play in storied Legion Field but only averaged 18,500 fans last year. Brown got a 2 year contract extension through 2005 after his name came up for various job openings. This young program is set to make some noise this year. First of all, they avoid both E Carolina and Louisville in conference play. Their 16 returning starters are the most in the league. WR Willie Quinnie (4.32 speed) missed most of last year and his return to a veteran offense will mean this UAB team will be much more potent in Pat Sullivan's second year as OC. After getting shut out by Virginia Tech for 2 straight years, Coach Brown went to VT and copied their defense. They went from allowing 28.0 ppg in 1998 to 25.4 in 1999 and reduced that to just 17.5 last year. This season they have 10 starters back on that side of the ball and I call for them to have the best defense in CUSA and potentially rank among the top 20 units in the nation. They must replace DC Billy Clay who left for Oklahoma State but Rick Christophel, who was DC for Watson Brown at Vanderbilt back in the late '80's, takes over. That, coupled with the fact that the offense will be less conservative (more turnovers are likely), may mean the defense gives up a few more ppg, even though they are stronger. They draw 4 CUSA home games this year and some of the road games are winnable. Adding it all up, UAB should notch its 2nd consecutive winning season and with the fact that they avoid 2 of the powers, they will actually contend for the league title in just their 3rd year of CUSA play.

TE Cedric Hampton 6-2 247 PS#24
RB Theron Dudley 6-0 215 PS#84
LB Patrick Billings 6-3 235 PS#53
RB Tavarous Doyle 6-3 205 PS#121
RB Kendal Gibson 5-11 233 PS#167
TE Sam Dudley 6-3 255 PS#65
RB Justin Colbert 5-11 195 PS#199
TE Marvin Nickson 6-5 265 PS#181JC
DE Robabatos Bibb 5-11 170 PS#187
QB Darrell Hackney 6-2 230 PS#158
LB Zach Woodfin 6-2 220 PS#221
WR Ernest Vinson 5-8 170 PS#278
LB Chris Mason 6-3 210 PS#281
DB Carlos Hendricks 5-10 175 PS#315
DL Matt Batusic 6-2 250 PS#340

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JEFF AARON SR. 6-3 205 PS#96 in 97. PS#24JC in 99. RS here. 6 sts in 2000, 1135 yds (55%), 5-3 ratio, 206 rush. Thomas Cox (6-2 190 Jr) PS#91, 219 yds (33%), 2 yrs.
RB JEGIL DUGGER SR. 5-11 212 PS#126. 62 yds (4.4) as true. 226 yds (5.1) in 99. 2nd Tm CUSA ly. #1 w/852 yds (4.8). Bernard Anderson (6-1225 Jr) PS#222. Dedic Hardrick PS#42DB.
WR ROYD WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 205 PS#142. 2 sts, 7 rec (11.1) in 8 games ly. TJ Simmons (6-3 205 Jr) 5 rec (19.6), knee inj ly. Kenneth Borders (6-3 190 Jr) had 5 rec (13.2) ly.
WR WILLIE QUINNIE JR. 6-2 180 PS#255. Deep threat (4.35). Inj ly but 12 rec LCL games, 17.1 ypc! Maurice Gallery (5-11 180 Sr) WB in 98. CB in 99. WR ly, 3 rec (6.7) before torn ACL.
WR LERON LITTLE SR. 6-6 212 PS#119LB. 6 rec (12.8) in 99. 7 sts in 2000, #5 w/11 rec (18.1). 67 yd TD rec in finale. Travis Johnson (6-3 195 Sr) 1 st, 14 rec (17.6) ly.
TE CEDRIC HAMPTON FR. 6-2 247 PS#241 4.8 speed. 13 total TD's as senior in high school last year. Shane Pearson (6-7 260 So) nice size, no recs. Sam Dudley is PS#65.
C KIRK TUCK JR. 6-1 300 Backup in 1999, 4 games. Won starting job after inj ly, 8 sts. Added 30 lbs. Eddie LaFavour (6-4 290 So) extensive PT as backup C ly.
RG ANDY GALLOWAY RF. 6-5 310 PS#199. Added 30 lbs since ly, expected to compete for starting job. Jimmy Joynt (6-3 285 RF). Larry Coachman (6-1 340 Jr) PS#430.
LG PRESTON FRAY SR. 6-5 325 PS#225. Has played OG & OT. 11 sts in 98, 4 sts in 99 then fractured fibula. 11 sts ly. Missed spg this year. Allen Branch (6-4 320 So) PS#449.
RT BARKER WHITE RF. 6-4 290 PS#261DL. +20 lbs. Contending for starting job in spring. Josh Case (6-6 295 Sr) lettered as backup OT in 1998. Played DT & OT in 99. OT ly.
LT WILBERT HAMILTON SO. 6-4 295 8 tfls in 10 games as true ly. Moved to OT from DT in spring. Artavious Williams (6-5 340 So) inj'd ly. Brad Spencer (6-5 295 Sr) PS#220JC ly.
K RHETT GALLEGO SR. 6-0 185 Hit 7 of 7 FG's, long of 41 in 98, 0-1 FG's in 1999. 19 of 24 on FG's in 2000, long of 47. 2nd Tm CUSA, 8 of 11 from 40-49! 23-24 xp's.

DE MARLON BUSH SR. 6-3 280 PS#134. 5 sts, 24 tfls, 5 sks as true. 11 sts, 47 tfls, 5 tfl, 6 pbu in 1999. 3 sts, 13 tfls, 3 tfl, knee inj ly. Ryan Meeks has 12 tfls in 2 years.
DT EDDIE FREEMAN SR. 6-6 300 7 starts, 39 tfls, 11 tfl in 98. 6 starts, 54 tfls, 3 tfl in 99. 11 sts, 34 tfls, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl ly. Rodney Jones (6-2 280 Sr) 500 bench, 5 sts, 30 tfls, 6 pbu ly.
DT JAMES MALONE SR. 6-3 285 PS#144. 6 tfls, 1 sack in 1999. 8 starts, 26 tfls, 4 tfl in 2000. Sam Abrams (6-2 330 RF) PS#103DL ly. 13 sacks as senior in high school.
DE BRYAN THOMAS SR. 6-4 255 Turned down NFL. 5 sts, 26 tfls, 6 sks in 98. 8 sts, 31 tfls, 2 tfl in 99. 2nd Tm CUSA ly. 45 tfls, 10 sts, 13 hurries. Hassan McKethan had 25 tfls, 5 tfl in 2Y.
LB ROD TAYLOR SR. 6-2 245 JC. 8 starts, 54 tfls, 7.5 tfl in 2000. Nick Stewart (5-11 217 Sr) 2 sts, 48 tfls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu in 99. 4 sts, 36 tfls, 7.5 tfl ly. Patrick Billings is PS#53.
MLB ADRIAN ABRAMS SR. 6-1 235 9 sts, 42 tfls in 99. 10 sts, 79 tfls, 15 tfl, 10 pbu, 3 int in 2000. Susp this spring. John Humphries (6-2 250 Sr) JC transfer. 30 tfls, 2 tfl last year.
WS AVERY WARNER SR. 6-2 205 1 st, 33 tfls, 2 tfl in 99. 9 sts, 64 tfls, 5 pbu in 2000. Sentell Winston (6-2 197 Jr) 3 sts, 39 tfls, 3.5 tfl ly. Deijon Hart (6-2 205 Jr) PS#151JC RS ly.
CB CHRIS BROWN JR. 6-2 190 PS#292. 9 starts, 57 tackles, 6 pbu in 99. 11 starts, 51 tackles, 10 pbu, 3 int in 2000. 4.38 speed. 550 squat. Dio Hill (5-10 185 So) PS#137.
CB PATRICK BURCHFIELD SR. 5-9 185 JC transfer. 11 starts, 40 tfls, 6 pbu in 2000. Mario Stanley (5-10 185 So) PS#172RB. Limited action as RB & KR ly, moves to CB in 2001.
SS TORREY HALE SR. 5-9 185 PS#341JUCO. 8 sts, 54 tfls, 4 pbu in 2000. Inj this spring. Wes Floss (6-1 195 Sr) 11 sts, 62 tfls, 3 int in 98. 52 tfls, 6 pbu, 4 int the last 2 years.
FS ADRIAN ABRAMS SR. 6-2 210 PS#333. 23 tfls in 98. 11 sts, 77 tfls, 2 int in 1999. 11 sts, #1 klr, 85 tfls, 7 pbu, 3 int last year. Thurman Pearson (6-1 185 So) 9 tfls as true ly.
P ROSS STEWART JR. 6-0 180 Backup P in 99, 0 punts. 58 punts in 2000, 40.1 average, net of 34.6. 21 inside 20 and only 6 touchbacks! Nick Hayes (6-1 180 RF) PS#34.

ALABAMA-BIRM BLAZERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

No games this year, but UAB is 5-2-1 ATS on artificial turf. UAB is 4-1 SU with 4 wins in a row over Louisiana-Lft. Blazers are 0-6 SU, 4-1 ATS vs the Big 12 conference. Alabama-Birmingham is 1-3 SU vs SEC schools, but 2-0 ATS. Watson Brown runs a unique triple offense that changes from week to week, making UAB tough to prepare for.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UAB Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Montana St (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 8	at Florida St	G												
Sep. 15	at Pittsburgh	G												
Sep. 22	Army	G												
Sep. 29	at S Mississippi	G												
Oct. 6	at UCF	G												
Oct. 13	Cincinnati	G												
Oct. 20	Tulane (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Memphis	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	TCU	G												
Nov. 17	at Houston	G												
Nov. 24														

The MSU Grizzlies finished 13-2 LY & were the Div IAA National runners-up. Alabama-Birmingham has won 8 consecutive "NL" games. Blazers are 3-1 ATS but 0-10 SU in their 1st away game. UAB is 7-2 ATS the last 2 years as an away dog. Blazers are 9-0-1 last 2 years ATS off a SU loss. UAB is 1-10 SU, 3-5 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. UAB came into 2001 with an 11-5 ATS in their last 16 grass games. Pending the last 2 weeks, UAB is has covered 10 straight in Sept. UAB was 7-5 SU & 8-3-1 ATS in their 1st 2 years of CUSA play. LY S Miss & UAB went into double OT in their 1st ever meeting. Alabama-Birmingham is 5-9 ATS in their last 14 October games. UAB is 6-2 SU, 3-4-1 ATS as a favorite, 0-1-1 as an AF last 3 yrs. Could apply: Blazers are 6-2 ATS as a home dog the last 4 years. UAB is 1-3 SU in the series & the SU winner is 2-1 ATS. Did not play Tulane LY; in '99 UAB beat the Green Wave 23-20 in OT. UAB is 5-2 SU in Homecoming games. Alabama-Birmingham is 1-2 SU & ATS vs Memphis. Blazers are 0-3 SU, 3-0 ATS prior to a bye week.

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-6	7-4	38-39
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-4	3-5	7-3-1	7-3	21-15-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-4
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	6-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	2-1-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-1	11-8
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1-1	2-2	4-5-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	3-4	6-2	5-1	17-10
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-5	6-3	5-2	16-13
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	2-1	5-2-1
vs CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	4-1-1	4-2	10-7-1
vs Non-CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-1	11-8
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-3	7-8
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-4	5-0-1	4-0	12-6-1

ALABAMA-BIRM (7-4) CONFERENCE: USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6* Returning: 44 (19,23,2)
DEFENSE: 10 Lost: 18 (15,3,0)

LETTERMEN:



ALABAMA-BIRM'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	OFF	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
8*	21.6	17	164	3.8	153	49.7	14.6	+1	2000	7	17.5	18	84	2.4	207	52.8	16.7								
8*	22.5	16	140	3.4	138	50.2	12.4	+3	1999	6	25.4	21	142	3.7	226	52.9	14.5								
7*	21.5	18	173	3.8	128	46.7	13.9	-5	1998	7	28.0	19	131	3.3	218	56.9	12.5								
7	20.2	15	137	3.7	172	47.6	15.3	+4	1997	9	21.6	20	180	4.2	174	47.2	16.3								
8	25.2	20	228	4.8	140	41.9	15.2	-7	1996	8	25.4	17	142	3.5	194	51.6	13.3								
-	24.8	18	199	4.4	138	47.2	13.5	-12	1995	-	23.7	16	162	3.5	136	51.4	12.6								

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
Tenn-Chat	18	38-177	4.7	13-28	223	1		19	29-25	0.9	24-43	272	4		-2
at Kansas	16	51-193	3.8	10-24	45	5		17	44-209	4.8	10-23	152	0		+3
at LSU	10	38-113	3.0	8-22	65	0		14	36-107	3.0	15-38	156	1		+3
Louisiana-Lft	20	53-290	5.5	8-16	129	0		13	28-(-27)	-1.0	15-38	118	6		0
Louisville	13	35-38	1.1	12-30	187	4		23	39-107	2.7	21-30	227	4		-3
Memphis	12	37-56	1.5	14-27	144	2		9	35-57	1.6	11-22	129	3		+1
Mid Tenn St	25	58-240	4.1	17-28	153	3		11	20-65	3.3	16-29	146	1		0
at E Carolina	18	35-156	4.5	15-26	192	2		25	41-157	3.8	18-35	253	3		0
at Cincinnati	20	35-138	3.9	17-34	183	0		20	44-126	2.9	20-32	351	2		-2
S Mississippi	21	51-191	3.7	15-25	146	3		22	38-46	1.2	25-34	261	7		+1
at Army	16	41-209	5.1	14-28	218	0		19	32-47	1.5	22-49	216	3		0
TOTALS	189	472-1801	3.8	143-288	1685	20		192	386-919	2.4	197-373	2281	34		+1
AVERAGES	17.2	43-164	3.8	13-26	153	1.8		17.5	35-84	2.4	18-34	207	3.1		0.1

Coach: WATSON BROWN (Career 63-112-1)

Brown's records at UAB

7th Year at UAB	2-4	Home Favorite	
31-35	Straight Up	6-2	Home Underdog
21-15-1	Vs The Spread	2-1-1	Away Favorite
12-6-1	Off A S/U Loss	11-8	Away Underdog
9-8-1	Vs Conference	11-8	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
at Auburn	NL	0-29 -	at Kansas	+23'	0-24 L	at Nebraska	+46'	7-38 W	at Missouri	+22	28-31 W	Tenn-Chat	NL	20-15 -
at Maryland	NL	15-39 -	at Memphis	+15'	7-28 L	Tennessee Tech	NL	38-6 -	at Virginia Tech	+24	10-31 W	at Kansas	+9	20-23 W
Arkansas St	NL	42-17 -	at Arizona	+32'	10-24 W	Kansas	+7	37-39 W	Houston	+7	29-10 W	at LSU	+16'	13-10 W
Jacksonville St	NL	24-17 -	Jacksonville St	NL	34-16 -	SW Louisiana	-19	24-13 L	UL Monroe	-13'	47-0 W	Louisiana-Lft	-19	47-2 W
W Kentucky	NL	24-0 -	at SW Louisiana	-6	42-7 W	at E Carolina	+15'	7-26 L	Memphis	-3	14-38 L	Louisville	-1'	17-38 L
SW Louisiana	NL	39-29 -	W Kentucky	NL	20-16 -	at Louisiana Tech	+17'	23-54 L	at Cincinnati	+6	24-21 W	Memphis	+2'	13-9 W
at Louisiana Tech	NL	31-35 -	at Cincinnati	+19	29-33 W	Virginia Tech	+21	0-41 L	at Wake Forest	+6'	3-47 L	Mid Tenn St	-10	14-9 L
at Vanderbilt	NL	15-31 -	at Virginia Tech	+23	0-37 L	at NE Louisiana	+2'	14-20 L	at Louisville	+14	14-23 W	at E Carolina	+14	16-13 W
UCF	NL	13-35 -	Louisiana Tech	+8'	29-32 W	at Tennessee	+42	13-37 W	E Carolina	+13	36-17 W	at Cincinnati	+5'	21-33 L
Cincinnati	NL	14-34 -	Tenn Tech	NL	38-14 -	Mid Tenn St	NL	26-27 -	Louisiana Tech	+8	20-41 L	S Mississippi	+10	30-33 W
Charleston So	NL	49-13 -	at Arkansas St	-11	13-7 L	Tenn-Martin	NL	48-17 -	at Tulane	-3	23-20 T	at Army	-8	27-7 W

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES



QB Jeff Kelly hopes to stay upright this year with the return of 4 starting OL.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Kelly won the starting QB job two days before the opener in 1999 and had a solid season, throwing for 2,187 yards (57.2%) with a 21-12 ratio. Last year they brought in new offensive coordinator Chris Klenakis from Nevada and Kelly did well in his first year of the system despite being under heavy pressure throughout due to a shaky O-line (70 sacks!). He threw for 2,540 yards (57.4%) with an 18-10 ratio and his mobility was also a key as he rushed for 500 yards. Kelly was 4th in the CUSA in pass efficiency and 42nd overall in the NCAA and his 198 completions in the regular season were 8 shy of Brett Favre's 1989 school record. He needs 3,213 yards to become the school's all-time leader. He lacks a powerful arm but is accurate and mobile which is a perfect fit for the Nevada offensive system and its short passing game. He did break his thumb in the spring game but will be 100% this fall (4-6 weeks recovery time). They moved backup QB Bobby Garner to TE in 2000 so true frosh Zac White (6-5 229 So, PS#137) became the backup, playing in 2 games and throwing 6 passes. He hit 7 of 15 for 153 yards in the spring game. Micky D'Angelo (6-3 212 rFr) was PS#67 and will contend for the backup job. Expect improved statistics from Kelly in his second year in the new offense along with a more stable O-line.

RUNNING BACKS - With the change to the finesse passing offense, a drop-off in the rush production was expected and it happened. The reason for the decline was not only the new offense but also because their top rusher, Derrick Nix missed the majority of the year. Nix topped 1,000 yards in each of his first two years and is a big, powerful back. He looked 100% healthy and even had 100 yards on 19 carries in the spring game. Dawayne Woods (5-7 187 Sr) rushed for 441 yards (4.7) as a rFr with 3 starts and 279 (4.9) in 1999. Last year he took over the starter's role after Nix went down and led the team in rushing with 643 yards (4.2) and also had 16 rec's (9.2). Tim Blackwell (5-11 190 So) was PS#216 and was the MIP in the spring. He moved from WR just prior to the bowl. Steven Griffin (5-9 179 So) was PS#179. With Nix completely healthy and a stronger O-line, I look for VAST improvement in the rushing totals and in my opinion, this is CUSA's best set of RB's.

RECEIVERS - Last year SM had to replace 2 NFL draft picks who combined for 18 TD's in 1999. They switched to a 3 WR/1 TE offense last year and had one returning starter at WR. Returning starting TE Buck Miciotto moved to the O-line, and backup QB Bobby Garner moved into the starting TE role. Garner handled the transition well with 22 rec's (13.8) and should continue to improve. His backup, Orlando Dantzler, is a VHT that also showed good hands. He added a pair of rFr in Jonathan Simmons (6-5 232, PS#97) and Patrick Corbett (6-6 249, PS#145). They lost John Floyd, a projected starter at WR due to academics, and LeRoy Handy became the feature WR. After

8 games however he was injured and Shawn Mills ended up leading the team with 56 rec (12.9). Mills is the only loss this year and I list the 2 deep below including Kenneth Johnson who is very speedy and did well as a true frosh. In the second year of the offensive system, this unit is a lot more experienced, has added some more talented true frosh, and should be solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Golden Eagles had an inexperienced front in 1999, having to replace 4 starters and ended up the year with 3 frosh in starting spots. They managed just 3.1 ypc rushing and allowed 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but all 5 of the projected starters had starting experience and they appeared to be in good shape heading into August. Unfortunately C Zeb Landers, a returning starter, gave up football for health reasons. Starting G Jim Hicks was lost for the season in the 5th week and Buck Miciotto, who moved from TE to RG in the fall, was injured and missed several games. The unit had just 1 Sr, 1 Jr, 2 Soph's and a rFr in the starting lineup but struggled even more than you would expect. The team managed just 2.8 ypc rushing and allowed 70 sacks. Versus TCU's top-notch defensive line in the bowl game, they looked better, averaging 4.4 ypc and only gave up 2 sacks. OC Klenakis says this year's version of the offensive line is like night and day from last year. The only loss is RG/C Billy Clay (12 sts, 2 yr str, 2nd Tm CUSA) while six players return with starting experience plus they get some solid newcomers like Tulsa transfer Brock Anderson and a few HT rFr. This unit looked much stronger running the ball in the spring scrimmages this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - S Miss had practically the same D-line on hand for the past 4 years as in 1997 they started a group of frosh yet still allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing (keep that in mind for this year's squad). That number dropped to 2.4 ypc in 1999 and the team had 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one player and although it was 2nd Team AA Adaluis Thomas, much was expected with 7 of the top 8 back including 6 seniors. The unit was dominating as expected as they were the #2 defense in ypg allowed in the NCAA and gave up just 2.9 ypc rushing while recording 46 sacks. This year the losses are substantial. Gone are DE Cedric Scott (#4DC of NYG, 12 sts, 12 sks, 9 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA), NT DeQuincy Scott (12 sts, 12 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA), DT John Nix (#7DC of DAL, 11 sts, 8 tfl, 1st Tm CUSA), DE Deric Scott (5 tfls), DT Daleroy Stewart (#6DC of DAL, 2 sts, 7 tfl) and NT Gerald Mumford (1 st, 9 tfl). Wow! I cannot recall any team losing three 1st Team All Conf DL's in one year. I list the 3 deep below and SM coaches are very high on the JUCO transfers at DT and they feel both have NFL potential. I cannot envision SM with a weak defensive line but they were susceptible to the run in the spring and are very inexperienced. Obviously this unit will be much weaker in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - SM had to replace 2 starters last year who combined for 38 tfl with one being a 3rd round draft pick and the other a 2nd Team CUSA choice. They also had to replace 3 backups. This year they are in much better shape as the only loss is OLB Zaid Houston (10 sts, 10 tfl, 51 tfls). Rod Davis was the #2 tackler as a frosh and 4 players return with starting experience plus they add an HT rFr. Bower also signed 2 VHT true frosh this year and there is a possibility they could play. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest rankings in my pass efficiency defense rankings the past 7 years has been #41. In 1999 they finished #28 and last year 3 starters returned and 2 earned All Conf honors. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are CB Raymond Walls (#5DC of IND, 12 sts, 62 tfls, 2 int, 7 pbu), CB Keon Moore (11 sts, 42 tfls, 11 pbu), SS Leo Barnes (11 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, #2 tklr, 6 int, 15 pbu) and SS Byron Gill (35 tfls). Last year's unit finished a solid #17, allowing 50% with a 10-16 ratio. I list the 2 deep below and clearly Bower was concerned with the secondary as he brings in 3 JUCO's. As I mentioned, SM always finishes high in my pass D rankings, but this year they will be clearly down a few notches from last year's experienced group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower usually does a great job in this area and they finished #10 in my special teams rankings in 1997 and #23 in 1998. They surprisingly dropped to #80 in 1999 and had to replace their top punter last year but still climbed to #56. Their top PR of 1999 was Shawn Mills who finished 11th in the country but true frosh Kenneth Johnson took over those duties and averaged a solid 13.4 per return. Their top KR was CB Raymond Walls who had 19 (19.4) and Dawayne Woods had 9 (24.3). If Nix stays healthy all year, Woods may see more action at KR and that could be a boost. P Mark Haulman did well in his first year, averaging 41.3 per punt (#3 avg CUSA) but had 2 blocked and the team's net was just 34.8 as they allowed 10.5 on 37 returns. Joe Henley was a special teams terror with 16 tackles, a fumble returned for a TD, a punt blocked and two recovered blocked punts. K Brant Hanna hit 12

S MISSISSIPPI 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Dawayne Woods	154	678	35	643	7	4.2				
Kelby Nance	57	359	5	354	2	6.2				
Derrick Nix	68	187	31	156	2	2.3				
Jeff Kelly	159	500	403	97	4	0.6				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Jeff Kelly	364	209	57.4	2540	18	10				
Zac White	6	1	16.7	9	0	0				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Shawn Mills	56	720	12.9	5	62					
LeRoy Handy	45	565	12.6	4	56					
Kenneth Johnson	28	340	12.1	2	55					
Dannye Fowler	23	282	12.3	1	39					
Bobby Garner	22	304	13.8	3	44					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT			
Mark Haulman	80	3302	41.3	-	34.8	2	15			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Brant Hanna	6-7	3-8	3-5	0-2	12-22	49				
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
C. Williams	119	8	3	5	0	R. Walls	62	0	3	7
R. Davis	108	1	6	7	2	Z. Houston	51	2	8	2
L. Barnes	108	0	3	15	6	D. Stewart	43	4	4	1
C. Scott	95	12	9	5	0	K. Moore	42	0	1	1
R. Magee	71	6	9	8	1	B. Gill	35	0	1	5
D. Scott	68	5	7	5	1	C. Vaughn	34	1	1	1
G. Mumford	66	2	7	3	0	J. Nix	34	4	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
K. Johnson	25	336	13.4	0	R. Walls	19	369	19.4	0	

of 22 FG's including 3 of 5 from 40-49 and two of his misses were from 50+. He had 17 TB's on his KO's and only 14 got returned beyond the 30 yard line. He did have a ROUGH bowl game, missing FOUR FG's (one was blocked) and had they not scored a TD on the final drive, Bower would have wasted the redshirt on Curtis Jones, a JUCO transfer, for the game's final kick. With everyone back in this unit, they are a Top 25 contender.



PHIL'S FORECAST

S Mississippi came into last year with just two CUSA losses in 3 years. They opened up with a 6-1 record overall and were ranked #11 but injuries hit and they ended the regular season 7-4 and lost a stunning 3 games in CUSA play. Coach Jeff Bower enters his 11th year at S Miss which is the 11th most years among active head coaches at one school. SM has been to 4 straight bowls. SM is 19-3 SU at home the last 5 years but usually plays 7 road games. In Bower's 115 games as a head coach here, 28 have been against ranked teams but only 3 of those games were at home. SM was in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks beginning Oct 10th 1999 through Nov 12, 2000. They averaged 28,509 at home last year, their second best home average ever (best was 1981). S Miss was 12-0 in CUSA home games prior to dropping their last 2 in 2000. Prior to the two losses, only one team came within 10 points of SM in those 12 games. Last year was their 7th straight winning year under Bower but after finishing 1st or 2nd in the first 4 years of CUSA play, they dropped to 4th. In 2000 the offense underwent a drastic change under OC Chris Klenakis who brought over the pass attack from Nevada. This year they have 9 starters back on that side of the ball and in their 2nd year in the system, I look for solid improvement. Defensively they suffer some major losses on the DL and in the secondary and do not figure to be as dominating. However, Bower always fields a solid group and I like the talent that he has as replacements. They get 4 home games in CUSA play which naturally puts them right back in the favorite's role once again. They have a couple of road games vs L'ville and E Car but Bower has shown this team can win in some pretty tough places and I will call for the Golden Eagles to get to a 5th straight bowl and as usual be a major factor in CUSA play.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB Derrick Duckworth 6-2 225 PS#30	LB Kevin Coley 6-3 200 PS#46
DB Trevis Caley 6-3 200 PS#123	OL Neal Mead 6-5 295 PS#139
DB Karl Riley 6-2 195 PS#133	DB Thad Cribbs 6-2 185 PS#136JC
QB Dustin Almond 6-1 185 PS#123	LB Akeem Lockett 6-3 235 PS#146
WR Naton Stewart 6-4 200 PS#166	CB Brock Anderson 6-3 278 PS#193JC
OL Lorenzo Williams 6-0 175 PS#224	DB John Eubanks 5-11 160 PS#205
WR Thomas Hoesy 6-2 200 PS#201	DB Chris McNeil 6-4 215 PS#245
WR Todd Devoe 6-3 199 PS#300JC	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JEFF KELLY SR. 6-1 210 PS#50. 12 sts in 99, 2187 yds (57%), 21-12 ratio, 184 rush. 12 sts ly, 2540 (57.4%), 18-10 ratio, 500 rush. Zac White (6-5 229 So) PS#137.
RB DERRICK NIX JR. 6-2 232 PS#58. 1st Tm CUSA as true 1302 yds (5.1), 2nd Tm CUSA in 99, 1109 yds (4.1), 5 gms ly (inj) 156 yds (2.3). Dawayne Woods PS#41, 643 yds (4.2) ly.
WR DANNYE FOWLER SR. 5-10 180 4 rec (14.0) as a rFr. 10 starts in 99, 23 rec (10.1), 11 sts ly, 23 rec (12.3). Rocky Harrison (6-2 200 Fr) PS#274, #2 receiver in the spring.
WR KENNETH JOHNSON SO. 5-10 165 PS#220WR. Track sped. 12 games as true, 4 starts, 28 rec (12.1), 25 PR's (13.4). Naton Stewart is PS#166. Kwantrell Green (5-8 175 Jr).
WR LEROY HANDY JR. 6-1 196 PS#199. 1 rec in 99, 8 sts in 2000 til inj, 45 rec (12.6). Was #1 rec when inj'd. Todd Devoe (6-3 199 Jr) PS#300JC, 44 rec (18.0) at JC ly.
TE BOBBY GARNER JR. 6-2 198 PS#103QB. 3 passes as true, 16 rush yds. Moved to TE ly, 12 sts, 23 rec (13.8). Orlando Dantzler (6-3 268 Sr) PS#42DL, 2 sts, 7 rec in 3 yrs.
C. Kendrick Key Sr. 6-4 273 PS#227JUCO in '99. Re-enrolled in 2000, 5 starts at LG here, 8 games. Isah Winborne (6-0 309 So) PS#415DL in 1999. Has not lettered.
RG TORRIN TUCKER JR. 6-6 316 7 sts as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. 12 sts in 2000, 2 letters, 848 snaps. Jim Hicks (6-3 280 So), 5 starts as rFr til inj. Travis Barber (6-3 289 rFr) PS#235.
LG BUCK MICIOTTO JR. 6-3 278 PS#45TE. 12 starts at TE as rFr, 3 rec (8.3). 7 starts at OL ly (missed 3 w/inj). Nathan Grace (6-6 342 Sr) JC in '99, 2nd string here ly.
RT JASON JIMENEZ JR. 6-7 292. Peru native, 1 yr HS football. No action as rFr. +42 lbs ly & 7 starts. Brock Anderson (6-3 278 Jr) PS#193JC, 2 sts at Tulsa as true. JC ly.
LT JEREMY BRIDGES SR. 6-4 300 PS#219OL. 11 starts as rFr, 222 snaps, CUSA Frosh Team. 12 starts in 2000, added 20 lbs. Jeremy Parquet (6-7 318 rFr) was PS#108OL.
K. BRANT HANNA SR. 6-1 217 PS#38. KO's in 98, 12 of 19 FG's, long of 48 in 99. Hit 12 of 22 FG's in 2000, 3-5 from 40-49. Two misses from 50+. 17 TB on KO's.

DE Seneca Jones rFr. 6-5 258 PS#105TE, moves to DE. Brian Evans (6-5 235 So) PS#450LB, 4 tfls as rFr. Marchene Hatchett (6-2 239 Sr) 10 sks at JC in '99. 1 tkl here ly.
NT Rayshun Jones Sr. 6-2 275 PS#188 & orig signed w/ Iowa. JC trans. Skylor Magee (6-1 263 So) PS#79LB. 2 tfls as true. Travis Dorsey (6-3 255 Jr) PS#327, 3 tfl in 99. 2 tfls ly.
DT Carlos Crusoe Jr. 6-3 277 PS#87TE in '97. JUCO transfer & played DL. TE there. Javar Young (6-4 264 rFr). Kendel Wheeler is PS#314OL. LeVon Pears (6-0 250 rFr).
DE TERRELL PAUL JR. 6-3 226 PS#299LB, PQ in 99, 9 sts in 2000, 13 tfls, 3 tfl. Travaras Comegys (6-3 280 So) 6 sks at JC ly. Chris McNeil (6-4 215 Fr) is PS#245DL.
SLB Joe Henley Jr. 6-0 216 PS#241LB. 14 tfls, 2 tfl as true, CUSA Frosh Team. 16 tfls, 2 tfl ly. Joseph Scott (6-1 240 Fr) PS#86. Derrick Duckworth is PS#30LB.
MLB ROD DAVIS SO. 6-3 238 10 starts as rFr, #2 w/108 tfls, 7 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Chris Vaughn (6-0 213 Jr) PS#194, 3 tfls until injury as rFr. 2 starts, 34 tfls, 2 tfl in 2000.
WLB ROY MAGEE SR. 6-2 214 2 sts as rFr, 58 tfls, 9 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 59 tfls, 12 tfl. 10 sts ly, 71 tfls, 6 sks, 9 tfl, 8 pbu. Chris Langston (6-2 221 Jr) 1 st, 31 tfls in 99. 3 sts, 28 tfls ly.
CB Greg Brooks So. 5-11 167 PS#281, orig signed w/ Mich. 4.4 spd. 1 st as rFr, 20 tfls, 4 pbu. Daryon Brutley (5-11 183 Sr) 26 tfls, 5 pbu in 98. 31 tfls, 6 pbu in 99. 1 st ly, 11 tfls, 3 pbu.
CB Carmus Haynes Jr. 5-9 170 PS#454JC, 11 pbu ly. Corey Yates (5-10 170 Jr). 4.35 spd. 10 tfls, 1 int as rFr. 5 tfls ly. Thad Cribbs (6-2 185) PS#136JC. Telf Cumbie (5-11 177 rFr).
ROV CHAD WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 201 PS#151RB, 19 tfls, 1 st as true. 12 starts, 114 tfls, 2 pbu in 99, 12 starts ly, #1 w/119 tfls, 8 sks, 3 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA. Pierre Hutchins PS#17ADB.
FS ETRUIT SO. 6-0 181 PS#273. 1 st as rFr, 11 tfls. Corey Hoesy (6-0 185 So) PS#410DB. 4 games at WR as true. RS ly. MIP of spring. Leroy Johnson (5-10 180) JC.
P. MARK HAULMAN JR. 6-0 175 2 punts as rFr in 99, 80 punts in 2000. 41.3 average, net of 34.8 and 2 blk's, 15 inside the 20. Curtis Jones (5-9 170 Jr) is PS#355JUCO.

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Eagles are 14-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1992.
SM is 3-2 SU but 1-4 ATS vs Cincinnati.
Golden Eagles are 0-5 SU & ATS vs Texas A&M.
S Miss is 8-5 ATS last 4 years after a SU loss.
Golden Eagles are 9-6-1 ATS as away chalk the last 4 years.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Sep. 1	Oklahoma St	G													Golden Eagles are 9-3 ATS in their last 12 lined season openers. Including bowls, SM is 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS vs current Big 12 schools.
Sep. 8															
Sep. 15	at Alabama	G													SM is 16-9 ATS their last 25 vs SEC teams. LY's shocking 21-0 win over Bama was SM's 1st SU series win S/90.
Sep. 22	at Louisiana-Lft	G													Southern Miss is 13-9 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. Coming into this season, SM was 29-12 ATS in their L/41 Sept gms.
Sep. 29	UAB	G													S Miss is 14-5 ATS in their last 19 in sandwiched home games. Golden Eagles are 37-28-1 ATS vs CUSA teams the L11Y.
Oct. 6	at Memphis	G													SM has outscored UM 184-41 the last 7 years. S Miss has covered 9 in a row vs UM & are 11-1 ATS L/12 in the series.
Oct. 16	at Louisville (Tues)	G													Eagles are 9-5-1 ATS in October the L5Y vs conference foes. Brett Favre's alma mater is 10-4 ATS their last 14 vs Louisville.
Oct. 20															
Oct. 27	Houston (HC)	G													S Miss is 24-11 ATS last 35 & 11-4 ATS last 4 years as a HF. LY was SM's 1st SU loss in a Homecoming game since 1995.
Nov. 3	at Penn St	G													S Mississippi is 7-13 ATS in their L/4 games of the season S/96. SM is 1-2 SU, 2-1 ATS vs the Big 10, only ATS loss to Penn St.
Nov. 10															
Nov. 17	Tulane	G													Under Bower, the Eagles have covered 5 of 7 after a bye week. S Mississippi is 8-3 ATS the last 11 years vs Tulane.
Nov. 23	at E Carolina (Fri)	G													SM is 1-5-1 ATS in their last 7 sandwiched away games. The visiting team is 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Nov. 30	TCU (Fri)	G													I had a 4★ winner on SM vs TCU in the Mobile Alabama Bowl LY. S Miss is 8-5-1 ATS in lined season finales.

STADIUM: M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	8-3	8-3	7-4	8-3	7-4	50-27
ATS	6-4	5-6	6-5	8-2-1	6-5	5-5	5-5	41-32-1
Home Fav	3-0	2-2	2-2	4-0	4-0	2-2	1-2	18-8
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Fav	1-0	1-3	0-2	3-0-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	11-11-1
Away Dog	2-3	2-1	4-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-0	12-11
Favorite	4-0	3-5	2-4	7-0-1	6-2	4-3	3-5	29-19-1
Dog	2-4	2-1	4-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	12-13
Grass	5-3	3-5	5-3	6-2-1	5-4	4-5	3-4	31-26-1
Artificial	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	10-6
vs CUSA	4-1	2-3	3-3	5-0-1	4-2	3-3	2-5	23-17-1
vs Non-CUSA	2-3	3-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-0	18-15
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	5-3	4-2-1	4-2	2-4	3-3	21-20-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-3	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	14-11

Coach: JEFF BOWER (Career 67-47-1)

Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

11th Year at S Mississippi	22-11	Home Favorite
67-47-1 Straight Up	2-3	Home Underdog
58-45-2 Vs The Spread	12-15-2	Away Favorite
24-17-1 Off A S/U Loss	22-16	Away Underdog
34-25-1 Vs Conference	24-20-1	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	All American	-1	N Carolina St	27-31	L
97	Liberty	-10	Pittsburgh	41-7	W
98	Humanitarian	-17	Idaho	35-42	L
99	Liberty	-5'	Colorado St	23-17	W
00	Mobile Alabama	+7	TCU	28-21	W

S MISSISSIPPI (8-4) CONFERENCE: USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (21,17,3)
Lost: 17 (4,12,1)



SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
7*	26.2	18	107	2.8	216	56.7	12.4	+2	2000	7	16.9	15	109	2.9
4	27.8	16	117	3.1	204	54.4	11.6	+11	1999	8	15.8	16	87	2.4
7*	31.7	20	144	3.9	260	57.3	12.6	-4	1998	5	19.8	18	160	3.8
9*	28.1	18	119	3.3	207	56.3	11.6	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	111	3.3
9*	26.1	16	97	2.3	187	51.4	11.1	+14	1996	6	22.5	19	97	2.8
5*	25.8	18	129	3.3	180	49.4	12.0	-8	1995	10	21.9	19	135	3.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
at Tennessee	16	31-71	2.3	22-30	232	10	13	40-145	3.6	13-25	125	1	-1
at Alabama	12	37-51	1.4	14-23	159	4	15	33-95	2.9	19-35	122	8	+3
at Oklahoma St	17	32-(-7)	-0.2	20-37	257	6	16	38-157	4.1	16-35	146	4	+2
Memphis	13	32-99	3.1	15-31	163	4	12	36-67	1.9	23-38	161	3	+1
S Florida	23	50-169	3.4	19-35	180	8	7	25-18	0.7	13-27	133	4	+1
at Tulane	17	35-256	7.3	15-24	224	3	24	49-138	2.8	22-50	260	4	+2
at Houston	20	38-113	3.0	18-33	215	4	11	30-(-2)	-0.1	15-31	150	11	-1
Louisville	20	36-61	1.7	18-32	300	8	21	33-126	3.8	25-42	293	4	-2
at UAB	22	38-46	1.2	25-34	261	9	21	51-191	3.7	15-25	146	3	-1
at Cincinnati	18	42-138	3.3	19-34	203	5	15	36-72	2.0	20-42	197	2	-3
E Carolina	21	47-132	2.8	16-38	239	7	9	43-155	3.6	5-20	55	1	-1
TCU (Bowl)	15	36-158	4.4	11-23	159	2	16	43-150	3.5	10-22	115	1	+2
TOTALS	214	454-1287	2.8	212-374	2592	70	180	457-1312	2.9	196-392	1903	46	+2
AVERAGES	17.8	38-107	2.8	18-31	216	5.8	15.0	38-109	2.9	16-33	159	3.8	0.2

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+10'	11-7	W	at Florida	+25	6-21	W	at Penn St	+8	6-34	L	Tulane	-10	48-14	W	at Tennessee	+9	16-19	W
at Alabama	+10'	10-20	W	at Illinois	-4	24-7	W	Texas A&M	+2'	6-24	L	NW Louisiana St	NL	40-6	-	at Alabama	+6'	21-0	W
Utah St	-13'	31-24	L	Nevada	-14	35-19	W	SW Louisiana	-35	55-0	W	at Nebraska	+27	13-20	W	at Oklahoma St	-6	28-6	W
SW Louisiana	-10	52-27	W	at Alabama	+6'	13-27	L	at Tulane	+3	7-21	L	at Texas A&M	+11	6-23	L	Memphis	-16'	24-3	W
at Louisville	+3'	24-7	W	Louisville	-14	42-24	W	Louisville	-6	56-21	W	at E Carolina	-2	39-22	W	S Florida	NL	41-7	-
at E Carolina	+7	28-7	W	at E Carolina	-10	23-13	T	at Army	-10	37-13	W	Army	-24'	24-0	L	at Tulane	-14	56-24	W
Memphis	-15'	16-0	W	Tulane	-7	34-13	W	E Carolina	-10	41-7	W	Cincinnati	-17'	28-20	L	at Houston	-16'	6-3	L
at Tulane	-12	31-28	L	at Cincinnati	-3'	24-17	W	at Alabama	-3	20-30	L	at Alabama	+1'	14-35	L	Louisville	-13'	28-49	W
Cincinnati	-11	21-17	L	at Tennessee	+19	20-44	L	at Houston	-9	21-15	L	at Memphis	-5	20-5	W	at UAB	-10	33-30	L
at Houston	-7	49-56	L	Houston	-19'	33-0	W	Memphis	-19	45-3	W	Louisiana-Lft	-37	48-0	W	at Cincinnati	-5	24-27	L
at Florida St	+28	14-54	L	at Memphis	-11	42-18	W	at Nevada	-10	55-28	W	at Louisville	-5	30-27	L	E Carolina	-6	9-14	L

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS



QB Dave Ragone had an outstanding 29-11 ratio last year and was CUSA's Offensive POY.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the big question was who would replace Chris Redman, who simply threw more passes than anyone else in NCAA history. The answer came with the emergence of Dave Ragone. (a lefty from Cleveland HS powerhouse St. Ignatius) who is bigger than Redman (6-4 240) and also added mobility to the position. Redman rushed for just 54 gross yards in 1999 but Ragone had 492 and was the second leading rusher on the team. Ragone put up even better numbers than Redman did in his first year as a starter, throwing for 2,942 yards (61%) with a 29-11 ratio and became the second straight UL player to win CUSA's Offensive POY. He was #12 in the NCAA in pass efficiency and had an even stronger efficiency rating in CUSA games at 143.2. After missing the second half against E Carolina he thrived down the stretch with a 10-2 ratio and also added 4 rushing TD's. He added 20 lbs of muscle in the offseason and actually got quicker. His backup was Mike Watkins, who saw his most significant time in the 2H vs E Carolina that Ragone missed. On the year he threw 31 passes (58.1%) for 201 yards with a 0-1 ratio. He departs. This year the backup figured to be Gerry Ahrens but he was a surprising off-season departure. Stefan LeFors (6-0 185 rF) was PS #172 and ran the scout team last year and will be the backup. True freshman Adam Ellis (PS#286, 6-1 205) is the only other scholarship QB on the roster. Ragone now has experience and should put up even better numbers in this QB friendly offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Smith has done a good job developing the RB's, mostly using big backs with some speed. Leroy Collins rushed for 1,228 yards (5.3) in 1998 and Frank Moreau had 1,400 yards (5.4) in 1999. Last year I thought JUCO transfer Chris Lester, another big back (6-1 210) with 4.4 speed, would win the job but Lester reported late due to academics and was also bothered by the 4th arthroscopic surgery on his knee. He rushed for 188 yards but did not do much down the stretch due to his injury. He should be more of a factor this year and could win the starting job. Ex-LB Tony Stallings was on the CUSA Freshman team with 8 starts at OLB in 1998 and 55 tackles. He requested a move to RB in 1999, but was bothered by a nagging ankle injury and did not see much action. Last year he fought off all comers and started 11 games, rushing for 873 yards (4.5). He has good speed for his 200+ lb frame. TJ Patterson (6-0 210 So) is the fastest of the backs and was PS#243. Smith was not happy with his progression in the spring last year. He only rushed for 132 yards (4.3) but saw most of his action late in the year when he emerged as the backup. Henry Miller (6-0 215 Jr) has 138 yards rushing in the last 2 years and true freshman Lionel Gates (PS#119) adds depth. Stallings was also the #5 receiver last year but will have to fight off others again this year. Regardless of who wins the job, this group is more experienced and should put up even stronger numbers in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cardinals had to replace three of their top 4 receivers including their 1st TM AA TE Ibn Green. Nonetheless, this unit was so deep last year that Arnold Jackson, who became the NCAA's career reception leader and the first player in NCAA history to have 300+ rec's in a career, was only the 2nd leading receiver on the team with 68 grabs (9.6). The impact player was Deion Branch. Branch was PS#3JUCO in 1999 but red-shirted, then last year made the impact that was expected. He originally signed at Florida back in 1998 and led UL in 2000 with 81 rec's and a solid 14.6 ypc, earning 1st TM CUSA honors (Jackson earned 2nd Team). Zek Parker was the #3 receiver last year with 34 catches (12.9). He applied for and received his 5th year of eligibility. They are very solid at TE as Richard Owens (6-4 265) was a big blocker while Ronnie Ghent made 1st TM CUSA with 30 rec's (13.8) Backup WR Damien Dorsey (5-7 170 Jr) had 12 rec's (16.0). No one else had more than 3 rec's on the team. JR Russell (6-3 185 rF) PS#274 and Antoine Harris (5-10 175 rF) PS#290 also figure to supply depth. Jackson will be missed but this unit actually has a little more experience than it did last year and looks even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '98 the offensive front allowed just 15 sacks and the team had 4.4 ypc rushing but the Cards slipped some in '99 giving up 22 sacks and only 4.0 ypc. Last year UL had to replace 2 starting OT's who were 1st & 2nd TM CUSA honorees. They signed 3 JUCO's and had 3 seniors on the offensive front. They slipped a little further in 2000 giving up 31 sacks with a 3.6 ypc. This season they must replace C Jason Padgett (12 sts, 2 yr str, 1st TM CUSA), RG Joe O'Shaughnessy (12 sts, 3 yr str, 2nd TM CUSA) and RT Scott Graham (5 sts lt broken foot). Rob Eble also missed 2 starts due to injury so Michael Bowers got in 9 starts in relief of Eble and Graham. They do bring in a top-notch newcomer in Jonta' Woodard who was PS#104JC and was listed as 2nd string all of last year but was able to redshirt. He is big (6-5 325) and could compete for CUSA honors. While 3 full-time starters return, only one remains at the same position as OT Bowers moves to C and LT Eble moves to RT. They added another JUCO who was in for the spring in Chris Thigpen. This group is bigger than last year's version with an average of 6-30.1. I list the 2 deep below and look for this unit to improve on its numbers in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cincinnati Coach Rick Minter said that Donovan Arp and Michael Josiah were two of the best DL that he'd seen on tape all year. The Cards' defense was weak in the first year of Smith's tenure in '98 but has improved greatly. After allowing 5.1 ypc rushing they improved to 4.2 in 1999 and last year were simply 4th in the NCAA allowing 2.3 ypc while also recording 54 sacks, good enough for 2nd in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters but got back a '98 starter that had missed '99 due to injury. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are DT Arp (12 sts, 2nd TM CUSA, 7 sts, 13 tfl, 58 tkl, 16 press), DT Derrick Kennedy (10 sts, 49 tkl, 4 sks), DE Toby Dawson (2 sts, 16 tkl, 4 sks) and DE Matt Sexton (3 sts, 8 tkl). Josiah, who is from Kenya, tied for the CUSA lead in the regular season with 13 sacks and is playing just his 6th season of football. DE Dewayne White showed his speed by running down Travis Minor from behind after 40 yards last year and had 22 hurries. I list the 2 deep below. It is possible either White or Josiah could move inside to offset the loss of those 2 outstanding DT's. They get a nice transfusion of fresh and JUCO recruits and while I like the talent, it will be extremely hard for them to match last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - The Cards had to replace one starter from this unit last year and returned Michael Brown who led the team in tackles as a rF in 1999. This year the only loss is LB Rashad Harris who was #2 with 111 tackles and was voted 2nd TM CUSA. All 3 backups return. Last year Jeremy Collins began the year as a starter but Jeremy Freitag, a JC transfer, eventually beat him out and was the #4 tackler. Both are back and could start. I list the 2 deep below and this year's unit has a little more depth than last season with Rod Day and BJ Steele having more experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cards were hit hard by graduation and injuries in Smith's first season finishing #105 in my pass defense rankings. In 1999, they returned 3 starters, got a '98 starter back from injury and added some JUCO's and moved up to #83 allowing 55% with an 18-13 ratio including just 2 TD passes over the final 7 games. Last year they only had to replace one starting FS and had both outstanding CB's returning. The Cards climbed up to #3 in my pass defense rankings, snagging an incredible 28 int's (giving up 17 TD's) and allowing just 51.1% completions vs a tough slate of opposing CB's including pass offenses like Kentucky, Florida St and Tulane. This year the losses are heavy as both outstanding cover corners depart in Rashad Holman (#6DC of SF, 12 sts, 2nd TM CUSA, 6 int, 55 tkl) who set UL's school record that Anthony Floyd tied with 21 pbu and CB Antonio Roundtree (12 sts, 49 tkl, 2 int, 14 pbu). Two backups also depart in CB Mike White (4 tkl, 6 pbu) and FS Justin Thomas (7 tkl). Both starting safeties return including Curry Burns who was the #1 tackler and FS Floyd who was 2nd TM AA with 10 int's and 21 pbu. They also bring in one of the top JUCO CB's in Wilbur Benson (PS#49). While this unit clearly has the best set of safeties in CUSA, and adds some solid JUCO's (see 2 deep), it will clearly be weaker with the loss of those CB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Smith's 1997 Utah St team ranked #34 in my special teams ratings and he inherited a UL team that was 108th in my ratings but could only improve them to #104 in his first year. In 1999 they moved solidly up to #23 thanks in part to true frosh P Chris Sivori who made the CUSA Freshman Team. Last year they dropped a bit to #38 but look strong in all areas once again this year. P Sivori avg'd

LOUISVILLE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Tony Stallings	196	915	42	873	6	4.5				
Dave Ragone	108	492	221	271	6	2.5				
Chris Lester	53	203	15	188	2	3.5				
TJ Patterson	31	136	4	132	2	4.3				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Dave Ragone	391	240	61.4	2942	29	11				
Mike Watkins	31	18	58.1	201	0	1				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Deion Branch	81	1186	14.6	10	69					
Arnold Jackson	68	656	9.6	5	33					
Zek Parker	34	439	12.9	5	50					
Ronnie Ghent	30	415	13.8	3	48					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Chris Sivori	60	2400	40.0		35.4	0				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Wade Tydacka	2-2	2-4	1-2	1-1	6-9	51				
Nathan Smith	3-3	2-2	1-3	0-0	6-8	41				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
C. Burns	112	0	3	7	2	R. Holman	55	0	0	21
R. Harris	111	0	3	6	2	M. Josiah	50	13	7	1
M. Brown	98	4	6	4	3	D. Kennedy	49	4	2	2
J. Freitag	79	0	3	0	0	A. Roundtree	49	0	2	14
A. Floyd	68	0	5	21	10	C. Lee	36	8	6	3
D. Arp	58	7	13	4	1	M. Everett	26	0	0	1
D. White	56	14	6	6	1	B. Gaines	24	2	0	2
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
A. Jackson	32	278	8.7	0	Zek Parker	28	764	27.3	0	

38.8 as a frosh and improved upon that last year with a 40.0 avg and a net of 35.4. Wade Tydacka (5-11 220 So) began the year handling the FG duties and hit 6 of 9 with a long of 51. His leg began to tire as the year went on and Nate Smith took over the duties & hit 6 of 8 including a school record setting 4 of 4 vs Houston in monsoon conditions. His long was 41. Tydacka handled the KO's and both return to compete for the PR & KO jobs again. Zek Parker had 3 KR TD's in 1999 and a 4th called back on penalty. Last year he was simply #2 in the NCAA in KR's, averaging a lofty 27.3 and had returns of 69, 72 and 78 yards. He returns for a 5th season and is one of the NCAA's best. They must replace Arnold Jackson who averaged 11.5 in PR's in 1999 and 8.7 last year with two TD's called back on penalty. Jackson did have a streak of 82 consecutive PR's without a fair catch end last season. UL blocked 2 FG's but did not block any punts and had one blocked vs them. They also faked 4 punts on the year. Long snapper Mattiny missed the final 2 games of the season with a broken hand but returned for the bowl and is NFL caliber. This clearly looks like one of the nation's best special teams units this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

John L. Smith is doing a tremendous job as the Cards have now been to 3 consecutive bowl games and after playing for the CUSA title in their final regular season game in 1999 they won it outright last year, going 6-1 in conference play including winning at S Mississippi. Smith's offenses are always potent and as an example in 1997 his final Utah St squad averaged 32.4 ppg despite QB Matt Saak having 49% completions that year. Smith was given a 7 year contract extension and has only had one losing season in 12 years of coaching. Last year the big question was who would replace Chris Redman but Dave Ragone stepped in and simply threw for 2,942 yards (61.4%) with a 29-11 ratio and had they won their bowl game they would have had the most wins in school history. Last year's record was accomplished with 7 home games, which they have had the benefit of in both of the last 2 years. They play in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium which was built in 1998 and is one of the newer stadiums in the country. Not only did UL benefit from some home cooking last year but they were also +11 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround article on page 277). The Cards have 8 starters back on offense including QB Ragone and my #2 rated offense in CUSA. Defensively they were #4 against the run in the NCAA rankings and #15 in overall defense with their 40 turnovers forced ranking #1. They lose 9 lettermen and 5 starters from that side of the ball but should still be solid. The schedule gets a little tougher as they have six road games (including 4 in CUSA) which is 2 more than last year. This team is actually more experienced than last year's version and will be stronger and that gives them an excellent shot at repeating as the CUSA champ. However with the tougher schedule, they may not catch as many breaks as they did last season.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DAVE RAGONE JR. 6-4 240 PS#177. Scout team Player of the Year in 98. 4 gms in '99. 12 sts in 2000. CUSA Off POY, 2942 yds (61%) 29-11 ratio, 492 rush, 1 rec. (16.0). TD in bowl. Antoine Harris (5-10 175 rF) PS#290. Greg Tinch is PS#148 this year.

WR DEION BRANCH SR. 5-10 195 PS#3JC in 1999. RS. 11 starts last year, #1 w/ 81 rec (14.6), 1st TM CUSA, 12 yds rush. JR Russell (6-3 185 rF) PS#274WR, good size.

WR ZEK PARKER SR. 5-10 200 8 sts in '98, 26 rec (17.5). 10 sts in '99, 21 rec (9.5). 10 sts ly, 34 rec (12.9), 764 return yds. Speedy. Victor Glenn (6-0 170 So) PS#116.

TE RONNIE GHENT JR. 6-2 230 DNO in '99. 7 sts ly, 30 rec (13.8), 1st TM CUSA. Richard Owens (6-4 265 So) PS#172, solid blocker. Chip Mattingly PS#87LB.

C MICHAEL BOWERS SR. 6-3 320 JUCO transfer in 2000. 9 starts here (2 @ LT, 7 @ RT) lettered. Moved to Center. Ariel Rodriguez (6-4 290 Jr) PS#227. 2 years as backup.

RG Antoine Sims Jr. 6-2 295 PS#168 in '98. Bkup C in '99. Primary LG bkup in 2000. 2 letters. Chris Thigpen (6-4 305 Jr) JUCO, orig at S Carolina (PS#5TE), in for spring.

LG AARON DARDZINSKI SR. 6-1 270 PS#234. Backup as rF. 12 sts at LG in '99. 12 sts at LG ly, 3 letters. Jason Hilliard (6-6 330 So) earned letter as a backup at RG last year.

RT ROB EBLE SR. 6-6 295 PS#141 in '97. 2nd string in '98. Top backup at G & T in '99. 10 sts at LT ly (miss 2 inj), 3 letters. Jason Weathers (6-7 335 So) backup ly.

LT Jonta' Woodard Jr. 6-5 325 PS#104JUCO last year & 2nd string but RS. Buster Ashley (6-3 285 rF) PS#263DL. Scout tm MVP. Pat Woodall (6-4 320 rF) PS#196.

K NATHAN SMITH SO. 5-8 165 Hit 6 of 8 FG's last year, 16-16 xp's, long of 41.

Wade Tydacka (5-11 220 So) handled kickoffs last year, also 6-9 on FG's with a long of 51.

DE DEWAYNE WHITE SO. 6-2 270 PS#166. 8 sts as rF, 56 tkl, 14 sks, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, 22 hurries, ran down Minor of FSU. Devon Thomas (6-1 250 Jr) PS#236DL, 3 sts in '99, 17 tkl, 2 sks, 2Y.

DT Koby Clark Sr. 6-5 270 PS#303JUCO. 11 tkl, 4 sks, 2 tfl in 11 games ly here. Bobby Leffew (6-4 270 rF) PS#152DL and Def Scout Team Player of the Year ly.

DT Keeshan Lowe Jr. 6-1 290 PS#247JUCO, 47 tackles, 7 sacks at JC last year. Tyrone Saterfield (6-2 315 rF) was PS#213DL. Travis Leffew is PS#83DL this year.

DE MICHAEL JOSIAH JR. 6-4 235 6 sts as rF, 32 tkl, 7 sks, 2 tfl, 10 sts ly, 13 sks, 21 hurries, 7 tfl, 2nd TM CUSA. Chad Lee (6-2 245 Jr) 8 sts, 49 tkl, 8 sks, 9 tfl in 2 years.

LB Jeremy Collins Jr. 6-1 240 PS#226LB. 1 start (bowl) in '99, 26 tkl, 2 sts ly, 8 tkl, 10 games. Ryan McDemmond (6-1 240 rF) PS#202. BJ Steele (6-1 215 Jr) 8 tkl, 2 yrs.

LB JEREMY FREITAG SR. 6-1 225 108 tkl, 8 sacks at JUCO in 1999. 6 starts last year, #4 w/ 79 tkl, 3 tfl. Rod Day (6-1 215 So) PS#49JL, 11 tkl, 1 pbu, 10 games last year.

BAM MICHAEL BROWN JR. 5-11 210 PS#197RB. 12 sts in '99, #1 w/ 15 tkl, 14 tfl, 12 sts ly, #3 w/ 98 tkl, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 4 pbu, 3 int. Michael Everett (5-11 190 So) 26 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu.

CB Josh Minkins So. 5-10 175 PS#269RB. 10 gms as rF, 11 tkl, Laroni Gallishaw (5-11 200 rF) PS#459RB, FL St. Qual in 100m in HS. Chris Johnson (6-0 180 Jr) 7 int's at JC ly.

CB Wilbur Benson Jr. 5-8 165 PS#49JC, in for spg. 4 int in 2000. TJ Haskins (5-10 170 rF) PS#159 in 2000. Kayjai Williams (5-11 165 Jr) PS#345JC, 6 blk FG's at JC last year.

SS CURRY BURNS JR. 6-1 200 PS#304DB. 17 tkl, 1 pbu as true. 12 sts ly, #1 w/ 112 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, 3 tfl. Ray Childs (6-0 200 rF) PS#335RB. Jon Jackson (6-1 215 Jr) PS#301.

FS ANTHONY FLOYD JR. 6-10 195 PS#56RB. 2 sts at CB as true, 3 int. 12 sts at FS ly, 2nd TM AA, 68 tkl, 10 int, 21 pbu. Brian Gaines (5-8 200 Jr) 3 sts in 3Y, 49 tkl, 5 tfl, 2 pbu.

P CHRIS SIVORI JR. 6-0 230 PS#21 in 1999. 39 punts as true. 38.8 average, net of 34.3, 9 inside the 20. 60 punts last year, 40.0 average, 18 inside the 20, net of 35.4.

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DL Travis Leffew 6-4 260 PS#83
 DB Wilbur Benson 5-8 165 PS#49JC
 RB Lionel Gates 6-1 205 PS#119
 DL Montavious Stanley 6-3 250 PS#127
 WR Greg Tinch 6-3 220 PS#148
 K Keele Leavitt 6-3 190 PS#12
 DL Cashion Lowe 6-1 290 PS#247
 DL Jason Spitz 6-4 290 PS#242
 OL Chris Thigpen 6-4 305 PS#286JC
 DB Jonathan Gannon 5-11 175 PS#274
 WR Brent Johnson 5-10 195 PS#291
 OL Charles Marshall 6-4 290 PS#351
 DB Kayjai Williams 5-11 165 PS#345JC
 DL Jeremy Sequin 6-3 250 PS#370
 DL Brandon Johnson 6-5 205 PS#415

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LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cardinals are 1-9 ATS their last 10 vs the Big 12.
UL is 0-5 ATS since 1996 in their 3rd straight home game.
UL is 15-5 SU at home in the renamed Papa John's Stadium.
Cardinals are 1-9 ATS in their first lined home game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UL Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 23	N Mexico St* (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 1	at Kentucky	G												
Sep. 8	W Carolina	G												
Sep. 15	at Illinois	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Memphis	G												
Oct. 4	Colorado St (Thurs)	G												
Oct. 16	S Miss (Tues)	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	at Cincinnati	A												
Nov. 3	at Tulane	A												
Nov. 10	Houston (HC)	G												
Nov. 15	at E Carolina (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 24	at TCU	G												

Cardinals & Aggies are playing in the inaugural John Thompson Classic. Louisville is 4-7 ATS in their L/11 season openers. Won LY in 2OT 40-34 vs UK.
The avg combined total score in this series the last 5 yrs is 74 ppg. The underdog is 4-2 ATS in the last 6 series meetings.
Louisville is 9-0 SU in their last 9 "NL" games.
Won't apply, but UL is 7-14 ATS their last 21 games as a HF.
Cardinals are 5-14 ATS their last 19 games on artificial turf. Louisville is 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs Big 10 foes.
UL is 11-3 SU but 6-8 ATS vs the Tigers since 1985.
Home favorites are 2-8 ATS in this series.
Counting Bowls, UL is 0-5 SU & ATS L/5 vs current MWC teams. Louisville is 6-13 ATS in the last 5 years in the month of October.
UL has dropped 5 of 6 SU to Southern Mississippi.
Louisville is 4-10 ATS their L/14 meetings vs the Golden Eagles.
Bonus: UL is 4-2 ATS their last 6 & 3-0 ATS last 3 after a bye.
The favorite is 4-1 ATS the last 5 years in this series.
UL is 2-7 ATS in the first of back to back road games.
Louisville is a perfect 7-0 ATS the last 3 years in November.
Cardinals are 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS L/8 vs the Green Wave since '86.
UL is 6-2 ATS their last 8 home games in November.
Five meetings since 1985; UL is 2-3 SU & ATS.
Pending earlier results, UL is 13-5 ATS off a SU win last 3 years.
Cardinals are 10-2 ATS L6Y in the final 2 games of the season.
Pending possible earlier results, UL is 10-25 ATS L/35 after a SU loss.
Cardinals are 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS last 4 years in their road finale.

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	5-6	1-10	7-4	7-4	9-2	42-35
ATS	2-9	7-4	4-7	2-9	6-4	5-5	7-3	33-41
Home Fav	0-3	4-1	0-5	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	11-18
Home Dog	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-0	4-7
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	5-8
Away Dog	1-2	2-1	4-0	1-3	2-2	0-0	3-0	13-8
Favorite	0-5	5-2	0-7	1-3	3-1	4-5	3-3	16-26
Dog	2-4	2-2	4-0	1-6	3-3	1-0	4-0	17-15
Grass	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-3	4-4	4-4	7-3	22-18
Artificial	1-7	5-2	1-7	1-6	2-0	1-1	0-0	11-23
vs CUSA	0-4	3-0	0-5	1-5	4-2	3-3	5-2	16-21
vs Non-CUSA	2-5	4-4	4-2	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-1	17-20
Off SU Win	1-4	5-1	2-3	0-1	4-1	3-3	6-1	21-14
Off SU Loss	1-4	2-2	1-4	2-7	2-2	1-2	0-2	9-23

Coch: JOHN L. SMITH (Career 92-52)

Smith's record AT LOUISVILLE

4th Year at Louisville	6-7	Home Favorite
23-13 Straight Up	3-1	Home Underdog
18-12 Vs The Spread	4-2	Away Favorite
3-6 Off A S/U Loss	5-2	Away Underdog
12-7 Vs Conference	6-5	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Fiesta	+8	Alabama	34-7	W
93	Liberty	-3	Michigan St	18-7	W
98	Motor City	-3	Marshall	29-48	L
99	Humanitarian	-1	Boise St	31-34	L
00	Liberty	+2	Colorado St	17-22	L

LOUISVILLE (9-3) CONFERENCE: USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* Returning: 43 (22,18,3)
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

LETTERMEN:



LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	PTS	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	OFF	YPP
STS		RUSH	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS		RUSH	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	
5	33.8	20	129	3.6	262	60.6	11.6	+11	2000	7	22.3	19	86	2.3	219	51.2	13.7
7*	36.9	26	127	4.0	333	63.5	12.5	-5	1999	8	30.4	21	169	4.2	235	55.5	13.3
8*	39.4	28	147	4.4	403	65.6	13.9	-3	1998	6	36.3	24	237	5.1	256	57.5	13.6
8*	22.3	19	77	2.6	298	58.4	16.8	-5	1997	5	37.0	20	187	4.5	235	57.1	11.4
5	16.5	17	95	2.6	221	53.4	19.1	-17	1996	7	18.6	15	81	2.0	155	48.2	12.6
6*	25.7	20	147	3.7	221	54.8	14.2	+21	1995	8	15.0	19	127	3.0	194	50.0	21.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
Kentucky	25	48-186	3.9	23-30	256	4	15	21-95	4.5	22-34	322	1	+1
Grambling	17	39-226	5.8	15-26	202	1	10	37-(-56)	-1.5	13-33	116	10	0
at Florida St	10	21-3	0.1	24-45	207	3	29	48-235	4.9	23-34	274	1	+3
UConn	15	35-156	4.5	19-32	253	2	21	27-28	1.0	27-54	306	4	0
at UAB	23	39-107	2.7	21-30	227	4	13	35-38	1.1	12-30	187	4	+3
Cincinnati	25	42-147	3.5	25-32	326	2	14	34-108	3.2	11-29	142	1	0
E Carolina	21	38-130	3.4	22-42	252	3	19	48-145	3.0	11-20	174	6	-1
Tulane	25	37-114	3.1	24-42	283	2	33	25-59	2.4	43-72	388	6	+2
at S Mississippi	21	33-126	3.8	25-42	293	3	20	36-61	1.7	18-32	300	7	+2
Army	20	28-126	4.5	23-34	307	2	16	55-137	2.5	10-25	111	6	-2
at Houston	20	49-156	3.2	13-34	216	4	11	29-29	1.0	14-34	147	3	+4
Colo St (Bowl)	17	24-76	3.2	24-37	321	1	22	50-157	3.1	13-28	158	5	-1
TOTALS	239	433-1553	3.6	258-426	3143	31	223	445-1036	2.3	217-425	2625	54	+11
AVERAGES	19.9	36-129	3.6	22-36	262	2.6	18.6	37-86	2.3	18-35	219	4.5	0.9

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	+1'	38-14	W	at Kentucky	-3	24-38	L	Kentucky	+10	34-68	L	at Kentucky	-3	56-28	W	Kentucky	+5'	40-34	W
at Penn St	+20	7-24	W	at Utah	-4	21-27	L	at Utah	+16	22-45	L	Tenn-Chatt	NL	58-30	-	Grambling	NL	52-0	-
Baylor	-1	13-14	L	at Illinois	-6	26-14	W	at Illinois	+6'	35-9	W	Illinois	-12	36-41	L	at Florida St	+33'	0-31	W
at Michigan St	+5'	30-20	W	Penn St	+21	21-57	L	Boston College	+6'	52-28	W	Oklahoma	-1	21-42	L	Connecticut	-30	41-22	L
S Mississippi	-3'	7-24	L	at Oklahoma	+7'	14-35	L	Cincinnati	-14	62-19	W	E Michigan	-23	45-10	W	at UAB	+1'	38-17	W
at Tulane	-6'	23-20	L	at S Mississippi	+14	24-42	L	at S Mississippi	+6	21-56	L	at Memphis	-14	52-59	L	Cincinnati	-6	38-24	W
N Illinois	-29	27-3	L	Tulane	+1'	33-64	L	at Tulane	+16	22-28	W	at Memphis	-2'	32-31	L	E Carolina	-1	25-28	L
Cincinnati	-7	7-10	L	Houston	-3	22-36	L	Memphis	-13	35-32	L	Houston	-4'	39-33	W	Tulane	-14	35-32	L
Memphis	-10	13-10	L	E Carolina	+2'	31-45	L	W Kentucky	NL	63-34	-	UAB	-14	23-14	L	at S Mississippi	+13'	49-28	W
at N Carolina	+22'	10-28	W	at Cincinnati	+13'	9-28	L	at E Carolina	-3	63-45	W	at Cincinnati	-1	23-13	W	Army	-19	38-17	W
at Houston	-1'	7-38	L	at Memphis	+10	20-21	W	Army	-8	35-23	W	S Mississippi	+5	27-30	W	at Houston	-11	32-13	W

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Tulane appeared well stocked at this position as I wrote the magazine. Unfortunately, the months prior to the season were not kind. Returning starting RB Toney Converse was suspended for the season after rushing for 366 yards (4.1) as a junior. Michael Burks led Auburn in rushing in '98 and appeared to be a big time transfer was also suspended and opted to transfer to a JUCO. Super frosh signee Ronald McClendon (PS#42), who has world class speed, did not make grades. That left the starting job to Jeff Sanchez, who started the first 2 games but finished the year with only 73 yards (2.8). Sanchez moved to DB this spring. Melwede Moore, a true frosh, emerged as the most dominant Tulane back in years. Moore was the CUSA Frosh of the Year and his 890 yards rushing (5.1) was the best here since 1970. He was #2 in CUSA in rushing despite being hobbled by an ankle injury. Moore missed the ULL game and was bothered by his injury vs SM, Army & L'ville. In those 4 games he combined for just 138 yards rushing and only 2.8 p.p. In the other 7 games, when healthy, Moore was dominant with 752 yards and a 6.0 p.p. and he would have topped 100 in all 7 but lost one yard late vs Navy to finish with 99. Moore signed a baseball contract with the San Diego Padres with whom he was a 4th round DC and will play minor league baseball over the summer and did not participate in contact drills during the spring. Brant

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 Tulane had to replace 3 starters and implemented some new defensive schemes that were aimed at taking away the run and forcing teams to pass. Tulane dropped to #110 in my pass efficiency defense rankings. Last year they returned 4 starters and while they were torched at times they still managed to climb up in the rankings to #69, allowing 54.0% with an 18-11 ratio. They have one star available in Llynaris Elpheague, who is a VHT (PS#30WR), and started the last 6 games as a true frosh and had 14 pbu. He should have an even bigger sophomore season. They must replace SS Sam Knight (9 sts, 44 tklis, 6 flt), CB Tim Carter (6 sts, 33 tklis, 6 pbu), CB Ky Joseph (10 sts, 39 tklis, 10 pbu) and CE

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane ranked #14 in my special teams rankings in 1997 but surprisingly fell to #64 in their undefeated season. In Scelfo's first year they finished #76 but made significant improvement last year to #36 and have two of the best kickers in the country. Casey Roussel got off to a slow start in his first year as a punter, averaging 37.9 in the first 3 games of 1999 but then had an incredible finish and actually ended up with a 44.2 average for the year. He matched the 44.2 average again last year with a super net of 40.3 and deservedly was 1st Team CUSA. Seth Marler hit 15 of 21 FG's as a true frosh and was 2nd Team CUSA with a long of 51. He has a powerful leg. Marler then hit 16 of 21 FG's last year and while his long was "just" 48 three of his misses were from 50+. He was perfect from inside the 40. John Wilson averaged 8.4 on PR's in 1999 and 8.6 last year but he departs. Wilson also led the team in KR's last year with a 20.8 average. The return numbers were not overwhelming last year and could improve. Clearly this looks like one of the best special team units, not only in CUSA, but in the NCAA. Check Page 7 to see if they made my Top 20.

It's hard to believe that this Tulane team was actually in the SEC from 1933 to 1965, winning 3 titles. Chris Scelfo stepped into the worst possible situation 3 years ago, taking over a team that was 12-0 the prior year but had massive graduation losses on both sides of the ball. After facing zero ranked teams in 1998 they faced 4 in 1999. They went from averaging 45 ppg on offense down to just 25.4. Last year I called them the most improved team in the country. The Greenies went from a 3-8 record to becoming bowl eligible at 6-5. Only one coach since 1982 has had 2 consecutive winning seasons here but in 5 years of CUSA play, they are 16-14 SU and last year they led CUSA champ Louisville 25-20 in the 4Q. The Greenies have some things going for them this year in the fact that they have 5 players that make my Preseason 1st Team CUSA which is the most in the conference. Tulane also has 44 lettermen returning which is the second highest in the league, and lose just 17 lettermen, the 2nd

lowest. With 12 starters back they look like they are strongly improved once again. On offense they return QB Patrick Ramsey, RB Mewelde Moore and WR Roydell Williams along with a veteran offensive front which should be the ingredients for the most potent offense in CUSA this year. Also look for the Wave to be vastly upgraded on the defensive side of the ball as fifteen players with starting experience from last year return. Although they have just 3 CUSA home games, Tulane should have its second consecutive winning season and will contend for the CUSA Title.

DEFENSE

DE FLOYD DORSEY JR. 6-0 248 PS#83. 7 sts as true, 39 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl, 11 sts
ly, 54 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Alar Battard (6-2 245 So) PS#153, 12 tkls as rF, added 23 lbs.
DL LONNIE CRAYTON SO. 6-3 280 PS#96. 5 sts as true, 18 tkls, 1.5 tfl, added 10 lbs.
Marlon Tickle (6-1 238 Jr) PS#343. 3 sts as true, 24 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 sts ly, 16 tkls, 2 tfl, added 10 lbs.
DL ROXIE SHELVIN JR. 6-2 272 2 sts as rF, 17 tkls, 1 tfl, 11 sts ly, 36 tkls, 5.5 tfl
Added 23 lbs. Terence Tarver (6-1 269 So) PS#152. 4 games as rF. Alvin Smith (6-3 303 Fr).
DE KENAN BLACKMON JR. 6-5 250 8 sts as rF, 40 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl, 8 sts ly, 39 tkls
8.5 tfl. Glenn Lemoine (6-3 252 Sr) PS#189. 3 sts as true, 31 tkls, 3 starts ly, 24 tkls, 4.5 tfl.
OLB David Dorsey Sr. 6-1 224 10 tkls in '98, 22 tkls, 2 tfl in 1999, 2 starts las-
year, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. Daniel Nevil (6-1 213 So) had 1 start, 41 tkls as rF, 1 tfl, 11 games, 1 pbu.
MLB Nick Simpson So. 6-3 215 PS#185, 19 tkls, 3 tfl at Oklahoma as true.
Missed spg (inj). Emmanuel Sewell (6-1 230 So) PS#189, 7 gms as rF, 1 tkl, run stuffer.
OLB Wes Heath So. 6-0 195 PS#102DB, 1 start as true, 16 tkls, 8 games.
David Dunlap (6-3 208 Jr) 5 tkls, 6 games. Chris Washington (6-2 225 Jr) had 1 tackle in 1999.
CB LYNNAR ELPHAGE SO. 5-9 156 PS#30WR, 6 sts as true (last 6), 44 tkls, 3 int.
14 pbu, Jamal Jones (5-11 189 Sr) track team, 1 st & 56 tkls in '99, 2 int, 7 pbu in 1 start ly.
CB Jeff Sanchez Jr. 5-10 169 PS#125RB, 4 starts at DB in '99, 2 int, 4 pbu, 1
start at RB, 85 yards, 2 starts at RB ly, 101 yds. Fred Brown (5-9 183 Jr) PS#98, GT trans.
SS Terry Fontenot Jr. 5-11 203 PS#225, 11 tkls as true, 1 st at CB ly, 40 tkls, 2 tfl
2 pbu. Darivon Bracy (5-10 191 So) PS#107RB, 2 yds in 4 games ly. Trawick Boger is PS#89OB.
FS ADRIAN MITCHELL JR. 5-10 193 18 tkls as true, 4 starts at FS, 89 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu.
ly. Quentin Brown (5-9 160 Jr) PS#86, 5 sks as true, 50 tkls, 6 pbu, 9 sis ly, 62 tkls, 4 pbu.
P CASEY ROUSSEL SR. 6-1 223 55 punts as soph, spear 44.2 average (46.2
average over the last 8 games). 59 punts last year, 44.2 average. 1st mt CUSA, net of 40.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Tristram Smith 6-0 185 PS#40
RB Jeff Sanders 6-0 205 PS#76
WB Fred Perkins 6-3 215 PS#83
DB Brandon Spincer 6-2 215 PS#99
DL Brandon Rottmayer 6-5 240 PS#124
WR Bruce Youmans 5-10 175 PS#116
QB Trawick Boger 6-1 190 PS#89
DB Cletus McGee 6-1 190 PS#135
OL Kase Kemper 6-4 275 PS#168
QB Ray Asch 6-3 232 PS#134
LB Chris Williams 6-3 215 PS#172
OL Chris McGee 6-4 255 PS#210
DB Gerald Brobbey 5-9 180 PS#202
OL Matt Traina 6-3 258 PS#236
OL Joe Traina 6-3 262 PS#241

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TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

TU is 13-21-1 ATS off a SU win since 1991.
Tulane is 8-2 ATS since 1994 vs current WAC schools.
Green Wave is 1-9-2 ATS vs Memphis since 1987.
TU is 4-1 ATS overall vs Houston but has covered the last 4.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at LSU	G												
Sep. 8	E Carolina	A												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	UCF	A												
Sep. 29	Southern	A												
Oct. 6	at Cincinnati	A												
Oct. 13	TCU (HC)	A												
Oct. 20	at UAB	G												
Oct. 27	at Army	A												
Nov. 3	Louisville	A												
Nov. 10	at Navy	G												
Nov. 17	at S Mississippi	G												
Nov. 24														

Green Wave is 25-31 ATS in September since 1985 but 5-2 L2Y.
Tulane is 10-2 ATS in their road opener but have lost the last 2 yrs.
Greenies are 28-41-3 ATS overall on artificial turf since 1991.
Tulane is 14-3 ATS the week before a bye since 1989.

Tulane is 3-9-1 ATS the week after a bye.
Green Wave is 10-5-1 ATS the last 4 years as a home favorite.
The Southern Jaguars finished 6-5 SU LY but had 3 losses by 4 or less.
This won't be lined but TU is 7-11 ATS in their 2nd straight HG.

Tulane is 5-0 ATS vs the Bearcats since 1990, 10-2 SU all-time.
Green Wave is 11-26-1 ATS their last 38 as a dog of 10' or less.

Tulane's last meeting with TCU was a 35-7 blowout win in 1996.
TU is 5-9 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1988.

Last meeting with UAB was in '99 & UAB beat Tulane 23-20 as a 3 pt fav.
Strange but true: Wave is 4-11 ATS the week after Homecoming.

TU has covered 7 of 9 times in their 2nd straight away game.
Green Wave is 2-11 ATS their last 13 vs Service Academies.

Tulane is 5-3 SU in the all-time series & 3-1 ATS the last 4.
Green Wave is 2-6-2 ATS in their last 10 home finales.

Tulane has been sunk 8 straight times ATS by Navy.
Pending last week, TU is 11-16-3 ATS in November since 1989.

The home team is 5-1 ATS the last 6 years.
Tulane is 7-14 ATS vs S Mississippi dating back to 1980.

STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,767)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-9	7-4	11-0	3-8	6-5	32-45
ATS	3-7-1	4-7	5-5-1	7-3-1	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	36-37-4
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	1-2	2-0-1	4-2	2-2	2-1	12-8-1
Home Dog	1-3	0-4	2-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	5-10-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-2	0-0	0-2	6-4
Away Dog	2-3-1	3-3	2-3	1-1	0-0	2-4	3-1	13-15-1
Favorite	0-1	1-0	1-2	5-0-1	7-4	2-2	2-3	18-12-1
Dog	3-6-1	3-7	4-3-1	2-3	0-0	2-4-1	4-2	18-25-3
Grass	1-3-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-3	3-2	12-14-1
Artificial	2-4	2-5	4-3-1	6-2-1	5-3	2-3-1	3-3	24-23-3
vs CUSA	0-2-1	0-3	3-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3-1	5-2	17-16-3
vs Non-CUSA	3-5	4-4	2-3-1	3-2	4-1	2-3	1-3	19-21-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-3-1	6-4	1-2	2-3	13-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-5	3-4-1	4-0	0-0	3-3-1	4-1	20-18-2

Coach: CHRIS SCELFO (Career 10-13)
Scelfo's records AT TULANE

3rd Year at Tulane	4-3	Home Favorite
10-13 Straight Up	1-1-1	Home Underdog
10-11-1 Vs The Spread	0-2	Away Favorite
7-4-1 Off A S/U Loss	5-5	Away Underdog
7-5-1 Vs Conference	3-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Bluebonnet	NL	Houston	7-47	-
79	Liberty	+2'	Penn St	6-9	L
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34	L
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24	L
98	Liberty	-7	BYU	41-27	W

TULANE (6-5) USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6* Returning: 44 (18,24,2)
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 17 (6,10,1)

LETTERMEN:



TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
7*	29.9	25	129	3.6	324	56.9	15.2	-2	2000	11	31.5	22	178	4.5	256	54.0	13.8											
8	25.4	23	93	2.9	327	58.6	16.6	-10	1999	3	36.3	21	244	5.1	206	60.0	12.4											
10*	45.0	27	207	4.8	302	67.1	11.3	+17	1998	6	24.6	21	160	4.2	261	57.6	17.1											
3*	34.1	21	183	4.7	236	55.0	12.3	+12	1997	7	20.5	19	148	3.8	208	53.5	17.4											
10*	19.4	16	127	3.4	162	48.7	14.9	+5	1996	8	24.4	21	200	4.1	178	60.3	15.5											
8*	17.0	16	104	3.0	170	49.6	16.1	+4	1995	8	27.6	20	159	3.6	206	61.8	13.3											

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Mississippi	21	35-120	3.4	17-39	204	3		18	35-118	3.4	19-31	306	0		-1
at E Carolina	28	53-188	3.5	20-35	299	6		26	44-247	5.6	13-33	258	1		-2
at SMU	23	26-104	4.0	35-53	392	1		20	28-116	4.1	27-49	264	1		+1
Cincinnati	19	30-119	4.0	22-35	299	1		23	52-155	3.0	18-32	195	4		+1
at Louisiana-Lit	28	31-138	4.5	32-49	410	1		19	41-159	3.9	17-35	291	1		-3
S Mississippi	24	49-138	2.8	22-50	260	4		17	35-256	7.3	15-24	224	2		-2
at Army	21	38-164	4.3	23-43	268	0		20	40-221	5.5	21-34	171	1		-1
at Louisville	33	25-59	2.4	43-72	388	6		25	39-95	2.4	24-40	283	3		-2
Houston	26	35-142	4.1	19-33	309	0		22	38-146	3.8	25-45	248	5		-2
Navy	24	29-125	4.3	26-41	380	0		36	56-362	6.5	24-43	362	2		+4
Memphis	27	40-123	3.1	29-56	360	1		19	26-85	3.3	24-54	216	3		+5
TOTALS	274	391-1420	3.6	288-506	3569	23		245	434-1960	4.5	227-420	2818	23		-2
AVERAGES	24.9	36-129	3.6	26-46	324	2.1		22.3	39-178	4.5	21-38	256	2.1		-0.2

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+13	34-14	W	Cincinnati	+8'	31-17	W	at Cincinnati	-3	52-34	W	at S Mississippi	+10	14-48	L	at Mississippi	+19	20-49	L
Rice	-5'	14-21	L	Rice	+3'	24-30	L	at SMU	-7	31-21	W	SMU	-3'	53-19	W	at E Carolina	+21	17-37	W
at Memphis	+4	10-17	L	at Syracuse	+23	19-30	W	Navy	-22	42-24	L	Army	-14	48-28	W	at SMU	+1	29-17	W
TCU	-2'	35-7	W	Army	-6	41-0	W	S Mississippi	-3	21-7	W	at Syracuse	+14'	17-47	L	Cincinnati	-3'	24-19	W
Louisville	+6'	20-23	W	at Louisville	-1'	64-33	W	Louisville	-16'	28-22	L	at Mississippi	+12	13-20	W	at Louisiana-Lit	-20'	38-37	L
at Army	+6'	10-34	L	E Carolina	-10	33-16	W	at Rutgers	-19	52-24	W	Louisiana-Lit	-27'	48-32	L	S Mississippi	+14	24-56	L
S Mississippi	+12	28-31	W	at S Mississippi	+7	13-34	L	SW Louisiana	-36'	72-20	W	at E Carolina	+10'	7-52	L	at Army	-4	17-21	L
Houston	-1	17-20	L	at SW Louisiana	-25'	56-0	W	at Memphis	-16	41-31	L	Memphis	E	7-49	L	at Louisville	+14	32-35	W
Syracuse	+24	7-31	T	Memphis	-12	26-14	T	at Army	-16	49-35	L	at Houston	+13'	31-36	W	Houston	-2	41-23	W
at Navy	+13	21-35	L	Mississippi	E	24-41	L	Houston	-16	48-20	W	at Navy	+8'	21-45	L	Navy	-13'	50-38	L
at LSU	+24	17-35	W	at Houston	-10	44-10	W	Louisiana Tech	-12	63-30	W	UAB	+3	20-23	T	Memphis	+2	37-14	W

CINCINNATI BEARCATS



RB Ray Jackson looks to break the 1000 yard mark after rushing for 869 in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Bearcats lose a good one in Deontay Kenner, who leaves as the school's all-time career leader in total offense. Kenner was injured and missed two games and parts of others last year but still threw for 1,906 yards (51.3%) with a 10-9 ratio while also rushing for 84 yards. None of the returning QB's have Kenner's running ability. Adam Hoover was a JUCO transfer who got in 2 starts and played in 5 games. He led the team to their highest offensive production of the year when they rolled up 530 yards vs Houston. On the season he threw for 665 yards (51.5%) with a 3-6 ratio. Keep in mind that Hoover will be receiving the majority of the reps in practice and should easily improve on his stats. Luis Gonzalez (6-2 185 So) was PS#80 and backed up Hoover in his two starts. John Leonard (6-2 195 Jr) was Robert Drewery's (starting WR) QB at JUCO in '98 and threw for 2,765 yards (62.5%) with 31 TD's that season. He went to Arizona in '99 where he guided the Sun Devils to a comeback upset of UCLA, throwing for 340 yards (39.2%) with a 1-4 ratio in 10 games there. He spent last year here with the scout team. UC also signed 4 true frosh who could contend. Minter is ecstatic that Gino Guidugli (PS#47) turned down both ND and Kentucky to stay at home and says he could start as a true frosh! With the loss of a top-notch QB like Kenner this unit looks weaker in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - If you've followed UC football recently it is normal for a RB to emerge late in the season and dominate the last few games. The last to do so was DeMarco McCleskey who averaged 175 ypg over the final four games in 1998. He was forced to sit out in 1999 but returned last year. He did miss 2 games due to injury but still rushed for 572 yards (4.1). McCleskey is an elusive back with deceptive speed and good size. He also had streaks of 187 and 141 carries without a fumble. Ray Jackson is a power back who started at Michigan before getting injured and transferring to UC in 1998. He was the scout team MVP here in 1999 and last year led the team in rushing with 869 yards (4.0) despite being suspended for the season finale. They do lose starting FB Lloyd Garden (PS#75) who had 316 career rushing yards. Returning is short, but powerful, Charles Spencer who had 130 yards rushing last year (2.7) after rushing for 1,530 yards and 12 TD's at Missouri Western in '97 & '98. They have eliminated the FB position in the new spread offense. Nathan Wize (5-6 193 Sr) was PS#119 and has 251 career rushing yards. Joe Harrison (5-11 250 Jr) was PS#143 but has seen only limited action. David Harris (5-10 209 So) was PS#163 and runs 10.5 in the 100M. With everyone back and added talent, this unit looks solidly improved and should be one of CUSA's best.

RECEIVERS - In 1999, deflected passes off receivers' hands cost Kenner 9 int's but the unit was solidly improved last year with all the starters returning. They did lose LaDaris Vann to suspension 5 games into the season and he did not return until the final few games. This year there are some losses. Jason Collins-Baker departs as one of only 11 UC players to top 100 career receptions. Also gone is Antonio Chatman who led the team with 49 rec's (13.3). The majority of the WR's in the two deep below have good size and speed. They also must replace solid blocking TE Ashley Hunt who was a two year starter and had 18 rec's (9.8). Cincy signed a JUCO TE in addition to moving a DL over to help as well. Tyrone Keith is speedy (4.45 40) and figures to nab one starting spot after having 35 rec's (13.5) last year. Vann is back

and will contend for CUSA honors. With the move to the spread offense they signed 3 true frosh WR's who could play right away. Top recruit Kevin Hazel (PS#44) chose UC over several Big 10 schools and should have a major impact. Even with the loss of three starters, this unit was underwhelming last year but could be stronger, especially with Vann on hand all year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Bearcats O-line was comprised of 2 Jr's, 2 Soph's and a Frosh that helped pave the way for a school record in total offense and only allowed 8 sacks, the lowest in the NCAA. Last year all 5 starters returned although one lost his starting spot to Mich St transfer Shawn Murphy. The unit was solid again, allowing just 18 sacks although the ypc rushing dropped from 4.5 to 3.4 which was unexpected. Last year's O-line averaged 6-4 299 and this year's is 6-2 292 across the front with 71 career starts between them and that number will go up if LG Andy Weinheimer (8 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA ly) returns from suspension. His status for the fall is very questionable. They must replace starting C Doug Rosfeld (12 sts, 1st Tm CUSA 2 straight years, 3 yr str) as well as backup LT Mike Love (8 sts in '99, 2nd string ly) and possibly Weinheimer. While this looks like a very solid group, it's not quite as experienced as last year and will be weaker with the loss of their star.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bearcats' defense was, in one word, horrendous in 1998, allowing 240 ypg rushing and 5.8 ypc. In 1999 they switched to a less aggressive 4-3 that didn't take as many chances and even though they had to replace all 4 starters and 2 backups, they improved to allowing 207 ypg (4.4) but recorded just 11 sacks. Last year all 13 lettermen returned, 9 of whom had started 2 or more games. As expected, the defense was much tougher, allowing just 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. They have a big loss this year in DT Mario Mondos (#6 DC of WAS) who had 9 starts, 8 tfl, 4.5 sks and was 2nd Team CUSA. Also lost are DT Greg Lee (2 sts, 10 tfls), DE Kirk Gibbs (1 st, 13 tfls) and DE Montrell Mitchell (4 tfls). I list the 2 deep below and already have large JUCO DT Matt Tupola plugged in at one starter's spot even though he does not arrive until the fall. This is basically the 3rd year together for these guys and DE Antwan Peek is the star after leading the team in sacks, tfl's, hurries and QB hits last year. Despite the loss of an NFL caliber DT like Mondos, this unit should be even tougher in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Back in the early '90's UC used to field one of the top LB corps in the country on a yearly basis but in '98 and '99 were very inexperienced, which was one of the primary reasons that the Bearcats' defense struggled. Last year they were in great shape as all 3 starters returned. The Bearcats' defense made great strides. They must replace 4 players who combined to make 290 tackles and accounted for 33 of 36 starts. Gone are OLB Isaac Thomas (12 sts, 57 tfls, 5 int), OLB Troy Evans (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2nd Tm CUSA, 10 tfls), MLB Eddie Johnson (9 sts, #3 tkl'r, 8 tfl) and LB Antonio Davis (51 tfls, 5 int). They have 2 players returning with starting experience and bring in a top-notch JUCO who should start immediately. While this could turn out to be a pretty solid group it will not be as strong as last year's veteran unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Minter has fielded some outstanding secondaries that ranked as high as #9 and #24 in '96 and '97. In 1998 they plummeted to #109 and in 1999 moved up a little to #84. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 3 players returning with starting experience. The Bearcats' defense was much improved overall and it showed in their pass defense rankings as they climbed to #58, allowing 58.7% with a 15-20 ratio. This year their top 5 CB's all return but they lose the bulk of their safeties in FS DeJuan Gossett (11 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, #2 tkl'r, 3 int), SS Gerry Ruff (6 sts, 63 tfls, 2 int) and SS Freddy Smith (6 sts, 15 tfls, 1 int). Blue Adams was not 100% after recovering from an injury last year and was a backup CB but should do fine in the SS slot. I'm very high on Kelton Lindsay, a rare VHT for UC that is an Ohio St transfer. He did miss last year recovering from knee surgery but should win the starting FS job. This group actually has more experience than last year's and I look for improvement in the rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 FG kicking was a weak area for the Bearcats as they hit just 7 of 20 FG's and Minter called it "the worst I've been around." With the same two kickers from 1999, UC simply had the top FG kicking in the country with Jonathan Ruffin winning the Lou Groza Award by hitting 26 of 29 FG's with a long of 42 and Jason Mammarelli (PS#31) hitting 3 of 3 FG's, all from 40+, including the game winner vs Syracuse and the kick that sent the Wisconsin game to OT. Ruffin's 12 straight FG's set a school record and he was also named Special Teams POY in CUSA, the 3rd time in 5 years a UC player has accomplished that feat. UC tied an NCAA record with 29 FG's during the regular season. Mammarelli also handled the KO's and the Bearcats were solid once again, allowing just 17.5 per return with a lot of touchbacks. Ruffin takes over the long FG and kickoff responsibilities this

CINCINNATI 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING											
	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ray Jackson	215	950	81	869	6	4.0					
DeMarco McCleskey	141	601	29	572	6	4.1					
Charles Spencer	48	147	17	130	0	2.7					
Lloyd Garden	20	89	4	85	0	4.3					
Deontey Kenner	32	84	78	6	2	0.2					
PASSING											
	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Deontey Kenner	304	156	51.3	1906	10	9					
Adam Hoover	103	53	51.5	665	3	6					
RECEIVING											
	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Antonio Chatman	49	651	13.3	2	36						
Jason Collins-Baker	36	361	10.0	2	25						
Tyrone Keith	35	472	13.5	2	61						
LaDaris Vann	26	332	12.8	2	35						
PUNTING											
	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	IN20				
Adam Wulfeck	61	2492	40.9	-	34.4	2	20				
KICKING											
	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Jonathan Ruffin	12-13	12-13	2-3	0-0	26-29	42					
PLAYER											
	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
Troy Evans	109	4.5	5	3	2	Ivan Fields	47	0	3	0	1
D. Gossett	93	1	2	1	3	LaVar Glover	42	0	2	8	1
E. Johnson	73	4	4	2	1	D. Adams	40	2.5	3	4	0
Gerry Ruff	63	0	1	1	2	W. Edwards	38	1	1	1	2
I. Thomas	59	1	4	1	0	A. Peek	40	9.5	4	6	1
A. Davis	51	1	4	1	1	A. Thomas	30	0	2	5	3
K. Thompson	43	1	7	3	1	Mario Mondos	26	4.5	8	3	0
PUNT RETURNS											
	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
A. Chatman	23	177	7.7	0	A. Chatman	24	476	19.8	0		

year as Mammarelli has graduated. P Adam Wulfeck has been 2nd Team CUSA in both of the last 2 years. In 1999 he led CUSA with a net of 39.4. While his average dropped to 40.9 this past year, he had 2 blocked and finished with a net of just 34.4. He should return to 1999's form with a bit more help. They lose their top returnman in Antonio Chatman who averaged 19.8 on KR's and 7.7 on PR's. They should be able to find a capable replacement for him. This unit usually does well under Minter, finishing #12 in 1997 and #29 in 1998 but has slipped to #59 and #68 over the last 2 years. They clearly have the potential to move back into the Top 25 this year.



DE Antwan Peek got a good look at opposing QB's LY with 9.5 sacks.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year the Bearcats' 5-2 finish in CUSA play put them in a 2nd place tie, their highest finish ever in the 5 years of CUSA. Coming into the year UC was picked 6th in the preseason CUSA poll. Cincinnati won all six games at Nippert Stadium which got a new playing surface last year (they installed Field Turf). While the Bearcats did get to a bowl game their offense was a little disappointing. In 1999 they averaged 424 ypg and had 10 starters back including their QB but managed just 352 ypg in 2000 although the ppg remained almost the same thanks to a +12 in the turnover ratio. That brings in a change in OC to Dave Baldwin, who was head coach at San Jose St and guided them to a 7-5 record last year. He is bringing his spread offense with him. Last year I called Cincy one of the most improved teams in the country and they went from just 3-8 to a bowl game with a unit that had 18 returning starters and lost just 10 lettermen. As mentioned, they caught some breaks with turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround on page 277) and also trailed in the 4Q in 5 different games but they rebounded to win 4, losing one in OT. This year the losses are much heavier as the 26 lettermen that depart are the 2nd most in CUSA and the 10 returning starters are the 2nd lowest. The Bearcats do have some talent returning and not only do they have 9 players that make my 1st 3 Teams of CUSA, including honorable mentions, they also have 18 players total on my list, which happens to top the conference (see my 2001 College Football Scorebook for a complete list). Despite the large losses this year the Bearcats have a soft enough non-conference slate to flip with another winning record.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Kevin Hazel	6-0 197	PS#44
QB Gino Guidugli	6-4 205	PS#47
LB Trent Cole	6-4 220	PS#92
WR Derrick Ross	6-0 175	PS#107
LB Jason Hunt	6-3 230	PS#76JC
QB Bill Faulkner	6-5 185	PS#90
WR Justin LaForgia	6-5 210	PS#127
RB Jon Zwiit	6-1 200	PS#192
QB George Murray	6-2 190	PS#126
OL Ryan Brown	6-2 290	PS#191
LB Jamie Wimmer	6-4 275	PS#200
RB Carl Jones	5-10 180	PS#266
DL Sean Cahill	6-3 217	PS#312
TE Dennis Hart	6-3 217	PS#335JC
QB Kenwood Lattimore	6-4 208	PS#240

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Adam Hoover Sr. 6-1 201 Orig at BYU in 95. Mission & JUCO. 2345 yds at JC in 99. 2 sts, 5 yds here ly, 665 yds (52%), 3-6 ratio. **Gino Guidugli** (6-4 205) PS#47. **RB RAY JACKSON SR.** 6-1 216 PS#127 & 1st at Michigan in 98 (inj'd). Scout tm MVP here in 99. 10 sts ly, 869 yds (4.0). **DeMarco McCleskey** 11 sts, 1433 yds (4.7) in 2 yr career. **WR Robert Drewery Jr.** 6-0 181 PS#182JC. 7 sts here, 11 rec (14.9) solid size, speed combo. **Jon Olinger** (6-3 212 Jr) 8 rec, 2YV. **Daven Holly** (5-11 171 Jr) travel squad ly. **WR LaDaris Vann Jr.** 5-9 193 PS#104DB. 8 sts as true, 37 rec (14.8) CUSA co-Frosh of Yr. 9 yds ly (susp) 26 rec (12.8). **Reuben Dunbar** (5-9 184 Jr) PS#104RB. 4.5 speed. **WR Tyrone Keith Jr.** 5-8 181 Scout tm POY in 98. 12 rec in 6 games as rF (inj). #3 rec in 2000, 5 sts, 35 rec (13.5). **Tim Walker** (5-11 190 Sr) 4.45, 11 rec in 2 yrs. **TE JR Deatherage Sr.** 6-4 238 31 rec (12.9), JC in 99. 12 yds ly, 2 rec, solid blk'r. **Dennis Hart** PS#335JC. 32 rec (21.1) at JC ly. **Joe Hamilton** 4 sts on DL in 2Y. **C Shneyderov So.** 6-2 280 380 bench. 2nd string C in 2000 and lettered, CUSA Frosh Tm, 1270 leg press as rF. **Matt Mercer** (6-3 305 rF) PS#249OL. Added 25 lbs. **RG KIRT DOOLIN JR.** 6-4 303 PS#221OL. 4 sts as true at RT. 3 starts at LT in 99 then inj'd & RS. 7 sts in 2000, 460 bench, 29 reps 225. **Ricardo Robledo** (6-2 270 Jr) JC. **LG DeWayne JOHNSTON SR.** 6-1 306 6 games as rF. 10 starts at RG in 99. 6 starts ly, 2 letters. **Ted Forrest** (6-3 291 Sr) PS#129. 3 sts in '98 & '99 and 3 starts ly, 1330 leg press. **RT JOSH GARDNER JR.** 6-4 286 Signed in '98, re-enrolled in 99, 11 sts at RT as true, CUSA Frosh Tm. 12 sts ly, 420 bench, 25 reps 225. **Clint Stickdon** (6-6 274 rF) PS#200TE. **LT SHAWN MURPHY SR.** 6-4 286 PS#108 & orig at Mich St. Sat out after transfer in 99. 12 sts here ly, Newcomer Award. **Adam Shorter** (6-6 297 rF) PS#228OL, +16 lbs. **K JONATHAN RUFFIN JR.** 5-10 185 PS#57. 5 of 12 FG's, L46 as true, +6 Groza Award Winner ly hitting 26 of 29 FG's, L42. Lose long FG man Mammarelli, 3 of 3 L47.

DE ANTWAN PEEK JR. 6-2 235 Recruited as a WR. 5 tfls as true. RS in 99. 12 sts ly. **Top DL Award**, 40 tfls, 9.5 sks, 6 pbu. **Ben Pining** (6-5 270 Jr) 6 sts in 98 as true. 3 sts in 99. RS ly. **DT Matt Tupola Jr.** 6-2 340 4.5 sks, 10 tfl at JUCO in 2000. Solid size. **Dan Wortman** (6-2 276 Sr) 2 sts in 99, 4 tfls, 2 tfls in 2000, 390 bench, 1390 leg press. **DT KIRK THOMPSON SR.** 6-1 260 PS#106LB. 6 starts in 99, 26 tfls, 2 tfl, 354 plays. 12 sts ly, 43 tfls, 3 tfl. **DeMarcus Billings** (6-0 259 Jr) PS#227 Inj'd in 99 RS. 12 tfls, 1 tfl ly. **DE DERRICK ADAMS JR.** 6-0 242 PS#102LB. 6 sts in 99, 28 tfls, 3 tfl, 9 sts ly, 40 tfls. 2.5 sks, 400 bench. **Darryll Ransom** (6-1 260 Jr) 6 sts in 99, 13 tfls, 2Y. **Dante Elliott** 9 sts in 98 & 99. **OLB Willis Edwards Jr.** 5-11 227 10.9 in 100m. Scout tm Def POY in '98. 116 plays, 25 tfls in 99. 2 sts ly, 38 tfls, 2 int, 2 tfl. **Akanni Turner** (6-1 200 rF) PS#282LB, +20 lbs. **MLB Lewis Carter Sr.** 6-2 230 PS#240DB. 28 tfls, 2 tfls as true. 4 sts, 44 tfls, 4 tfl in 99. 1 st, 29 tfls ly. **Mark Masterson** (5-10 222 Jr) 2 tfls last year. **Dayton transfer.** **OLB Jason Hunt Jr.** 6-3 230 PS#76JUCO. 102 tfls, 4 sks, 10 tfl at JC in 2000. **Ken Wynne** (6-1 225 Sr). PQ in '98, 5 games, 7 tfls in '99. 8 tfls, 8 games in 2000. **CB LaVar GLOVER SR.** 5-10 178 4.42 spd, fastest DB here, 20 tfls in 98 & 99, 12 starts ly, 42 tfls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 8 pbu. **Zach Norton** (6-0 181 So) 4.46 spd, 10 tfls, 1 int as true. **CB IVAN FIELDS JR.** 5-11 182 10.7 in 100m, 2 sts in 99, 324 plays, 62 tfls, 8 pbu. 8 yds ly, 47 tfls, 3 tfl. **Anthony Thomas** (6-0 170 Sr) JUCO. 4.42 spd, 4 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu ly. **SS Blue Adams Jr.** 5-10 184 PS#93DB. 4 sts as true, 4 int, 3 pbu, 20 tfls, CUSA Frosh Tm. RS in 99. Not 100% ly, 26 tfls, 4 pbu. **Aaron Butler** (6-1 187 Sr) 10 tfls in 2 years. **FS Kelton Lindsay So.** 6-1 195 PS#10RB and originally at Ohio St. 1 tkl in 99. RS last year. **Frank Lang** (5-10 187 Jr) PS#324DB. 18 tfls as rF. 1 st, 27 tfls in 2000. **P ADAM WULFECK SR.** 6-0 236 40 punts as true (39.7). 2nd Team CUSA in 1999, 54 punts (42.2), 39.4 net! 2nd Team CUSA in 2000, 61 punts (40.9), net of 34.4.

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The road team is 3-2 ATS & the dogs is 4-1 ATS in the S Miss series.
Cincy is 7-3 ATS vs the Big East since 1992.
Cats are 1-5 SU, 3-3 ATS when playing in a domed stadium.
They have been outscored 208-126 in those dome games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 2	Purdue (Sun)	A												
Sep. 8	at Army	A												
Sep. 15	UL-Monroe	A												
Sep. 22	at Miami (Oh)	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Tulane	A												
Oct. 13	at UAB	G												
Oct. 20	at Houston	G												
Oct. 27	Louisville (HC)	A												
Nov. 3	UConn	A												
Nov. 10	E Carolina	A												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24	at Memphis	G												

Cats are 17-23-1 ATS in September the last 11 years.
This will likely be the start of the Brandon Hance era at QB for Purdue.
UC lost 37-20 as a 2' pt road fav in their last trip to West Point.
Bearcats are 3-8 ATS in their last 11 road openers.
UL-Monroe's avg SU loss last year in lined games was 35.9 ppg.
UC is 8-5 ATS in their L/13 sandwiched HG's, but 2-3 ATS L/5.
The home team has covered 6 of 9 in this series.
UC is 13-11-1 ATS their L/25 gms vs current MAC schools, but 5-1 ATSL5Y.
Bearcats are 8-3 ATS their last 11 after a bye.
Cincinnati is 5-2 ATS in October the last 2 years.
UC is 3-1 SU, but UAB is 2-1 ATS in this series.
Could apply here: UC is 12-7 ATS their last 19 as an away dog.
UC is 36-18-1 ATS since '90 in their final 5 lined games of the season.
The Bearcats are 4-1 ATS in this series.
Cincinnati is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 Homecoming games.
Bearcats are 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 years vs the Cardinals.
UConn was 1-2 SU & 2-1 ATS last year on artificial turf.
Cats are 19-9-1 ATS in November since 1990, 3-0 ATS last year.
Cincy is 6-1-1 ATS in their last 8 home finales.
Pending earlier results, UC is 2-5 ATS their L/7 prior to a bye.
The favorite is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years in this matchup.
Cincy is 4-7 ATS the last 11 vs Memphis.

STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-8-1	6-5	6-5	7-4	2-9	3-8	7-4	33-43-1
ATS	3-7	8-3	6-3-1	4-7	4-7	6-4	7-4	38-35-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	3-2-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	3-1	10-8-1
Home Dog	1-3	3-0	0-0	0-1	2-4	1-2	2-0	9-10
Away Fav	0-1	2-2	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-0	5-7
Away Dog	2-3	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	14-10
Favorite	0-1	3-3	3-2-1	3-6	1-1	1-1	4-1	15-15-1
Dog	3-6	5-0	3-1	1-1	3-6	5-3	3-3	23-20
Grass	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-2	12-11
Artificial	1-5	7-1	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	2-3	6-2	26-24-1
vs CUSA	2-1	4-0	4-1	1-5	2-4	2-4	4-3	19-18
vs Non-CUSA	1-6	4-3	2-2-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	19-17-1
Off SU Win	0-1	3-2	3-1-1	1-6	1-0	1-1	5-1	14-12-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	4-1	4-1	3-0	2-5	4-3	2-2	22-16

Coach: RICK MINTER (Career 34-44-1)
Minter's records AT CINCINNATI

8th Year at Cincinnati 10-8-1 Home Favorite
34-44-1 Straight Up 9-10 Home Underdog
38-35-1 Vs The Spread 5-7 Away Favorite
22-16 Off A S/U Loss 14-10 Away Underdog
19-18 Vs Conference 19-17-1 Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
46	Sun	NL	Virginia Tech	18-16	-
50	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	13-14	-
97	Humanitarian	-2'	Utah St	35-19	W
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25	L

CINCINNATI (7-5)

CONFERENCE:
USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5 Returning: 42 (19,20,3)
DEFENSE: 5 Lost: 26 (13,12,1)

LETTERMEN:

CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE									DEFENSE								
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
10*	24.1	20	137	3.4	214	51.4	14.6	+12	2000	8	23.8	19	143	3.8	225	58.7	15.5
3*	25.0	23	172	4.5	252	53.0	17.0	+2	1999	3	26.3	20	177	4.4	207	53.4	14.6
6*	23.5	22	174	4.1	244	54.0	17.8	-17	1998	6	41.5	21	240	5.8	240	58.1	11.7
9*	26.8	18	216	3.9	121	47.3	12.6	+7	1997	6	21.0	18	82	2.8	251	50.5	15.9
5	20.7	15	181	3.7	142	50.0	15.6	+1	1996	7	19.3	16	121	2.8	157	42.1	14.4
8*	22.9	18	125	2.9	212	51.7	14.7	+5	1995	8	17.9	19	142	3.4	183	46.7	18.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
Army	25	51-198	3.9	18-29	239	0	15	34-120	3.5	14-29	123	0	0
Syracuse	17	35-155	4.4	16-35	188	1	19	37-105	2.8	21-30	221	0	+1
at Wisconsin	21	37-113	3.1	19-37	238	0	15	47-198	4.2	11-21	107	4	-1
at Indiana	22	35-114	3.3	22-45	239	2	23	46-295	6.4	10-21	221	0	+1
at Tulane	23	52-155	3.0	18-32	195	1	19	30-119	4.0	22-35	299	4	-1
Houston	28	52-262	5.0	15-25	268	2	22	29-77	2.7	31-44	326	4	-2
at Louisville	14	34-108	3.2	11-29	142	2	25	42-147	3.5	25-32	326	1	0
Miami (Oh)	18	41-182	4.4	16-29	201	1	24	42-128	3.0	20-43	261	4	+4
UAB	20	44-126	2.9	20-32	351	2	20	35-138	3.9	17-34	183	0	+2
at Memphis	14	31-66	2.1	15-33	124	2	20	42-152	3.6	20-34	203	5	+5
S Mississippi	15	36-72	2.0	20-42	197	2	18	42-138	3.3	19-34	203	5	+3
Marshall (Bowl)	24	42-96	2.3	19-39	189	3	13	30-101	3.4	17-30	221	3	0
TOTALS	241	490-1647	3.4	209-407	2571	18	233	456-1718	3.8	227-387	2694	30	+12
AVERAGES	20.1	41-137	3.4	17-34	214	1.5	19.4	38-143	3.8	19-32	225	2.5	1.0

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-13	14-34	L	Tulsa	-10'	34-24	L	Tulane	+3	34-52	L	Kent St	-19	41-3	W	Army	-14	23-17	L
Kentucky	-3'	24-3	W	at Tulane	-8'	17-31	L	Miami (Fla)	+13'	12-38	L	Troy St	NL	24-31	-	Syracuse	+7'	12-10	W
at Kansas St	+16'	0-35	L	Kansas	-3'	34-7	W	at Army	-2'	20-37	L	Wisconsin	+27	17-12	W	at Wisconsin	+14'	25-28	W
Miami (Oh)	-3	30-23	W	at Boston College	-2	24-6	W	Indiana	+3	14-48	L	at Ohio St	+33	20-34	W	at Indiana	+5	6-42	L
at Memphis	+2'	16-18	W	Memphis	-11'	20-17	L	at Louisville	+14	19-62	L	at Houston	+6'	20-23	W	at Tulane	+3'	19-24	L
Boston College	-2'	17-24	L	UAB	-17	33-29	L	at Syracuse	+42'	21-63	W	UAB	-6	21-24	L	Houston	-5	48-31	W
Houston	-2'	31-20	W	at Houston	-7'	38-41	W	at Memphis	+10'	23-41	L	at S Mississippi	+17'	20-28	W	at Louisville	+6	24-38	L
at Louisville	+7	10-7	W	at Miami (Oh)	+6'	34-31	W	Miami (Oh)	+14	0-41	L	at Miami (Oh)	+4	52-42	W	at Miami (Oh)	-5	45-15	W
at S Mississippi	+11	17-21	W	S Mississippi	+3'	17-24	L	E Carolina	+14'	21-24	W	Louisville	+1	13-23	L	UAB	-5'	33-21	W
at UAB	NL	34-14	-	Louisville	-13	28-9	W	Houston	+10	44-43	W	at E Carolina	+10	34-48	L	at Memphis	-2	13-10	W
NE Louisiana	-22	35-13	T	at E Carolina	-3	7-14	L	at Arkansas St	-4	51-7	W	Memphis	+2	13-21	L	S Mississippi	+5	27-24	W

TCU HORNEED FROGS



QB Casey Printers looks to ink a winning season and improve his 18-4 SU record as a starter.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Casey Printers (PS#34) started as a true freshman and split time with option QB Patrick Batteaux (ex-WR). Batteaux graduated last year and Printers was the main man and took practically every snap. After throwing for 1,387 yards (59%) with a 9-8 ratio as a frosh, he threw for 1,699 yards (56.6%) with a 17-8 ratio last year. Printers also rushed for 456 yards, taking over more of the option role. His best "passes" were probably his pitches to Heisman candidate LaDainian Tomlinson. Teams will no longer key on Tomlinson and those pitches, so it will be interesting to see if Printers is as effective a QB. He does, however, have the experience and could put up better numbers now that he is an upperclassman. Sean Stille (6-5 234 Jr) was the backup QB last year. He threw 4 passes in 1999 and got in 6 games last year, throwing 6 passes for 11 yards and rushing for 31. He is more of an option QB. Tremaine Butler (6-0 187 So) was PS#212 and got in 2 games with 2 rush attempts but moved to WR. Brandon Hassell (6-1 191 rFr) was PS#79 and threw for 2,500+ yards and 22 TD's as a senior in high school. Tye Gunn (PS#52) is one of this year's frosh signees. With everyone back this unit should be solidly improved in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson had 4.4 speed, benched 400 lbs and was a Heisman candidate all year (led the nation in rushing last season). He narrowly missed out on 2,000 yards in 1999 but got over that barrier last season with 2,276 (5.7) and 24 TD's while also adding 10 rec's (4.0). He was selected by the Chargers as the 5th pick overall. He's a rare type of talent that will definitely be missed here at TCU. Ricky Madison (5-9 193 So) was PS#152 and had 86 yards rushing (4.3) as a rFr. He has worked hard since enrolling and has comparable numbers to Tomlinson (410 bench, 4.3 speed), just in a smaller package (193 lbs to LT's 220). Andrew Hayes-Stoker is listed in the 2 deep below and he has seen sparse action the last 2 years. Also in the mix is redshirt frosh Kenny Boyd (PS #207). Frank Montgomery (5-9 191 Jr) has 46 yards rushing the last 2 years. FB George Layne had 310 yards and a solid 5.8 ypc, finding a lot of open holes as teams keyed on Tomlinson. He decided to leave early for the NFL draft (#4DC of KC). Backup FB Chad Purcell also departs after rushing for 49 yards. Naturally with the loss of a star like Tomlinson, this unit will be much weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year everyone returned to this unit except for the top WR Mike Scarborough. This year they must replace their top two receivers in Tim Maiden (21 rec, 17.6) and Cedric James (#4DC of MIN, 19 rec, 16.3) but return the explosive LaTarence Dunbar who averaged 33.5 on his KR's. They're well stocked at TE as BJ Roberts returns for his 3rd year as a starter. He is a solid blocker who keeps getting better as a receiver. Backup TE Matt Schobel is a VHT (PS#19QB) who had 4 rec's last year and should see more playing time. Also in the mix at TE is Quint Ellis (6-4 235 Jr) who was PS#73 and had 3 rec last season, and Stanley Moss (6-2 241 So) who was

PS#123. I list 6 WR's below in the 2 deep but not among those listed are Anthony Gilliam (5-11 170 rFr) who was PS#126, Tremaine Butler (moves in from QB), and Bruce Gabert (6-4 198 So) PS#148 WR. There is some talent available but with the loss of their top 2 WR's this unit looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Frogs had perhaps the most experienced offensive line in the country last year with 5 starters returning as well as all 5 backups plus plenty of rFr. This year they must replace 4 starters including C Jeff Garner (12 sts, 3 yr str), RG Jeff Millican (12 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr str), RT David Bobo (12 sts, 1st Tm WAC 2 straight yrs), LT Mike Keathley (12 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr str) and backup Shane Ladewig (9 gms). I list the 2 deep below and this unit goes from a veteran crew to one with little experience. Four of the projected starters below were backups last year that saw very little playing time and in fact none of them even lettered. They do have great size with the projected starting 5 averaging 6-4 317 and there are a lot of HT's in this group. Replacing three 1st Team All Conference OL's would be a chore for any team and the Frogs face that challenge this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Former Arizona coach Dick Tomey said of the 1999 TCU D-line: "In my mind, their front four players are as good as any we've played against. They're big and have as much speed as anybody." Last year the Frogs had to replace two starters and one backup due to graduation but were still a dominating group and the 45 sacks by the defense set a school record. They usually rotate up to three players at each position. DE Aaron Schobel (#2DC of BUF) was simply the WAC Defensive POY and leaves as the all-time school leader in sacks. He had 61 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 8 tfl as a senior. DT Shawn Worthen (#4DC of MIN) had 11 starts and was 1st Tm WAC with 12.5 tfl. Also gone this year are DT Stuart Ashley (11 sts, 30 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and DT Theo Anderson (1 tkl). Only two players return with starting experience but the unit does possess a good amount of talent including 5 HT's that I list in the 2 deep below. While it is clearly weaker than the 2000 version, it still looks like a quality DL.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and unlike most the WS is more like a safety than an LB but I'll still list the hybrid position with the LB's. Last year's unit had to replace one starter (the #3 tackler). This year they lose MLB Shannon Brazzell (89 tkl, 16 tfl, 1st Tm WAC) and productive backup OLB Terrance Madison (71 tkl, 6 tfl). They were the #2 and #4 tacklers on the team. They return their top tackler in Chad Bayer, and Charlie Owens is now in his second year as starter at WS and was tied with Maiden for #4 in tackles. They also add VHT transfer Devon Davis, who comes over from Tennessee, and should be one of the conference's best. While they do lose a couple of top-notch tacklers, if Davis has the impact I expect they will be improved. Until that happens, I'll call this unit equal to last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This unit ranked #62 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 1999 and last year returned all 4 starters. With the help of an aggressive front seven, they moved all the way up to #16 in my pass defense rankings, allowing just 44.5% with a 13-15 ratio and 161 ypg passing. They ranked higher in the NCAA rankings but of course mine take into account strength of opponents faced. This year they must replace CB Greg Walls (10 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 10 pbu), SS Russell Gary (11 sts, 55 tkl, 4 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC), FS LaVar Veale (1 st, 13 tkl, 6 pbu), FS Curtis Fuller (#4DC of SEA, 12 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 88 tkl, 12 pbu) and SS Cody Slinkard (27 tkl, 4 pbu). Four players return with starting experience including Jason Goss who was lost for the season last year after 5 starts to a torn ACL. He and Bo Springfield form a solid CB tandem. Springfield was PS#72 in 1994 and played four years of pro baseball with the Pirates organization. He is 25 years old. Patterson has 3 HT rFr to plug in and one I project as a starter plus transfers from Air Force, Missouri, and UL Monroe. While there is decent talent in this group, with the loss of three starters, this unit is a lot less experienced than it was last year and clearly will be weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - TCU has been very special in this area over the last couple of years. In 1999 they finished #14 overall in my rankings but did have to replace super P Royce Huffman who doubled as a PR. I expected Shane Hudnall (PS#2) to take over the bulk of the punting duties but he failed to land the job. Joey Biasatti did a fine job, averaging 41.6 on 26 punts but broke his leg midseason. Surprisingly Hudnall did not take over as it was true frosh John Brazili who had 22 punts (37.2). Perhaps Hudnall will be able to take over that position this year but either way they should be well stocked with punters. They have a super KR in LaTarence Dunbar who returns this season after averaging 33.5 per return with 2 TD's. PR LaVar Veale averaged 8.8 per return in 1999 and increased that to 10.8 last year with 1 TD. Unfortunately Veale departs. Jason Goss got in 3 PR's last year and if he's recovered from his torn ACL, should take over those duties. All of those numbers equated to a #3 ranking in 2000. The big loss will be K Chris Kaylakie who was a Groza Semifinalist in 1998 and last year banged home 16 of 19 FG's with a long of 46 including 4 of 6 from 40-49. His solid leg on KO's allowed opponents just 15.8 per return and the Frogs defense against PR's allowed just 5.7 giving them a super net

TCU	2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS
RUSHING	ATT GAIN LOST NET TD AVG
L. Tomlinson	397 2341 65 2276 24 5.7
George Layne	53 310 0 310 6 5.8
Casey Printers	92 456 190 266 4 2.9
A. Hayes-Stoker	40 189 11 178 0 4.4
Ricky Madison	20 89 3 86 1 4.3
PASSING	ATT COMP PCT YDS TD INT
Casey Printers	188 112 56.6 1699 17 8
Sean Stille	6 3 50.0 11 0 2
RECEIVING	REC YDS AVG TD LONG
Tim Maiden	21 370 17.6 4 53
Cedric James	19 310 16.3 3 75
LaTarence Dunbar	19 293 15.4 4 74
Kevin Brown	14 149 13.9 1 34
PUNTING	NO YDS AVG 50+ NET BLK In20
Joey Biasatti	26 1081 41.6 - 37.4 0 8
KICKING	1-29 30-39 40-49 50+ TOTAL LONG
Chris Kaylakie	6-6 6-7 4-6 0-0 16-19 46
PLAYER	TKL SCK TFL PBU INT
C. Bayer	112 3 11 2 1 R. Gary 55 0 4 4 2
S. Brazzell	89 5 11 1 0 L. McDonald 33 1 2 0 0
C. Fuller	88 1 2 12 1 K. Hillard 32 0 2 3 1
C. Owens	71 2 4 8 0 B. Schobel 31 5 1 1 0
T. Maiden	71 2 4 2 0 C. McCarty 31 3 4 3 0
A. Schobel	61 6.5 8 1 0 S. Ashley 30 2.5 2 2 1
S. Worthen	56 2.5 10 0 0 D. Burrell 29 0.5 3 1 0
PUNT RETURNS	NO YDS AVG TD
LaVar Veale	37 399 10.8 1 K. L. Dunbar 16 536 33.5 2

punting average of 37.4. They also bring in a top-notch frosh signee. Biasatti has handled KO's in prior years and is a solid kicker but isn't likely to match Kaylakie's FG accuracy. Overall this unit does have a shot at contending for a Top 25 spot.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I called for the Frogs to go undefeated in WAC play and said they had a shot at an undefeated season due to their returning talent and schedule. They just missed, going 10-1 during the regular season. TCU reached as high as #9 in the polls last year while flirting with an undefeated season and it was their highest ranking since Dec 2, 1959 when they were 7th in the AP Poll. It was also the first Frogs team to win ten games since their National Title team of 1938 and the last time that they came up with 8 wins in 2 consecutive seasons since 1958 and 1959. They scored on 33 out of 44 chances in the red zone and the 410 points scored easily set a school record. The 106 points allowed were the lowest since 1960. They held all 11 regular season opponents below their average ypg and simply had the #1 ranked defense in the NCAA after the regular season (although they were #7 in my ratings which take into account strength of schedule). The Frogs were like men among boys playing in the WAC the last 2 years, winning 12 of their last 15 WAC games, but this year go through a big change in switching to CUSA, a tougher conference. Not only are they stepping up in level of competition but they lose 14 starters and their 8 returning starters are the fewest in their new conference. The 27 lettermen that they lose include 6 NFL DC's and that is the highest amount in the conference. Not only is the personnel gone but so is head coach Dennis Franchione as DC Gary Patterson takes over. TCU was +10 in turnovers during the regular season which means they make my Turnovers=Turnaround article (see page 277). While the Frogs were 10-2 last season they took on the second lightest schedule when compared to CUSA teams. Not only does the offense lose 2,000+ yard rusher LaDainian Tomlinson but also 4 starters from its veteran offensive line so they should have a significant dropoff from the 35.9 ppg they scored last year. Defensively, 7 starters are gone and while I like the talent, especially up front on the defensive line, this group is clearly younger than last year's version and will be weaker. The non-conference slate is manageable so a winning season is within reach. They replace Northwestern with Northwestern St but unfortunately added Nebraska in the Pigskin Classic. Adding all of the other factors I listed above to the fact that their conference schedule is much tougher, this will clearly be a rebuilding year for TCU. It would be quite an accomplishment for the Frogs to make it to a 4th straight bowl game.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CASEY PRINTERS JR. 6-3 208 PS#34. 10 sts as true, 1387 yds (59%), 9-8 ratio, 90 yds rush. 18-4 SU as starter! 12 sts ly, 1699 yds (56.6%), 17-8 ratio & 456 yds rush.

RB Ricky Madison So. 5-9 193 PS#152. 410 lb bench. 4.3 speed, 86 yds as rFr. Andrew Hayes-Stoker (5-8 194 Sr). Transfer from Tulsa. 324 yds (4.6) in 2 years here.

FB Reggie Holts Jr. 6-0 230 1,200 yards in 2 years at JUCCO. Doesn't arrive until the fall. Mohammad Shittu (5-11 231 rFr). Jon Mulher (6-2 230 Jr) was DL ly.

WR Reggie Harrell Jr. 6-3 209 PS#79DB. Kevin Brown (5-10 180 Jr) 3 sts, 24 rec, 2 years. Reuben Randle (6-4 212 rFr) PS#105. Shane Hudnall PS#2K, Texas transfer.

WR LATARENCE DUNBAR JR. 5-11 187 TCU track tm. 22 rec (15.0) in 99 & 50 return yds, 5 sts ly, 19 rec (15.4) and 16 KR's (33.5). Terran Williams (5-10 166 Jr) is sprinter on track team.

TE B.J. ROBERTS SR. 6-3 237 3 sts as true, 2 rec (18.5). 10 sts in '99, 4 rec (13.0). 11 sts in 2000, 7 rec (15.3). Solid blocker. Matt Schobel (6-5 257 Sr) PS#19QB, 4 rec (10.5).

C Jamal Powell Jr. 6-3 322 Bkup OT in 99 and lettered. Bkup C ly, 6 gms, 10 knockdowns. Chase Johnson (6-2 291 rFr) PS#112DL. Added 11 lbs and moved to OL.

RG J.T. Aughinbaugh Jr. 6-6 323 3rd string in 99, 8 gms as 2nd string ly, 21 knockdowns. Matt Orlovsky (6-4 309 So) PS#99OL. 3rd string ly. Zach Bray (6-4 314 rFr).

LG VICTOR PAYNE SR. 6-1 305 PS#334DL. Lettered as backup in 98. 12 sts in '99, 0 sks allowed, 120 KD's. 12 sts ly, 170 knockdowns. Josh Harbuck (6-6 322 Jr) PS#102.

RT Brady Barrick Jr. 6-5 303 PS#185OL. Limited action in 98, 8 gms ly, 19 knockdowns. Jon Morgan (6-4 327 So) PS#373. Jock Beddingfield (6-3 294 So) PS#373.

LT John Glud So. 6-6 332 PS#252OL. 8 gms ly as 2nd string, 19 KD's. Shane Sims is PS#64OL. Anthony Alabi (6-5 318 rFr). Navy Prep Academy in '99, DL in 2000.

K Mike Wynn Fr. 5-10 195 PS#18K. Hup 4 of 12 FG's and 63 p's as Sr in HS. Also 40.3 punt average. Shane Hudnall PS#2 & orig at Texas. Tommy Taylor (5-9 144 So).

DE CHAD McCARTY SR. 6-2 255 PS#148DL. 2 sks as rFr. 14 tkl, 2 tfl in 1999, 12 starts in 2000, 31 tkl, 7 tfl, 3 pbu. Joe Hill (6-4 238 Sr). TE in '99. 28 tkl, 4.5 sks, 3 tfl last year.

DT Donald Burrell So. 6-2 290 PS#119DL. 2 sts as rFr. 29 tkl, 3.5 tfl. John Turmine (6-2 267 Jr) 38 tkl, 5 tfl in 2 yrs. Richard Evans (6-3 279 So) transfer from Kentucky.

NT Chad Pugh So. 6-3 277 PS#36DL. 28 tkl, 8 tfl, 10 QB pressures as rFr.

Brandon Johnson (6-2 292 rFr) PS#46DL. Anthony Ruiz (6-1 250 So) PS#327, 1 tkl as rFr.

DE Bo Schobel So. 6-5 254 PS#109DL. 31 tkl, 5 sks, 1 tfl, 6 pressures as rFr.

Robert Pollard (6-3 255 So) PS#107. 22 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. Cody McCarty (6-4 249 rFr) PS#188QB.

SLB CHAD BAYER SR. 5-11 231 12 sts in 99, 87 tkl, 15 tfl, 2 int, 12 sts ly, 1 tfl w/ 112 tkl, 14 tfl, 9 hurries, HM WAC. LaMarcus McDonald (6-1 217 Jr) PS#135, 33 tkl, 3 tfl ly.

MLB Devon Davis So. 6-2 240 PS#9LB & originally at Tennessee. Adrian Lewis (6-2 210 Sr) 20 tkl, 2 tfl the last 3 years. Josh Goolsby (6-2 236 So) PS#277, 4 tkl, 1 int in '99.

WS CHARLIE OWENS SR. 6-0 188 PS#27DB. 7 tkl as rFr. 6 tkl, 1 int in '99. 12 starts last year, 71 tkl, 6 tfl, 8 pbu. Nathan Roach (6-1 198 Jr) PS#345, 7 tkl, 13 gms in 2 years.

CB JASON GOSS JR. 5-10 183 PS#159WR. 12 sts as rFr, 36 tkl, 8 pbu, 5 sts ly (inj) 16 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Kendrick Patterson (5-11 180 Sr) 19 tkl L3Y. Jerome Brazili (5-10 170 rFr) PS#80.

CB Bo Springfield Jr. 5-10 183 PS#72WR in '94. Pro baseball for 4 years. 11 tkl, 9 sts ly, 21 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Tyrone Sanders (5-10 170 So) 1 start, 3 int ly. Jerrod Brazili is PS#85.

SS Marvin Goldbolt rFr. 6-0 195 PS#53DB. Jared Smitherman (6-0 210 Jr) 9 tkl in 2 yrs. Brandon Williams (6-3 188 So) is Missouri transfer. Chris Peoples (6-2 166 rFr) PS#169.

FS Kenneth Hilliard Jr. 6-1 198 25 tkl, 5 pbu, Sp Tms POY at UL Monroe. Scoot Tims MVP here in 99. 3 sts at CB ly, 32 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Jason Higham (5-10 183 Sr) Air Force trans, 8 tkl, 3 YE.

P JOEY BIASATTI SR. 5-11 196 PS#29K. 26 punts in 2000 and solid 41.6 avg tfl broken leg. Shane Hudnall (6-0 193 So) PS#2K. John Brazili (6-3 206 So) 22 punts (37.2).

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K Michael Wynn 5-10 195 PS#18
LB Shawn Brooks 6-0 200 PS#203
DB Jeremy Modkins 6-1 185 PS#235
DB Flander Malone 6-0 190 PS#266
DL Ranorris Ray 6-2 250 PS#344
DL Ben Angeley 6-5 280 PS#337
WR Matthew Grimsell 5-11 175 PS#337
TE Marvin Pearson 6-5 235 PS#233
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Horned Frogs are 6-8 ATS L/14, but 4-0 ATS L2Y in their 2nd straight HG.
TCU is 7-2 ATS when hosting fellow Texas teams.
Frogs are 3-9 ATS in sandwiched home games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TCU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Aug. 25	at Nebraska	A													This is the Pigskin Classic & TCU is 14-8 ATS their L/22 gms on art turf. Horned Frogs are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
Sep. 1	at N Texas	A													Pending LW: TCU is 22-17 ATS in their L/39 AG's, but 3-7 ATS L2Y. TCU is 7-4 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.
Sep. 8	at SMU	G													The visitor is 13-5-1 ATS the last 19 meetings. The favorite is 6-9 ATS in the last 15 series meetings.
Sep. 15	Marshall	G													Frogs are 10-1 ATS as a home favorite the last 2 seasons. Could apply: TCU is 4-1 ATS their last 5 as a single digit favorite.
Sep. 22	Northwestern St	G													The Demons of NSU were 6-5 SU LY, 3-4 SU in Southland Conf play. This is TCU's 1st "NL" game since a 49-12 win over Bowling Green in '88.
Sep. 29	at Houston	G													Pending prior results, TCU is 3-6 ATS as an AF the last 2 years. TCU is 6-0 SU but 2-4 ATS since '93 when playing a current CUSA team.
Oct. 6															
Oct. 13	at Tulane	A													Frogs are 2-4 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. This will be TCU's 1st dome game since they visited Tulane in '96.
Oct. 20	Army (HC)	G													Pending LW's result, TCU is 5-10 ATS in their L/15 October games. The SU winner is 3-1 ATSS/81 when TCU faces a Service Academy.
Oct. 30	E Carolina (Tues)	G													Call 1-900-903-9467 (just \$9) for my Tuesday Night Play!! Pending earlier results, Frogs are 2-4 ATS their L/6 prior to a bye.
Nov. 3															
Nov. 10	at UAB	G													Despite a 6-1 mark the L2Y, TCU is 22-29-1 ATS in their L/52 November gms. Pending 10/13, Frogs are 7-2 SU but 4-5 ATS after a bye S/94.
Nov. 24	Louisville	G													Could apply: TCU is 18-27 ATS as a home dog since 1985. Horned Frogs are 7-17 ATS in their last 24 home finales.
Nov. 30	at S Mississippi (Fri)	G													TCU is 3-18 SU but 6-1 ATS in road finales. Frogs came into 2001 with a 1-4 ATS mark their L/5 as a road dog.

STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,830) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	4-7	1-10	6-5	7-4	10-1	41-36
ATS	8-3	5-6	5-6	5-6	6-5	7-4	7-4	43-34
Home Fav	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-1	1-2	5-0	5-1	13-8
Home Dog	3-2	0-1	0-3	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	8-9
Away Fav	2-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	2-3	9-7
Away Dog	3-0	2-2	4-2	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	13-10
Favorite	2-1	3-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	6-3	7-4	22-15
Dog	6-2	2-3	4-5	5-5	3-3	1-1	0-0	21-19
Grass	5-2	1-4	4-5	2-4	4-5	6-3	6-3	28-26
Artificial	3-1	4-2	1-1	3-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	15-8
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	5-2	5-3	29-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	14-10
Off SU Win	5-1	2-4	2-2	0-0	3-2	4-2	5-4	21-15
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-4	4-6	2-3	2-2	1-0	15-19

Coach: GARY PATTERSON (Career 0-1) Patterson's records AT TCU

1st Year at TCU	0-0	Home Favorite
0-1 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Bluebonnet	-2	W Virginia	14-31	L
94	Independence	+10	Virginia	10-20	T
98	Sun	+16	USC	28-19	W
99	Mobile Alabama	+4'	E Carolina	28-14	W
00	Mobile Alabama	-7	S Mississippi	21-28	L

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
at Oklahoma	+9'	20-7 W	at Kansas	+10'	10-17 W	at Iowa St	+4	31-21 W	at Arizona	+13	31-35 W	at Nevada	-22'	41-10 W
Kansas	+5'	17-52 L	Utah	+4	18-32 L	Oklahoma	+5'	9-10 W	at Northwestern	-8	7-17 L	Northwestern	-11	41-14 W
at New Mexico	+3'	7-27 L	at Vanderbilt	+7	16-40 L	Air Force	+9	35-34 W	at Arkansas St	-16	24-21 L	Arkansas St	-26'	52-3 W
at Tulane	+2'	7-35 L	N Carolina	+26	10-31 W	Vanderbilt	-10'	19-16 L	at Fresno St	+4'	19-26 L	at Navy	-27	24-0 L
UTEP	-5'	18-0 W	at UNLV	+8	19-21 W	Fresno St	-1	21-10 W	San Jose St	-5'	42-0 W	Hawaii	-38'	41-21 L
at Utah	+16	7-21 W	Tulsa	-7'	22-33 L	at SMU	-3	6-10 L	Tulsa	-17	56-17 W	at Tulsa	-27'	17-3 L
BYU	+16	21-45 L	at BYU	+18'	10-31 L	at Colorado St	+13	21-42 L	at Rice	E	21-42 L	Rice	-23'	37-0 W
UNLV	-19'	42-34 L	New Mexico	+8	10-40 L	Wyoming	+3'	27-34 L	at Hawaii	-4'	34-14 W	at San Jose St	-13	24-27 L
at Tulsa	+5'	31-24 W	at Rice	+21	19-38 W	Rice	-2'	12-14 L	N Texas	-22	27-3 W	Fresno St	-13	24-7 W
Rice	+3	17-30 L	at UTEP	+2	17-24 L	at Tulsa	-5'	17-7 W	UTEP	-10'	52-24 W	UTEP	-12'	47-14 W
at SMU	+7'	24-27 W	SMU	+11'	21-18 W	at UNLV	-7	41-18 W	SMU	-11	21-0 W	at SMU	-23'	62-7 W

TCU (10-2)

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RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4* Returning: 32 (11,18,3)
DEFENSE: 4 Lost: 27 (11,13,3)

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TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
10*	35.9	20	265	5.0	143	56.3	11.4 +10	2000	8	11.2	15	91	2.5	161 44.5 22.5
5*	31.0	18	236	5.0	139	57.5	12.1 +3	1999	8	17.7	16	91	2.5	188 52.0 15.7
7*	22.3	17	245	4.9	93	47.7	15.2 -2	1998	5	19.6	16	148	3.7	191 52.0 17.3
4*	15.6	16	110	3.0	162	47.1	17.4 -5	1997	6	29.6	20	158	3.6	195 52.9 12.0
4	19.2	17	155	4.1	169	58.7	17.0 -1	1996	5	27.5	18	177	4.2	203 55.5 14.0
7*	19.7	19	139	3.8	203	53.9	17.4 -5	1995	8	22.4	20	182	4.5	194 57.6 16.8
OFFENSE								2000 STATS BY GAME						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
at Nevada	19	55-317	5.8	3-10	53	2		20	36-11	0.3	23-47	259	15	-3
Northwestern	23	69-387	5.6	8-12	101	0		11	29-113	3.9	13-23	145	3	+3
Arkansas St	20	44-265	6.0	13-18	211	2		14	43-86	2.0	8-18	65	4	+3
at Navy	25	51-197	3.9	15-18	192	1		8	41-112	2.7	2-6	8	1	0
Hawaii	27	71-393	5.5	7-17	91	0		16	16-118	7.4	18-44	266	0	+2
at Tulsa	15	46-223	4.8	7-12	62	1		18	39-72	1.8	18-39	222	6	+3
Rice	24	51-249	4.9	11-21	151	1		13	52-140	2.7	3-13	46	3	+1
at San Jose St	19	42-164	3.9	12-23	194	1		18	45-138	3.1	11-24	237	1	-1
Fresno St	15	62-217	3.5	7-15	78	4		13	30-41	1.4	15-31	183	4	+3
UTEP	19	49-313	6.4	10-18	216	2		19	32-70	2.2	21-47	217	3	0
at SMU	21	48-307	6.4	13-20	251	0		10	32-27	0.8	11-31	119	3	+1
S Miss (Bowl)	16	43-150	3.5	10-22	115	1		15	36-158	4.4	11-23	159	2	-2
TOTALS	243	631-3182	5.0	116-206	1715	15		175	431-1086	2.5	154-346	1926	45	+10
AVERAGES	20.3	53-265	5.0	9.7-17	143	1.3		14.6	36-91	2.5	13-29	161	3.8	0.7

MEMPHIS TIGERS



#42 LB Greg Harper & #24 SS Glenn Sumter are part of the always tough Memphis defense.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Memphis benched their top 2 QB's and 3rd stringer Neil Suber took over and completed 60% vs a couple of weak defenses but then hit just 32% in the final 2 games. Suber hit only 46% as a HS senior but is an avid weight lifter with a strong arm. He started the first 7 in 1999 and threw for 852 yards (47.6%) with a 4-5 ratio. Travis Anglin (PS#120) is a mobile QB who took over and started the final 4 in 1999, throwing for 856 yards (54.4%) with a 5-10 ratio while also rushing for 231 yards. Mobility is his strength. Anglin missed most of the spring of 2000 due to shoulder surgery but was able to start the first 3 games, throwing for just 200 yards (43.3%) with a 1-2 ratio and rushing for 153 but was injured and had just 1 more pass attempt. Suber reclaimed the starting job and got in 2 starts, throwing for 581 yards (57%) with a 2-5 ratio while rushing for 56. Suber injured his shoulder and Scott Scherer, a walk-on and son of the former coach, took over. He led the team to the upset of E Carolina and in his 6 starts threw for 857 yards (55.2%) with a 4-6 ratio while rushing for 150 yards. All 3 return. Danny Wimprine (6-1 216 rFr) was PS#220 and is a MLB prospect who has an 89 mph fastball. He is an option QB that led his HS team to a 53-2 record. Bran Webb (6-0 175 So) was PS#219. Matt Adams (6-1 200 Fr) had shoulder surgery last year and did not enroll until January, maintaining his true frosh status. This group is even more experienced than it was heading into last year and it should be solidly improved in the new spread offense.

RUNNING BACKS - The Tigers had to replace their top 2 rushers from 1999 going into last year but much was expected of Sugar Sanders. Sanders had a big game against Ark St with 96 yards and added 132 vs E Carolina but battled ankle injuries. He still managed to lead the team with 646 yards (3.9). Darnice Wherry also battled injuries and had just 159 yards (3.5). He was PS#144 and was also playing DB in the spring and may move there full-time. True frosh Jeremiah Bonds had some moments and rushed for 102 yards (2.8). Those three also combined for 25 rec's. FB Darnice Epting was the team's 2nd leading rusher with 174 yards (2.7). The good news is that everyone is back and I list the two deep below. Shaka Hill (PS#60) could be an impact player at FB and watch out for JUCO transfer Dante Brown (originally signed by new coach Tommy West while he was at Clemson) at TB. Coaches like their own recruits so it is possible that some of this year's top froshes could play right away. As long as Sanders is healthy, I look for a bigger year out of him and this group is in much better shape.

RECEIVERS - Last year Memphis had to replace their top 2 WR's but did have their star TE Billy Kendall returning and also added JUCO Reginald "Bunkie" Perkins. He got off to a slow start with just 3 receptions (4.6 ypc) after 3 games but he rebounded to grab 30 over the last 8. Ryan Johnson

also started slowly as he had just 12 receptions (5.6) in the first 7 but grabbed 13 (14.2) in the last 4. Both are back and should build off the momentum they gained late last year. I list the 2 deep below and there are some HT's in the mix and also returning is Tripp Higgins who had 7 starts (16 rec). The big loss is Kendall, who was arguably the offensive MVP last year and was voted 2nd TM CUSA. He leaves as UM's all-time leading receiver for TE's and was #2 overall last year with 26 grabs (10.4). Also gone is WR Al Sermon who was the Tigers' 4th leading receiver with 7 starts. Despite the loss of Kendall, I like the way that Johnson and Perkins emerged, and this unit will definitely see a lot more action in the new spread offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had to replace 3 starters last year and then lost starter Josh Eargle to injury after 2 games. The entire offense struggled and Memphis averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing (down from 3.5 in 1999) and allowed 36 sacks (up from 18 in 1999). This year they suffer a couple of big losses in RG Lou Esposito (11 sts, 769 plays, 2 yr str) and RT DeCory Hampton (11 sts, 780 plays, 2 yr str). They also lose backup LT Austin O'Dell (5 games, 20 snaps). When Eargle went down Joe Gerda and Trey Eyre split his starting spot. If you check out the 2 deep below you will see that 7 players have starting experience with Wade Smith moving to the OL after making 5 starts at TE. West also adds a JUCO in Eric Anderson to provide depth. This will be their first year in the spread offense but clearly this unit has a lot more experience and depth than last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - You don't finish #1 in the country in rush defense (as the Tigers did last season) without a top-notch D-line. Memphis went from allowing 4.3 ypc rushing in 1998 to 3.3 in 1999 and last year had to replace just one starter and had 5 players returning with starting experience. The Tiger defense allowed just 2.3 ypc rushing but surprisingly the sack total dropped from 42 in 1999 to 28. The top sack man is back in Andre Arnold who had 13 sacks which set a UM record. They suffer some losses this year on the interior. Gone are NT Marcus Bell (1st TM CUSA, 60 tkl, 16 flt, #4DC of ARZ), DT Calvin Lewis (11 sts, 47 tkl, 7 flt), DT Jarvis Slaton (18 tkl, 4 flt), DE Pat Willis (2 sts, 24 tkl, 3 flt) and NT Gerald Massey (1 tkl). Two starters are back but only 3 of the top 8 return. They do however get a huge addition this year in Albert Means who was PS#3 and played at Alabama last year. They also add a JUCO and a couple of talented rFr plus UT-Martin transfer Doug Whittaker who has good size (6-5 290) and true frosh Dierre Carter (PS#68). With the addition of Means this unit has the potential to be just as strong as last year's formidable group, but I'll call it down a notch to begin the year.

LINEBACKERS - Memphis had to replace one starter and 3 backups who combined for 66 tackles last year and then suffered the additional loss of starting SLB DeMorrion Shank who was injured and lost for the season. Only 1 starter returned but he was a good one in Kamal Shakir who leaves as CUSA's all-time leading tackler (11 sts, 1st TM CUSA, 8 flt, 119 tkl). Also gone are WLB Ian Williams (7 tkl, 1 sk) and Rodney Lancot (5 tkl). Three players return who started 6 or more games last year (all were frosh) and they get Shank back from injury. While this unit does not have its star, it does have better depth and should come close to last year's fine standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished #38 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and last year only lost one backup with all 4 starters from the final 5 games returning. Memphis rose to #22, allowing just 53.3% and 9 TD's while recording 13 int's. This year they suffer some bigger losses. Gone are CB Michael Stone (11 sts, 1st TM CUSA, 74 tkl, 9 pbu, #2 DC of ARZ), FS Idrees Bashir (11 sts, 1st TM CUSA, 65 tkl, 13 pbu, #2 DC of IND), SS Kosha Irbay (6 tkl) and FS Fred Powell (23 tkl). Bashir's departure must be expected as he left early for the NFL. True frosh Derron Johnson is a rare VHT (PS#22) who stands 6-4 215 yet has 4.39 speed and will likely earn a starting job somewhere. I list the 2 deep below and I do like the talent at safety where Wherry and Sumter make one of the CUSA's best combos. Marcus Smith (12 career starts) returns at CB, nonetheless this unit is less experienced than it was heading into last year and will likely drop a few notches in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rip Scherer put a lot of emphasis on special teams as did his predecessor Chuck Stobart and since 1990 Memphis has blocked a total of 45 kicks including 27 punts. Memphis has done well in my special teams rankings as they were in the Top 25 twice from 1994-'96 but surprisingly have dropped to #66, #87 and #89 the last 3 years. Last year part of the problem was that LS Jared Pigue was injured early and missed the majority of the season. K Ryan White hit all 16 of his FG's as a rFr in 1998 but perhaps bothered by the snapping problems last year hit 12 of 18 with a long of 47. Five of his misses were blocks. He remains one of the best kickers in the country and will contend for the Lou Groza Award. They must replace P Ben Graves who averaged 40.1 with a net of 33.8. Quincy

MEMPHIS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	TD	AVG
Sugar Sanders	167	700	54	646	4.3
Darnice Epting	65	191	17	174	3.2
Darnice Wherry	46	165	6	159	0.3
Jeremiah Bonds	37	113	11	102	0.8
Travis Anglin	29	153	55	98	2.3
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD
Scott Scherer	154	85	55.2	857	4
Neil Suber	121	69	57.0	581	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Bunkie Perkins	33	314	9.5	0	33
Billy Kendall	26	271	10.4	3	24
Ryan Johnson	25	251	10.0	2	40
Al Sermon	23	230	10.0	0	17
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET
Ben Graves	78	3125	40.1	15	33.8
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
Ryan White	3-3	4-8	5-7	0-0	12-18
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	FC	PBU	INT
Kamal Shakir	119	4	4	8	0
Michael Stone	74	0	5	9	2
Idrees Bashir	65	0	1	13	2
Derrick Ballard	62	1	2	6	0
Marcus Bell	60	4	12	4	1
D. Terry	58	4	4	4	1
Glenn Sumter	58	0	0	12	5
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	INT
R. Johnson	37	389	10.5	0	0
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	INT
R. Johnson	12	219	18.2	0	0

Stephenson who has recorded a blocked punt in each of the last 2 years is back. All of the top KR's and PR's return. I was impressed with Ryan Johnson last year who averaged 10.5 on 37 PR's and they should improve upon their KR numbers. Tommy West is another coach that emphasizes special teams so I expect this unit to get better, especially with strong legged White handling the KO chores for his senior season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Memphis has not had a 7 win season since 1976. Chuck Stobart was let go after 3 straight 6-5 seasons. Rip Scherer simply went six years failing to achieve a winning season. The Scherer tenure was marked by a lot of close losses to quality teams and last year they started out 4-2 but lost their final 5 games with four of those defeats coming by a total of 12 points including 2 in OT. Tennessee got a FG with :13 left to avoid one of those upsets. Memphis was 14-6 under Scherer when scoring 21+ points. But as you can tell, it only happened 20 times in his tenure (66 games) showing the staff's inability to provide a consistent offense. The last time Memphis went to a bowl was in 1971 and even then it was just the Pasadena Bowl vs San Jose St. New head coach Tommy West was the DC here last year. He was the HC at Clemson from 1993 to 1998 and guided the team to 4 bowls. New OC Randy Fichtner comes over from Ark St and is going to run the no-huddle spread offense. This is a Memphis team that has not been among even the top 75 offenses since 1994. They have 8 starters back on offense including 3 capable QB's and clearly will be more potent. Memphis ranked #5 in the NCAA in total defense although #17 in my rankings which take into account strength of opponents. The Tigers had 5 defensive players make 1st Team CUSA last season tying a conference record. Unfortunately, 4 of the 1st Teamers are among 15 overall defensive lettermen that depart, but 6 starters are back on that side of the ball. While they will field a tough defense once again, you can expect the ppg allowed to go up with the offense in the no-huddle as they will likely be on the field longer. The Tigers get 4 home games in conference play this year and remember, just two seasons ago, this team went 4-2 in CUSA play. The key to this season may be how the team fares in close games and if they actually win one or two of the tight ones, they should improve upon last year's four win season which means they could flirt with a winning record.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Derron Johnson	6-4 215 PS#22
DL Dierre Carter	6-3 245 PS#61
WR LaDarius Price	6-0 175 PS#132
DL Jacob Ford	6-4 215 PS#192
RB Mario Robinson	6-0 205 PS#229
OL James Corder	6-7 305 PS#234
LB Charles Wellington	6-0 225 PS#201
OL Andrew Handy	6-3 285 PS#260
TE Marcus West	6-4 225 PS#99
RB Darron White	6-0 190 PS#292
LB Sheldon Taylor	6-2 220 PS#287
RB Dante Brown	6-2 220 PS#343
DB Tristan Thomas	6-1 175 PS#433
K James Gaither	6-4 220 PS#69
OL Gene Frederic	6-4 275 PS#536

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OFFENSE

QB TRAVIS ANGLIN JR. 6-4 197 PS#120. L4 sts rFr, 856 yds (54%), 5-10 ratio, 231 rush, 3 sts ly (inj) 200 yds (43%), 153 rush. Neil Suber (6-3 246 Sr) 13 career sts, 2363 yds (51%) 11-14 ratio. **RB JEFF "SUGAR" SANDERS JR.** 5-11 221 2 sts in 99, 254 yds (4.3), 9 sts ly, 646 yds (3.9). Dante Brown (6-2 220 Jr) PS#125 in '98 a orig at Clemson. 900 yds at JC ly. Jeremiah Bonds (5-9 181 So) 184 tkl yds as true FB Darnice Epting Jr. 6-1 242 2 starts last year, 174 yds (2.7), 10 rec (5.3). **Shaka Hill** (6-3 240 So) PS#60LB & PQ ly. Darnice Wherry PS#144, 217 total yards last year. **WR RYAN JOHNSON JR.** 6-1 190 PS#139. 7 rec as true. 3 sts, 25 rec (10.0) ly (13 rec L4). **Tripp Higgins** (6-3 198 Jr) 7 sts, 16 rec (11.1) ly. Antoine Harden (6-2 179 So) PS#267. **WR BUNKIE PERKINS SR.** 5-9 155 PS#54JG. 8 sts here ly, #1 w/33 rec (9.5). Darren Cameron (6-1 190 So) PS#270DB, 1 rec ly. Casey Rooney (6-2 201 Jr) was PS#177QB. **TE Jeff Cameron Jr.** 6-5 243 PS#105. 6 rec (12.2), 6 tkl, 1 st in 2000. Jason Johnson (6-4 254 Fr) PS#145. Eric Peterson (6-6 246 So). Joey Moore (6-3 248 Jr). **C JIMOND PUGH JR.** 6-3 300 Florida A&M in '98. Scout TM Off POY here in '99. 11 starts at C ly, 785 snaps (every snap). Matt Gehrke (6-3 292 Jr) 3 games in 2 years. **RG Trey Eyre Jr.** 6-3 300 1 start as rFr, 208 snaps, 4 starts at LG last year, 372 plays, added 17 lbs. Eric Anderson (6-2 285 Jr) is JUCO. Jon Crews (6-4 272 So). **LG JOSH EARGLE SR.** 6-2 292 30 snaps as rFr, 3 games, 30 plays in '99. Started 1st 2 last year, 117 plays, torn ACL. Baki Celaj (6-6 311 Jr) 2 games, 4 plays last year. **RT Joe Gerda Jr.** 6-3 307 PS#183DL. 5 tkl, 2 flt as rFr, 4 starts at LG in 2000, 235 snaps, added 27 lbs. **Wade Smith** (6-5 259 Jr) 6 sts at TE, 6 rec (5.2), 2 years. **LT ARTIS HICKS SR.** 6-5 315 PS#368. 10 sts, 554 snaps, CUSA Frosh TM in '98. 11 sts, 685 snaps in 1999. 11 sts at LT ly. 762 plays. Jason Austin (6-5 310 Sr) PS#288, 1 st, 110 plays, 3Y. **K RYAN WHITE SR.** 5-10 191 PS#28. 16 of 16 FG's in 2000, 65 as rFr. 13 of 19 FG's in '99, long of 47. **1st TM CUSA both yrs.** 12 of 18 FG's long of 47 in 2000, 52 as rFr career xp's.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE ANDRE ARNOLD SR. 6-4 234 4 flt as rFr, 9 sts in '99, 30 tkl, 6 flt, 10 starts last year, 35 tkl, 13 sks, 1st TM CUSA. **Stanley Jackson** (6-6 235 Jr) PS#120DL, 1 tkl in 2000. **DT Albert Means So.** 6-4 335 PS#3DL. 18 tkl, 2 flt at Alabama as true. **Kenyan Glover** (6-3 272 rFr) PS#302DL, added 22 lbs. **Boris Panchon** (6-4 269 Jr) PS#195TE. **NT Eric Taylor So.** 6-3 283 7 tkl as true and 3 flt in only 4 games, added 30 lbs. **Pundres Shakkor Bryant** (6-3 265 Jr) JUCO. Doug Whittaker (6-5 290 Jr) UT-Martin transfer. **DE TONY BROWN SR.** 6-3 274 1 start as rFr, 43 tkl, 3 sks, 7 flt, 10 starts last year, 42 tkl, 3 sks, 7 pbu, 385 bench, added 16 lbs, 4.8 speed. **Dierre Carter** is PS#68DL. **WLB DERRICK BALLARD SO.** 6-2 205 PS#261LB. 7 starts as true, 62 tkl, 3 flt, 6 pbu. **Derrick Harmon** (6-1 197 Jr) PS#147WR, moved to DB in 2000. **Robert Douglas** (6-3 215 rFr). **MLB DeMORRION SHANK SR.** 5-11 240 405 bench, 4.6 spd, 11 sts in '98, 63 tkl, 4 flt, 11 sts at OLB in '99, 65 tkl, 2 flt, RS ly. **Mowbray Rowand** (6-4 248 Jr) 9 tkl. **Vincent Brown** (6-1 245 rFr) PS#267RB. **SLB DEMARQUIS "COOT" TERRY SO.** 6-0 222 PS#303RB. RB on scout tm in '99, 6 sts at LB ly, 58 tkl, 4 sks, 4 flt, added 26 lbs. **Greg Harper** (6-1 223 So) 9 sts, 46 tkl, 3 flt, 8 pbu as rFr, added 27 lbs. **CB MARCUS SMITH SR.** 5-10 186 5 sts in '99, 28 tkl, 3 pbu, 7 sts ly (inj) 22 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Henry Washington** (5-9 166 rFr) PS#134. **Quincy Stephenson** (5-6 167 Jr), 9 tkl, 2Y. **CB Anthony Harden Sr.** 5-10 172 PS#267. 3 tkl in 2000. **Bo Arnold** (5-10 185 So) PS#321, injured in 2000. **Jason Brown** (5-10 187 So) PS#299, 4 sts at CB ly, 28 tkl, 2 pbu. **SS GLENN SUMTER JR.** 6-2 198 PS#275. 25 sts as true, 26 tkl, 2 int, 11 sts ly, 58 tkl, 5 int, 12 pbu. **Elijah Bell** (6-1 197 Jr) Utah St, 17 tkl in '99. **Jamie Green** (6-4 211 rFr). **FS Darnice Wherry Sr.** 6-0 200 PS#144RB. 11 tkl at LB in '99, 217 tkl yds ly at RB. **Derron Johnson** (6-4 215 Fr) PS#22DB, has 4.39 spd. **Chance Nesbitt** (6-3 199 Sr) PS#232 in '97. **P James Gaither Jr.** 6-4 220 PS#69K. Had 44.2 avg as senior in high school and hit 51 yard FG. **Jason Johnson** (6-5 254 Fr) PS#145TE & Matt Gehrke (6-3 292 Jr) were P's in spring.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Memphis is 7-4 ATS their last 11 as a home dog.
UM is 5-0 ATS their last 5 vs Arkansas.
Tigers are 8-0-1 SU but only 3-6 ATS vs Arkansas St.
UM is 9-1-2 ATS when swimming against the Green Wave.
Memphis is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1995.
UM is 6-11-1 ATS vs Ole Miss since 1979.

Tigers are 11-5-1 ATS vs the Bulldogs since 1984.
Memphis is 8-3 ATS in their road opener the last 11 seasons.

The Mocs were 5-6 SU LY & play in the Southern Conference.
This is the Tigers' first "NL" game since 1992.

Memphis is 5-7-1 ATS the last 13 after a bye.
The South Florida Bulls were 7-4 SU last year in IAA play.

Tigers are 8-4-1 ATS in sandwiched road games.
The dog is 8-0 ATS L/8 & the visitor is 9-2 ATS in the L/11 meetings.

Memphis is 1-11 ATS vs Southern Mississippi since 1989.
UM is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 sandwiched home games.

Tigers are 10-5 ATS in October the last 4 years.
The Cougars are 3-1 SU & ATS in this short series.

The dog is 3-6 SU & ATS in this series the last 10 years.
UM is 3-7 ATS vs East Carolina since 1990.

Pending earlier results, Tigers are 14-21-1 ATS in conf play the L6Y.
Memphis is 2-1 SU & ATS in their history vs UAB.

Bonus: Memphis is 1-10 SU & 3-7-1 ATS in their final away game.
Tigers are 1-11 SU & 5-7 ATS vs their "Big Brother", covered the L4Y.
Tigers are 16-5 ATS in their last 21 games vs the SEC.

The road team is 2-0 ATS in this short series.
Pending LW's result, UM is 6-13-1 ATS their last 20 in November.

Tigers are 4-8-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
Memphis is 2-10 ATS their last 12 home finales.

Bonus Info: Memphis is 8-5-1 ATS their last 14 on artificial turf.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 3	at Miss St (Mon)	G												
Sep. 8	UT-Chattanooga	G												
Sep. 15														
Sep. 22	S Florida	G												
Sep. 29	at Louisville	G												
Oct. 6	S Mississippi	G												
Oct. 13	at Houston	G												
Oct. 20	at E Carolina	G												
Oct. 27	UAB (HC)	G												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	at Tennessee	G												
Nov. 17	Army	G												
Nov. 24	Cincinnati	G												

STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL (62,380) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	4-7	4-7	2-9	5-6	4-7	28-49
ATS	6-4-1	5-6	4-7	5-5-1	6-5	7-4	4-7	37-38-2
Home Fav	1-2-1	1-2	1-1	3-2	2-1	0-2	1-1	9-11-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	9-11
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	3-3
Away Dog	4-1	3-2	2-3	2-2-1	1-4	4-0	0-1	16-13-1
Favorite	1-2-1	2-2	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-2	2-4	12-14-1
Dog	5-2	3-4	3-6	2-3-1	4-4	6-2	2-3	25-24-1
Grass	4-4-1	4-5	3-6	4-4	6-4	5-4	3-6	29-33-1
Artificial	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	8-5-1
vs CUSA	3-2-1	1-4	2-4	2-3-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	17-23-2
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	4-2	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	20-15
Off SU Win	3-2-1	1-2	1-3	0-3-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	11-14-2
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-4	3-3	4-2	4-4	3-3	3-3	23-20

Coach: TOMMY WEST (Career 35-35) West's records AT MEMPHIS

1st Year at Memphis	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9	-

MEMPHIS (4-7) CONFERENCE: USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 44 (23,19,2)
Lost: 22 (5,15,2)



MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET	STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	16.0	15	105	2.6	151	53.4	16.0	-6	2000	8	18.1	15	73	2.3	203	53.3	15.2	
6*	21.1	16	134	3.5	159	50.7	13.9	-2	1999	6	16.5	17	144	3.3	170	52.0	19.0	
7	20.5	17	140	3.9	187	45.9	15.9	+1	1998	8	30.9	22	174	4.3	281	60.5	14.7	
8	19.8	17	110	2.8	215	52.8	16.4	-7	1997	4	22.1	18	165	4.0	162	58.2	14.8	
6	12.8	16	103	2.8	153	48.9	19.9	+4	1996	6	19.9	20	146	3.4	215	57.8	18.2	
6	13.6	15	94	2.5	159	47.2	18.6	-8	1995	6	21.8	20	141	3.2	209	56.1	16.0	

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mississippi St	13	41-87	2.1	10-34	81	5	7	35-45	1.3	10-20	82	4	-3
UL Monroe	14	46-180	3.9	13-24	98	2	10	19-44	2.3	17-43	132	2	+1
at Arkansas St	17	44-147	3.3	14-23	122	1	14	28-102	3.6	17-30	222	3	+1
at Army	20	40-130	3.3	21-32	208	3	18	30-38	1.3	31-45	269	4	+2
at S Mississippi	12	36-67	1.9	23-38	161	2	13	32-99	3.1	15-31	163	3	-1
E Carolina	18	56-129	2.3	18-25	175	2	13	21-64	3.0	18-43	246	3	+3
at UAB	9	35-57	1.6	11-22	129	3	12	37-56	1.5	14-27	144	2	-1
Houston	14	46-73	1.6	12-26	129	5	21	31-64	2.1	33-50	262	2	+1
Tennessee	12	28-47	1.7	15-27	137	5	19	42-99	2.4	19-31	224	2	+1
Cincinnati	20	42-152	3.6	20-34	203	5	14	31-66	2.1	15-33	124	2	-5
at Tulane	19	26-85	3.3	24-54	216	3	27	40-123	3.1	29-56	360	1	-5
TOTALS	168	440-1154	2.6	181-339	1659	36	168	346-800	2.3	218-409	2228	28	-6
AVERAGES	15.3	40-105	2.6	16-31	151	3.3	15.3	31-73	2.3	20-37	203	2.5	-0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Fla)	+14	7-30	L
Mississippi St	+4	10-31	L
at Missouri	+5	19-16	W
Tulane	-4	17-10	W
Cincinnati	-2	18-16	L
at Houston	+3	20-37	L
at S Mississippi	+15	0-16	L
at SW Louisiana	+1	9-13	L
at Louisville	+10	10-13	W
Tennessee	+26	21-17	W
E Carolina	+7	10-20	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+10	10-13	W
UAB	-15	28-7	W
at Michigan St	+19	21-51	L
Minnesota	-2	17-20	L
at Cincinnati	+11	17-20	W
Arkansas St	-23	38-9	W
at E Carolina	+2	10-32	L
Houston	-1	24-3	W
at Tulane	+12	14-26	T
Louisville	-10	21-20	L
S Mississippi	+11	18-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+10	10-30	L
Mississippi St	+10	6-14	W
at Minnesota	+3	14-41	L
at Houston	+2	14-35	L
Arkansas	+17	9-23	W
Cincinnati	-10	41-23	W
at Louisville	+13	32-35	W
Arkansas St	-12	35-19	W
Tulane	+16	31-41	W
at S Mississippi	+19	3-45	L
E Carolina	-2	31-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	0-3	W
at Mississippi St	+13	10-13	W
Arkansas St	-18	31-26	L
at Tennessee	+30	16-17	W
Missouri	+2	17-27	L
at UAB	+3	38-14	W
Louisville	+2	31-32	W
at Tulane	E	49-7	W
S Mississippi	+5	5-20	L
Army	-12	14-10	L
at Cincinnati	-2	21-13	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	+5	3-17	L
UL Monroe	-17	28-0	W
at Arkansas St	-7	19-17	L
at Army	-6	26-16	W
at S Mississippi	+16	3-24	L
E Carolina	+6	17-10	W
at UAB	-2	9-13	L
Houston	-9	30-33	L
Tennessee	+11	17-19	W
Cincinnati	+2	10-13	L
at Tulane	-2	14-37	L

HOUSTON COUGARS



WR Brian Robinson had 81 catches despite missing two games last season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Jason McKinley became the first 4-year starting QB in UH history and finished #2 all-time in total offense and #2 in passing yards while being #1 in attempts and completions. That's impressive considering UH has had some fine QB's including Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware and David Klingler. McKinley had his biggest year in terms of yards last year throwing for 2,696 (59%) with a 14-13 ratio while rushing for 150. It was a marked difference from '99 when UH relied on the rush attack and McKinley threw for just 1,651 yards. Versus EC Dimel started to look to the future and gave Bubba Teague (6-2 190 So) the majority of the work. Teague threw for 261 yards (51.2%) with a 3-1 ratio while rushing for 65 yards in 4 games. He's added 20 lbs of muscle since enrolling in '99 and is a local product. I list 4 players who will compete for the QB job below and it would not surprise me to see JUCO Nick Eddy or true frosh Blade Bassler emerge as the starter by the end of the year but neither was in camp for the spring. Strong armed Teague is more mobile than McKinley but is not nearly as accurate and missed all of spring to work on his grades. Alvin Lee played CB and WR last year and had 8 tackles but was an all-conf JUCO QB in '98 with 405 yards passing and 830 rushing. Kelly Robertson (6-4 210 Jr) is a transfer from W Kentucky where he played baseball. Naturally this unit will go through some growing pains and is much weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Houston had some fine RB's under ex-coach Kim Helton and in 1999 had one of the best 1-2 RB combos in the country with Ketrick Sanford and Mike Green combining for over 2,000 yards and 5.6 ypc (2nd most potent rush duo in the NCAA in 1999). Coming into last year Dimel said that Joffrey Reynolds was stronger and faster than Sanford and more elusive than Green and projected 800 yards from him and another 400 or 500 from backup Leif Penn. Reynolds appeared well on his way to meeting those goals with 319 yards in the first 3 games including a 201 yard effort vs Army. A toe injury hampered him after that and he had just 215 yards in the last 8. Penn came into the year with 404 yards rushing in 1998 and 1999 but had just 75 yards in the first 5 and fumbled the ball away 3 times vs Cincinnati. The staff stuck with him and over the final 5 games Penn rushed for 273 yards including 144 vs Tulane. I expect the feature back to be Chris Robertson (6-1 218 Jr) who was PS#105 and originally signed at Texas. Robertson had 124 yards rushing in two years in 26 games with the Horns and 10 TD's in 1999. They also added PS#28 frosh in Anthony Evans. When they use a FB they will look to Tommie Baldwin (5-11 232 Sr) who caught 12 passes in three starts at TE last year. Dimel says they will use a FB more & run more often. This unit is more experienced, has added a lot of talent and they only averaged 71.1 ypg rushing (#111 in the NCAA) last year. I look for significant improvement.

RECEIVERS - It was no wonder that Coach Dimel wanted to move to a passing offense with the plethora of talent he inherited at WR. Coming into last season I rated the Cougar receiving corps as #22 in the country and best in CUSA. Unfortunately for Dimel and the Cougar offense this unit was

DECIMATED by injuries and departures. WR Jerrian James, who had 80 rec's in 1998 and missed 1999 due to injury, was ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. Star WR Orlando Iglesias, who was by far the team's leading receiver in 1999, was injured in the first game and lost for the year. Brandon Middleton (5-11 180 So) had 2 starts but then broke his wrist and was lost for the season. TE Jonathan Pritchett fractured his fibula and missed the entire year, meaning the 4 projected starters played a total of 3 games! Things look much more promising this year as all of the injured players are back and last year's top 2 WR's and their backups (who were all soph's) return, including new star Brian Robinson (81 rec's, 11.1). Robinson averaged 7.4 rec per game but missed most of the Texas and SMU games and really averaged 9.0 rec per game in the games in which he saw significant action. Robinson and KeyKowa Bell combined for the 4th most productive WR duo in the NCAA as they combined for 135 rec's. UH called the receiving group the Killer Bees because of Brian Robinson, KeyKowa Bell, Brandon Middleton, Shawn Broadus and TE Tommie Baldwin. I list a very talented 2 deep below and this is clearly CUSA's best receiving corps and made my Top 20 list on page 6.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kim Helton made his mark in coaching on the offensive line in the NFL and his UH offensive lines were always solid. In 1999 he had one of his best as they had 8 of the top 10 returning and they paved the way for a powerful rush attack that averaged 5.0 ypc and only allowed 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters who started for 3 and 4 years and also changed their schemes from a power rush attack to pass protection. It was pretty easy to forecast that the production would be down and they averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing while allowing 49 sacks. This year they must replace LG Nathan Woody (10 sts), LT Josh Lovelady (11 sts, 1st TM CUSA, 4 yr str) and LT Drew Lowery (1 st). Three starters are back plus they get a super VHT transfer from Arizona who adds size to a unit that averaged just 289 lbs across last year (309 this year). This group is more experienced, bigger, has added talent and is in the 2nd year of the system which means they should be much improved.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars allowed just 2.9 ypc in 1999 but had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups last year and had just one player returning with starting experience. Four JUCO's whom I projected in last year's 3 deep did not play and r/r Josh Tubbs ended up starting all 11 games. The unit allowed 3.4 ypc rushing, which was still respectable, but the defense as a whole recorded just 26 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again and they have the unexpected loss of Tubbs (11 sts, 22 tkl, 4 tfl) as well as DT Nikia Adderson (11 sts, 13 tfl, 48 tkl), DE Sam Hairston (11 sts, 24 tkl, 3 tfl), DT Kevin Payne and DE Ryan Alvey (4 tkl). They get 2 JUCO's who redshirted last year whom I project as starters and also bring in a solid class of true frosh. With the JUCO infusion this year's D-line is a little better off than it was last year and might be stronger, even with the losses.

LINEBACKERS - Perhaps one of the big reasons that the UH defense performed better than expected last year despite losing five of seven starters from the front seven was the presence of Wayne Rogers. Rogers was simply #2 in the NCAA in tfl per game, co-Defensive POY in CUSA, and led CUSA in tackles, tfl and was #6 in sacks while setting a Houston record in overall tfl in the process. The Cougars play a 4-2-5 defense but I list the STUD safety as an SLB, giving them a 3 man LB corps. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and a top backup but with Rogers the one returnee, the unit did well. This year they lose Rogers plus STUD safety Emile White who was the #2 tackler and made 11 starts, LB Raul Williamson (12 tkl) and LB Jason Hoelscher (9 tkl). They get some big time additions and if they are as productive as they can be, this unit could actually be upgraded. If you check the 2 deep below you will see that Arthur Gissendanner missed spring practice last year recovering from a knee injury. It took him a while to regain the starter's job but when he did he was a force over the last six games. Waymond Ervin started the first 5 at his spot. Damien West is a VHT Texas A&M transfer and Bryant Brown is a true frosh VHT this year. While there is talent here, replacing a talent like Rogers will be tough and this unit probably won't be able to top last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '99 the Cougars had six of the top 7 back and finished #56 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters and a part-time starter due to graduation then lost projected CB William Pettis prior to the season so they returned just 1 player with 7 starts from the previous year. Surprisingly, they moved up in my rankings allowing just 49.7% with an 18-13 ratio and finished #43 in the pass defense rankings. CB Jason Parker is their best cover corner and if you look at the 2 deep below, I have 3 JUCO transfers added to the mix. The only losses are WS David Williams (7 sts, 26 tkl, 6 tfl), CB Fred Conley (7 tkl) and CB Marcus Smith (6 tkl). This group has added talent and experience and definitely looks stronger in 2001.

HOUSTON 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Joffrey Reynolds	136	577	43	534	5	3.9				
Leif Penn	94	392	44	348	3	3.7				
Bubba Teague	18	65	54	11	0	0.6				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Jason McKinley	428	251	58.6	2696	14	13				
Bubba Teague	43	22	51.2	261	3	1				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Brian Robinson	81	899	11.1	6	38					
KeyKowa Bell	54	722	13.4	2	46					
Kendall Williams	33	298	9.0	1	46					
Joffrey Reynolds	24	193	8.0	0	42					
Brandon Middleton	16	241	15.1	2	44					
Stephen Cucci	16	153	9.6	2	39					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Mike Clark	76	2972	39.1	10	31.4	2				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Mike Clark	5-7	5-8	0-6	0-0	10-21	37				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PK				
Wayne Rogers	137	10	16	4	1	Lee Ingersoll	35	0	5	0
Emile White	101	2	3	13	2	Ham Milligan	31	1	3	0
Han Milligan	89	0	1	8	5	H. Robinson	30	1	0	1
N. Adderson	48	2	11	0	0	W. Ervin	27	0	2	0
A. Gissendanner	46	0	3	1	0	D. Williams	26	1	5	3
B. McGruder	41	0	2	8	1	S. Hairston	24	2	1	2
J. Parker	37	1	2	16	3	J. Tubbs	22	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
C. Francis	13	33	2.5	0	Leif Penn	26	513	19.7	0	

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Kim Helton's tutelage, the Cougars always blocked a lot of kicks. Dana Dimel's teams have also been known for blocking kicks, and last year UH blocked 4 punts. Dimel's Wyoming teams usually fared well in my special teams rankings including a #38 finish in 1998 and #33 in 1999. He inherited a group that went #81 in my rankings in '99 and had their kickers back but had to replace some explosive returnmen. The return game failed them (see stats above). They should only improve with experience in those two areas. Punting also turned into a nightmare as they went through 5 different long snappers after starter Mike Zajac broke his hand, and Punter Mike Clark was unable to adjust his timing with the bevy of long snappers. Clark's numbers fell to a 39.1 average and a net of just 31.4 with 2 punts blocked and he hit just 10 of 21 FG's with SIX blocked. They should be able to get the long snapping situation taken care of but must find a new kicker and punter. Overall the unit finished just #95 last year and clearly should be improved in all areas this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Houston used to have the run and shoot offense with Jack Pardee and John Jenkins at the helm but when they hired Kim Helton in 1993 they wanted anything but the run and shoot. Helton did a great job and after having just 45 scholarship players his second year, he took the team to the CUSA Co-Championship in 1996 and the Liberty Bowl. In his final season the team went 7-4 with 3 losses to bowl squads but he was surprisingly given the ax. Dana Dimel was brought in and they reverted back to a pure passing offense. They had to replace 12 starters last year and changed schemes on both sides of the ball and I called for a rebuilding year. That's precisely what they went through, going just 2-5 in CUSA play and 3-8 overall. This year Houston must replace 26 lettermen which is the 2nd most in the conference but has 43 returning including 13 starters. Offensively, Houston suffered 28 turnovers in 2000 which was the most in CUSA and they were -5 overall in the turnover ratio. Dimel redshirted all of his freshmen last year which is good for the future. Last year the defense allowed just 7 TD's after turnovers which sounds like a lot but isn't bad considering the consistently awful field position in which they found themselves. Against Texas the UH defense only allowed 349 total yards, but UH had 5 turnovers, including 3 directly returned for TD's. The offense should be more potent and protect the ball better in the second year of the system but the big question is who will be the new QB? Provided a capable one steps in, he will be surrounded by solid personnel at the skill positions, especially at WR (one of top corps in the country). As mentioned the defense was not as bad as the 33.6 ppg allowed showed as they gave up just 362 ypg. They have 5 starters back on that side of the ball and a top-notch secondary. They returned to playing in Robertson Stadium full-time in 1999 but their attendance for last year's season finale was just 3,006. They get 4 conf games at home this year. The opening schedule is not easy but they do avoid Tulane and E Car in CUSA play. As long as a capable QB emerges, they should have no trouble topping last year's win total and should continue to make strides in Dimel's second year.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Bubba Teague So. 6-2 190 Mobile, 261 yds (51%), 3-1 ratio as true, 65 yds rush. Nick Eddy PS#306JC, 2500 yds ly. Alvin Lee (5-10 177 Sr) 8 tkl ly. Blade Bassler is PS#46.
RB Chris Robertson Jr. 6-1 218 PS#105 & orig at Texas. 10 rush TD's in '99. Joffrey Reynolds (5-10 215 Jr) 8 sts ly. #1 w/534 yds (3.9), 24 rec. Leif Penn (5-9 205 Sr) 348 yds (3.7), 5 rec ly.
WR BRANDON MIDDLETON So. 5-11 180 7 sts, 18 rec (12.3) as true. 2 starts, 16 rec last year until injury. KeyKowa Bell (5-10 185 Jr) PS#162, 11 sts in 2000, 54 rec (13.4). Track.
WR ORLANDO IGLESIAS Sr. 6-2 220 PS#40, 10 sts as true, 33 rec (16.0), 11 sts in '99, 63 rec (12.3), 11 sts in '99, 59 rec (12.7). RS ly. Choni Francis (5-6 170 So), 7 rec (7.3) as true.
WR BRIAN ROBINSON Jr. 6-4 204 PS#82, 3 rec as true, 8 sts in 2000, #1 in CUSA w/81 rec (11.1). 2nd TM CUSA. Mark Hopkins (6-4 200 So) PS#290 1 st, 6 rec (7.2) as true.
TE Jonathan Pritchett Jr. 6-4 255 PS#116, 5 sts, 5 rec in '99, RS ly. Stephen Cucci (6-4 240 Jr) PS#56, 1 rec as true, 7 sts ly, 16 rec (8.6). Tommie Baldwin (5-11 232 Sr) 6 sts, 19 rec (8.3) 3Y.
C AL JAMES So. 6-0 295 PS#286 in 1999, 11 sts as r/r, CUSA Frosh Tm & added 22 lbs in spring. Patrick Boatner (6-1 285 Sr) PS#212DL, 2nd string last year.
RG DARNERIUS WATSON Sr. 6-2 300 PS#298JC ly. 11 starts here at RG after joining team in spring of 2000. Strong run blocker. Donald Mayo (6-2 304 r/r) was PS#435 last year.
LG Tyrone Green Jr. 6-2 295 PS#118JUCO in 2000. 2nd string in 11 games ly but still redshirted. Rex Hadnot (6-1 310 So) 11 games as 2nd string and added 12 lbs.
RT JABARI BEAUFORD Sr. 6-4 300 PS#78, 2 sts as r/r at LT, 10 sts at LT in '99 lt brkn leg, 11 sts at RT ly after missing spring. Chris Wheeler (6-2 295 Jr) PS#118, 3 gms ly.
LT Chris Redding Jr. 6-4 355 PS#24 in '98, 2nd string at Arizona in '99. Transfer ly. Added 25 lbs. Josh Demarr (6-6 301 Sr) PS#84JC, 11 games as 2nd string here ly.
K Dustin Bell Jr. 6-2 210 Strong leg & added 10 lbs last year. Joey Saavedra (5-8 190 Sr) 69 punts in '98, 37.0 average. Backup K & P last 2 years, no stats.

DE Quantaa Jackson Jr. 6-2 244 PS#213RB in 1998. JUCO transfer last year & RS. David Midyett (6-2 245 So) has 5 tkl, 2 tfl, 7 games as a true. Theadric Lee is PS#130DL.
DT LEE INGERSOLL Sr. 6-3 275 9 starts as Jr at DE, 35 tkl, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. Added 20 pounds. Rufus Williams (6-5 300 Sr), 1 tkl in 3 games in '99, 3 tkl in 6 games last year.
DT Bryan Hill Jr. 6-1 285 PS#149JUCO in 2000 and redshirted. Robin Tremblay (6-2 275 Sr) Canadian HS, 9 tkl, 2 sks, 1 pbu ly. Jeff Mayhew (6-4 270 Jr) PS#239.
DE Adrian Lee Jr. 6-2 235 66 tkl & 9 sks at JUCO in '99, 2 starts here last year, 6 tkl, 1 sack, added 10 lbs. Kendrick Goss (6-4 270 r/r), Sharod McGowan is PS#135.
WLB ARTHUR GISSENDANNER Sr. 6-2 222 PS#136, 33 tkl as true, 5 tfl, 28 tkl, 5 tfl in '99 (inj). 6 sts ly, 46 tkl, 3 tfl. Waymond Ervin (5-11 220 Jr) 30 tkl in '98 & '99, 5 sts ly, 27 tkl, 2 tfl.
MLB Damien West So. 6-2 246 PS#35 in '99 & orig at Tex A&M, Justin Davis (6-2 226 So) PS#317, P.O. ly. Nick Stavinocha (6-1 226 r/r), Travis Griffith (6-4 230 r/r) PS#247DL.
SLB Heard Robinson So. 6-2 208 4 sts ly as r/r, 30 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu, CUSA Frosh Tm. Bryant Brown is PS#31BL. Ronnie Braxton (6-0 210 Jr) PS#292JC, 12 tkl, 2 tfl last year.
CB JASON PARKER Sr. 5-10 180 PS#227, 5 sts as true, 7 sts in '99, 1 int, 11 pbu. 11 (inj). 6 sts ly, 46 tkl, 3 tfl. Victor Malone is PS#220JC. Jesse Grove (5-10 200 r/r) PS#93.
CB Roland Cola Jr. 5-10 170 PS#95JUCO. Bachie McGruder (5-10 176 Sr) PS#173, 6 sts ly, 41 tkl, 1 int, 8 pbu, 2 tfl. Bobby Tillman (5-10 194 r/r) RB as a true frosh.
WS Hamlin Milligan Sr. 6-2 185 PS#62JC in '99, 15 sts at WS ly, 31 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 sk. Jessie Sawik (5-11 192 Jr) PS#292JC. Jermain Woodard (5-11 195 r/r) 2 tkl ly but RS.
FS HANOK MILLIGAN Jr. 6-3 200 PS#202JUCO, 11 sts, 89 tkl, 1 tfl, 5 int, 8 pbu here at FS. Greg Holte (5-10 185 Jr) 10 tkl in three years. Carlos Jones is PS#122 this year.
P Jeff Patterson Sr. 6-1 205 42.3 average as soph at JUCO in '98, 35 punts here in '99, 36.5 avg, 10 inside the 20. Jimmy McClary (6-6 214 So) is a Hofstra transfer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB Anthony Evans 5-10 205 PS#28
 LB Bryant Brown 6-2 220 PS#31
 DB Cody Thibodeaux 6-1 205 PS#52
 QB Blade Bassler 6-4 220 PS#46
 QB Barrick Nealy 6-4 205 PS#73
 DL Theadric Lee 6-3 290 PS#130
 DL Sharod McGowan 6-2 270 PS#135
 DB Carlos Jones 5-10 190 PS#122
 RB Matt Schirmer 6-0 225 PS#143
 DB Roland Cola 5-10 170 PS#95JC
 OL Roy Swan 6-2 320 PS#147
 DB Levi Gaston 6-1 180 PS#159
 WR T.J. Jenkins 5-11 180 PS#173
 DB Tristen Robertson 6-0 190 PS#189
 DB Victor Malone 5-11 180 PS#220JC

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

UH is 4-11 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1992.
The dog in the SMU series is 5-1 ATS last 6 meetings.
Cougars are 7-15 ATS the last 8 years as a favorite.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score HOU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Rice	G												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 15	at Georgia	G												
Sep. 22	Texas	G												
Sep. 29	TCU	G												
Oct. 6	at Army	A												
Oct. 13	Memphis	G												
Oct. 20	Cincinnati (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at S Mississippi	G												
Nov. 3	at S Florida	G												
Nov. 10	at Louisville	G												
Nov. 17	UAB	G												
Nov. 24														

Cougars are 7-4 ATS last 11 vs the Owls including an OT loss LY.
Houston is 4-16 ATS in home openers since 1979.

Cougars are 7-2 ATS after a bye the last 6 years.
Houston is 7-13 ATS the last 4 seasons as an AD and was 1-5 LY.

UH is 3-11 ATS L4Y as a double digit dog.
Houston is 18-27-1 ATS vs other Texas teams the last 11 years.

Cougars are 4-11 ATS their last 15 vs TCU.
Could apply here: Houston is 8-4 ATS as a home dog the L5Y.

Houston is 2-5 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf.
Cougars are 5-13 ATS in sandwiched away games since 1992.

Houston is 6-14 ATS last 20 in the 1st of back to back home games.
Home team & the favorite are 3-1 SU & ATS in this short series.

Houston is 1-5 ATS & 2-4 SU vs the Bearcats since 1993.
The home team is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS in this series.

Cougars are 7-4 ATS in the 1st of back to back road games.
Home team is 2-2 SU but 4-0 ATS since 1996.

UH is 12-23 ATS in November since 1990.
Houston is 5-11-1 ATS L17 in the 2nd of B2B road games.

The SU winner is 4-0 ATS the last 4 meetings.
UH is 3-7 ATS their last 10 years in their final road contest.

Pending earlier results: Houston is 3-10 ATS the L2Y in conf play.
Cougars are 7-17 ATS in their last 24 home finales.

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	7-4	3-8	3-8	7-4	3-8	26-51
ATS	1-9	8-3	8-2	4-7	6-5	5-6	2-9	34-41
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	5-9
Home Dog	0-4	1-2	3-1	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	9-10
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-4
Away Dog	1-4	6-0	4-1	2-4	2-2	2-2	1-5	18-18
Favorite	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	2-3	3-3	0-3	7-13
Dog	1-8	7-2	7-2	4-5	4-2	2-3	2-6	27-28
Grass	0-2	3-1	3-0	2-5	5-3	4-6	2-6	19-23
Artificial	1-7	5-2	5-2	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-3	15-18
vs Conf	1-5	5-2	4-1	3-3	3-3	1-5	2-5	19-24
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	4-1	0-4	15-17
Off SU Win	0-1	1-0	5-1	1-2	2-2	3-3	1-2	13-11
Off SU Loss	1-7	6-3	3-1	3-4	2-4	1-3	1-6	17-28

Coach: DANA DIMEL (Career 26-20) Dimel's records AT HOUSTON

2nd Year at Houston	0-2	Home Favorite
3-8 Straight Up	1-1	Home Underdog
2-9 Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
1-6 Off A S/U Loss	1-5	Away Underdog
2-5 Vs Conference	0-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
80	Garden	-5'	Navy	35-0	W
81	Sun	+2'	Oklahoma	14-40	L
85	Cotton	+7	Boston College	28-45	L
88	Aloha	-4'	Washington St	22-24	L
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse	17-30	W

HOUSTON (3-8) CONFERENCE: USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7 Returning: 43 (22,18,3)
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 26 (9,15,2)

LETTERMEN:



HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
6*	19.2	19	71	2.2	269	57.7	17.7	-5	2000	3	33.6	20	137	3.4	224
9*	23.1	18	210	5.0	160	55.2	16.0	+9	1999	9	19.0	18	109	2.9	210
7*	23.1	20	143	3.8	225	55.6	15.9	-7	1998	3	28.8	20	142	3.6	226
5	19.6	18	121	3.3	208	51.1	16.8	-1	1997	9	37.3	21	153	3.9	260
8*	30.1	21	176	5.0	223	62.0	13.3	-3	1996	7	28.4	21	188	4.4	213
6*	17.1	19	106	3.4	243	56.0	20.4	-5	1995	6	32.7	24	226	5.2	229

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
at Rice	20	29-45	1.6	32-47	349	2	17	61-198	3.2	5-16	85	1	-1
at LSU	22	27-84	3.1	29-54	354	1	15	39-120	3.1	12-26	177	1	-1
Army	29	44-188	4.3	31-48	336	3	17	26-52	2.0	21-41	305	1	-4
at Texas	13	32-13	0.4	17-38	185	9	19	32-96	3.0	22-37	253	2	-1
SMU	20	33-67	2.0	28-47	338	3	21	18-52	2.9	28-58	326	2	+4
at Cincinnati	22	29-77	2.7	31-44	326	4	28	52-262	5.0	15-25	268	2	+2
at Memphis	21	31-64	2.1	33-50	262	2	14	46-73	1.6	12-26	129	7	-1
S Mississippi	11	30-(-2)	-0.1	15-31	150	9	20	38-113	3.0	18-33	215	4	+1
at Tulane	22	38-146	3.8	25-45	248	6	26	35-142	4.1	19-33	309	0	+2
at E Carolina	16	31-71	2.3	19-37	267	6	24	54-247	4.6	12-27	183	1	-2
Louisville	11	29-29	1.0	14-34	147	4	20	49-156	3.2	13-34	216	5	-4
TOTALS	207	353-782	2.2	274-475	2962	49	221	450-1511	3.4	177-356	2466	26	-5
AVERAGES	18.8	32-71	2.2	25-43	269	4.5	20.1	41-137	3.4	16-32	224	2.4	-0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL 43-28	-	
at LSU	+23 34-35	W	
at Pittsburgh	+4' 42-35	W	
USC	+20' 9-26	W	
at SW Louisiana	+1' 31-24	W	
Memphis	-3 37-20	W	
at Cincinnati	+2' 20-31	L	
N Carolina	+22 14-42	L	
at Tulane	+1 20-17	W	
S Mississippi	+7 56-49	W	
Louisville	+1' 38-7	W	

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+14' 17-42	L	
California	-2' 3-35	L	
Pittsburgh	-3 24-35	L	
at Minnesota	+8' 45-43	W	
at UCLA	+26 10-66	L	
Cincinnati	+7' 41-38	W	
at Louisville	+3 36-22	W	
at Memphis	+1' 3-24	L	
E Carolina	+2 27-28	W	
at S Mississippi	+19' 0-33	L	
Tulane	+10 10-44	L	

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+14' 10-14	W	
Minnesota	-3 7-14	L	
UCLA	+27' 24-42	W	
at Tennessee	+27' 7-42	L	
Memphis	-2 35-14	W	
Army	-7 28-38	L	
at N Texas	-3' 31-9	W	
at E Carolina	+6 34-31	W	
S Mississippi	+9 15-21	W	
at Cincinnati	-10 43-44	L	
at Tulane	+16 20-48	L	

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-2' 28-3	W	
at Alabama	+13' 10-37	L	
Louisiana-Lft	-21 45-0	W	
at UAB	-7 10-29	L	
Cincinnati	-6' 23-20	L	
at N Carolina	+6' 20-12	W	
at Louisville	+4' 33-39	L	
E Carolina	+4' 3-19	L	
Tulane	-13' 36-31	L	
at LSU	+3 20-7	W	
at Army	-4' 26-14	W	

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	E 27-30	L	
at LSU	+13 13-28	L	
Army	-16' 31-30	L	
at Texas	+24 0-48	L	
SMU	-10' 17-15	L	
at Cincinnati	+5 31-48	L	
at Memphis	+9 33-30	W	
S Mississippi	+16' 3-6	W	
at Tulane	+2 23-41	L	
at E Carolina	+15 20-62	L	
Louisville	+11 13-32	L	

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS



LB Brian Zickeloose (36) will contend for Conference USA honors this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Army went through a drastic change of offense, going from the wishbone to a pass attack. In the 16 years of the wishbone, the average number of completions for a season for this team was 45 and last year they set an Army record for pass completions in a season with 195. Starting QB Joe Gerena returned but lost his job to Chad Jenkins, who started the first 2 games and then was injured and missed about a month. He would get in just 5 starts, throwing for 540 yards (46.4%) with a 2-7 ratio while rushing for 162 yards. Gerena got in a couple of starts but then he too was injured and finished with 5 starts, 779 yards (47.7%) and a 2-5 ratio with 43 yards rushing. Curtis Zervic (PS#199) was on the JV team in 1998, quit the team in 1999 and then was the manager of the lacrosse team. He returned when Todd Berry took over and got in one start last year but clearly had the most impressive passing stats, throwing for 617 yards (62.5%) with a 4-6 ratio. At 6-4 210 he is my favorite to win the starting job this year. Also in the mix at QB are Ryan Kent (5-11 189 So) who was PS#352DB, Adam Rafalski (5-11 183 So) and Jon Hall (5-11 192 Sr). Even though Gerena is gone, I expect much better production out of Zervic and Jenkins in the 2nd year of the new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Under the Sutton regime Army usually graduated most of their top RB's as he liked to rely on seniors. Of course they ran the wishbone which had a FB and 2 RB's but the new offense trimmed that to just one RB and for the second straight year Michael Wallace was the main man. He became just the 8th player in Army history to top 1,000 yards in a season and he topped 100 yards in 6 different games and became the first player in Army history to have a pair of 200 yard rushing games, impressive considering Army's storied history. He was also CUSA's top rusher (1,157 yards) and had a super 6.0 ypc. He is a big loss. Alton McCallum is a big back who has good speed but after averaging 5.4 ypc and gaining 258 yards at FB in 1999, his ypc dropped to 3.1 last year. I was very surprised that Berry moved him to TE where they are well stocked and would not rule out his possible return here. The #3 rusher returns in Josh Holden (6-0 208 Jr) who had 127 yards (4.5) and 6 rec's in his first year after moving over from DB. DJ Stancil (5-8 192 So) had 7 rec's and averaged 34.2 on 4 KR's as a true frosh. Marcellus Chapman (5-8 183 So) was PS#434. With the loss of Wallace this unit clearly looks weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - With last year's drastic change from the wishbone to the passing attack Army used some converted RB's as their top WR's and they performed well. Calvin Smith was on Army's track team in the 4x100 meter relay. He had just 3 rec's in 1999 and 209 yards rushing but had 3 starts at WR and 12 rec's in 2000. Omari Thompson had 295 yards rushing at RB in 1999 but converted nicely to receiver, going from 8 rec to 40 last year and was the team's leading receiver. He is also on the 4x100 relay team. Clint Dodson did well in his first full year as the starting TE and even though he was snubbed by CUSA coaches and media for the All Conf team he had 37 rec's (10.4). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. The only loss this year is WR Bryan Bowdish who had 9 starts and was the team's 4th leading receiver with 17 (12.1). Last year Army had to replace everyone and learn a brand-new system and this year they are in much better shape and have surprising speed.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Army usually has to replace the majority of their O-line each season and in 1999 they had to replace all 5 and saw their ypc rushing drop from 5.3 to 4.6 while allowing an alarmingly high 29 sacks in the wishbone offense. Last year they had 4 starters returning but had to pick up the brand-new blocking schemes of the passing attack. Their star C Brandon Calhoun was injured versus Louisville and lost for the year. Experience prevailed, however, and the line performed well, as they threw 382 times last year (compared to 128 passes in '99) yet allowed less sacks with just 21 although the team's ypc rushing dropped to 3.8. This year the line takes some hits since departing are two year starters Calhoun (9 sts), LG Josh Gonzalez (11 sts) as well as RT Mike Larkin (11 sts) and Jon Karpuk (1 st). Berry says, "I like our offensive line, we have the potential to feature a much more athletic line this year." They have unusual size for a service academy with the projected starters averaging 292 lbs and this is the second year in the new pass-based offense. Dustin Plumadore played C in the spring due to Nolan Gordon's injury and I expect him to shift back to G for the fall. The 2 full-time returning starters have both made 2nd Team CUSA in their careers. Despite the losses, this unit could be as strong as the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Black Knights had one of their most experienced fronts and limited opponents to just 3.9 ypc. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 29 starts and had just 2 players return with starting experience. Prior to the season, Berry had said they had more quality depth at DL than at any other position. They had to use every bit of it as prior to the season they lost projected starting DT Matt Cole and then lost DE Ron Sporer 3 games in. They also lost starting DT Clarence Holmes for half of the season. The defense allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and the front line put very little pressure on opposing QB's with 11 sacks as a team. DE Zac Hurst (59 tkl, 9 flt, 11 sts) leaves as Army's all-time career leading sack man but recorded just one last year. Also gone are DT Melvin Crittle (7 sts, 26 tkl, 3 flt), DT Randy Mitchell (5 sts, 34 tkl, 3 flt) and Sporer (9 tkl). This year 4 players return with starting experience and DE David McCracken (PS#82LB) has had an injury plagued career but if he stays healthy could be a force. The player Berry is most high on from the front is DT Clarence Holmes who he says is the prototypical DT for this defense. I look for solid improvement provided they can maintain better health.

LINEBACKERS - Todd Berry shifted the defensive scheme to a 4-4-3 when he arrived, calling both OLB's Snipers. For simplicity's sake I will list one of the SNIP positions at SS. Last year they had to replace one starter and 6 backups who combined for 4 starts and 84 tackles. Berry moved in some QB's, HB's and DB's to the unit to add depth. This year they must replace ILB Lyle Weaver (8 sts, 65 tkl) and OLB Derrick Goodwin (11 sts, 82 tkl, 6 flt). There is plenty of experience returning as the starting ILB's look solid and the other OLB (Sniper) spot is well manned with Ben Edgar (33 tackles), Ben Woodruff and Jay Thomas. All three are potential starters. This is the 2nd year in the new defense and even with the losses, I like the looks of this year's LB corps and think it will be stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - As I mention above, Army runs a 4-4-3 but I will count one of the Snipers as a DB (SS). The Black Knights' pass defense has struggled for years. One of the main reasons was they faced the wishbone in practice every day which couldn't accurately mimic high powered pass attacks. That was corrected last year with the installation of the new offense. In 1999 they finished #105 in my pass defense rankings and last year had to replace one starter and one backup to graduation. The team finished #100 allowing 61.1% with a 16-11 ratio so practicing against a pass offense didn't really help them much. This year they lose FS Derrick McNally (11 sts, 119 tkl, 12 pbu), CB Andrew Burke (11 sts, 76 tkl, 13 pbu) and CB Imani Dupree (1 st, 1 tkl). SNIP Brian Zickeloose was the #1 tackler and had 9 flt and is clearly the best player in the secondary. Starting CB Brent Dial practiced at FS in the spring and FS Ben Woodruff has been moved to OLB. Those two could revert to their previous positions. If the new CB's don't work out they can always move Dial back to his old spot. This unit does have good experience and I look for them to climb in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bob Sutton always did a solid job with this unit and in his last 4 years they finished #59, #33, #27 and #62 in my special teams rankings, led by a couple of record setting punters. Last year they had to replace one of those star punters and Dan MacElroy averaged just 38.2 with a net of only 31.4, almost 5 yards weaker than the previous year. He should improve. More good news for this unit is that star returnman Omari Thompson is back. Thompson had 927 return yards last year and became the first Army player in over 50 years to return 2 punts for TD's in the same season. They must replace K Brendan Mullen but he hit just 5 of 11 FG's with a long of 37 and of his 35 kickoffs, he recorded just 6 TB's and only managed to

ARMY		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Michael Wallace		192	1200	43	1157	11	6.0				
Alton McCallum		74	239	8	231	3	3.1				
Josh Holden		28	128	1	127	1	4.5				
Chad Jenkins		48	162	70	92	1	1.9				
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Joe Gerena		151	72	47.7	779	2	5				
Curtis Zervic		104	65	62.5	617	4	6				
Chad Jenkins		125	58	46.4	540	2	7				
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Omari Thompson		40	451	11.3	0	49					
Clint Dodson		37	383	10.4	2	23					
Michael Wallace		24	187	7.8	1	24					
Bryan Bowdish		17	205	12.1	1	36					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Dan MacElroy		59	2254	38.2	-	31.4	1				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Brendan Mullen		2-3	3-5	0-2	0-1	5-11	37				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
B. Zickeloose	128	3	6	3	3	Z. Hurst	59	1	8	1	0
D. McNally	119	0	1	12	1	M. Lennox	38	0	0	2	2
J. Frazier	88	1	5	0	0	P. Heiliger	38	0	2	0	0
D. Goodwin	82	1	5	3	0	B. Perdue	34	2	3	0	0
A. Burke	76	0	1	13	1	R. Mitchell	34	1	2	0	0
B. Dial	66	0	2	5	1	B. Edgar	33	0	0	0	0
L. Weaver	65	0	4	3	2	W. Stewart	30	0	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
O. Thompson		12	211	17.6	2	O. Thompson		37	716	19.4	0

reach the opponents' 10.5 yard line on average. James Maloney got a 1 KO which he sent to the 4 and Army overall allowed 22.4 per KR. Berry says that he will coach the special teams himself this year after being a co-coordinator for the unit last year. Army blocked 3 punts but had 4 blocked and finished #84 in my rankings. Zachary Kaye (5-7 171 So) was PS#37K and may give them a large upgrade at that spot. Overall I look for a decent improvement in the special teams rankings this season.



WR Omari Thompson led the WR troop with 40 rec's last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to have one of the most dominant teams in college football, winning 3 National Titles from 1944 to 1946 and nothing 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long since passed. The Black Knights have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. After having 10 losing seasons out of 11 from 1973 to 1983, Jim Young guided the team to 3 bowl games from 1984 to 1988. In Bob Sutton's tenure, they had one magical season in 1996 where they went 10-2 but they have had 4 straight losing seasons since then with just 11 wins in that span. Todd Berry came from Illinois St and drastically altered the offense, going from the wishbone to the passing game and naturally the offense went through some growing pains last season as Army struggled to a 1-10 record. At one point last year they had a 10 game losing streak, which was the longest in school history. The Black Knights are just 4-15 SU in CUSA play and last year's 1-10 mark was their worst season since 1973. Army was competitive in conference play as they tied or were tied in the 4Q in 4 CUSA games last year. The offense has six starters back which is their highest number since 1995 (with the exception of last year when they were learning a new offense). They should be much more potent on that side of the ball in 2001. While Army's defense was generous last year, allowing 33.8 ppg and 440 ypg, it must be pointed out that opponents returned SIX interceptions for TD's so the defensive ppg allowed was not quite as bad as indicated. They have 22 lettermen back on that side of the ball including their top tackler, Brian Zickeloose, and will clearly improve on the ppg number. They draw four CUSA home games with some beatable opponents at home and get more competitive in league play each year. They avoid both S Miss and Louisville in league play and should easily improve upon last year's 1-10 record, but are still a few years from being a contender in CUSA.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DL Keenan Beasley 6-3 230 PS#165	Get my 2001 Fresh Report
LB Britt Cleveland 6-0 205 PS#142	Just \$15.00
DB John Perkowski 5-10 190 PS#195	1-800-654-3448
OJ Cory Sherk 6-6 197 PS#156	
QB Joel Glover 6-4 253 PS#243	
RB Robert Carr 5-7 185 PS#243	
DL Brandon Holley 6-2 275 PS#287	
TE Wade Greenlee 6-3 215 PS#109	
K Derek Jacobs 5-0 186 PS#49	
RB Ardell Daniels 5-9 188 PS#333	
DL Trey Landry 6-3 260 PS#349	
DL William Poynt 6-5 220 PS#395	
OJ Justin Tryant 6-2 280 PS#506	
DL Seth Nieman 6-5 280 PS#539	
DL Doug Meyer 6-5 235 PS#466	

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CURTIS ZERVIC SR. 6-4 210 PS#199. 1 stly, 617 yds (62.5%), 4-6 ratio. Chad Jenkins (5-11 180 Sr) 2 sts in 99, 145 pass, 187 rush, 5 sts ly (inj) 540 yds (46%), 2-7 ratio, 162 rush.
RB JOSH HOLDEN JR. 6-0 208 JV in '99. #3 on varsity in 2000 with 127 yds (4.5), 6 rec (6.0). DJ Stancil (5-8 192 So), 178 total yards ly. Marcellus Chapman (5-8 183 So).
WR CALVIN SMITH SR. 5-10 165 PS#150DB. Army 4x100m relay. 209 rush yards in 99 at RB. 3 sts at WR last year, 12 rec (10.6). Chris Pestel (5-11 177 Jr) PS#231WR.
WR BRIAN BRUNTON SR. 6-2 215 6 sts in 2000, 13 rec (13.6). Good size. Anthony Miller (5-8 176 So) one of fastest on team. 11 rec (12.8), 15 tkl as true, added 11 lbs.
WR OMARI THOMPSON SR. 5-7 160 1 st at RB in 99, 295 yds rush (8.0), 8 rec, 10 sts at WR ly, #1 w/40 rec (11.3), 927 return yds. Army 4x100 relay team. Anis Comeaux 12 rec (9.5) ly.
TE CLINT DODSON SR. 6-4 235 1 st in 99, 1 rec (14.0), 9 sts ly, 37 rec (10.4). ECAC All-Star. Alton McCallum (6-0 259 Sr) 489 rush yds in 2 yrs at RB. Moved to TE in spg.
C Nolan Gordon Jr. 6-2 276 Hargrave in 97. JV team in 98 & 99. Varsity squad in 99, no action, 2 sts ly at C when Calhoun was inj'd. Missed spr. Josh Davis (6-0 311 So).
RG DUSTIN PLUMADORE SR. 6-1 305 JV team as true. 11 sts at RG in 99, 2nd Tm CUSA. 11 sts at RG ly, added 10 lbs. Alex Moore (6-1 282 Jr) 1 game as true, added 12 lbs.
LG Aaron Burger Jr. 6-1 290 PS#256DL. Bkup RG as true, 1 gm, 11 gms as LG string LG ly, added 17 lbs. Steve Schmidt (6-1 256 Jr) 3rd string in 2000, added 12 lbs.
RT JARED CHURCHILL SR. 6-2 293 JV tm in 98. Added 43 lbs in 99, 9 gms as bkup LT ly, added 21 lbs. Craig Cunningham (6-3 305 Jr) 8 gms as true, 7 gms as 2nd string ly.
LT PAUL HENDERSON SR. 6-3 294 9 games as 2nd string RT in 99, 10 sts at LT ly, 2nd Tm CUSA. Mark Riegel (6-2 285 Sr), 3rd string ly. Mark Conliffe (6-3 270 So) PS#255.
K Zachary Kaye So. 5-7 171 PS#37K. JV team in 2000, added 16 pounds. Anthony Zurisko (5-10 190 So) was PS#352DB, JV team last year. Paul Stelzer (6-4 186 Jr).

DE DAVID MCCracken SR. 6-3 236 PS#82LB. Injury plagued career, only 5 tkl, 1 tfl in '99, 12 tkl ly, 1 tfl. Odene Brathwaite (6-3 247 So) 10 tkl as true. **CUSA Fresh Team.**
DT PADDY HEILIGER JR. 6-2 268 PS#322DL. 1 tkl as true, 8 sts ly, 38 tkl, 2 flt. Brian Horvath (6-2 257 Jr), 1 st, 4 tkl, 6 games last year. Travis Ault (6-2 260 Sr) PS#416.
DT CLARENCE HOLMES JR. 6-2 261 2 tkl, 1 tfl as true, 3 sts ly (injured), 19 tkl, 2 sks. William Pendleton (6-4 230 So) PS#163DL, JV ly. Doug Larsen (6-1 240 Jr) 3 tkl ly.
DE BRANDON PERDUE SR. 6-2 228 PS#270LB. 1 tkl as true, 1 gm in 99, 9 sts ly, 34 tkl, 2 sks, 3 flt. Wes Greenwood (6-0 247 Sr) 14 tkl in 98, Alan Maszarose (6-2 226 Jr) PS#99TE.
OLB Ben Edgar Sr. 6-0 190 12 tkl in 99, 33 tkl ly. **Ben Woodruff** (6-2 197 Sr) 5 games on sp tms in 99, 23 tkl, 2 pbu in 2000. **Jay Thomas** (6-1 197 So) PS#158DB.
ILB JASON FRAZIER JR. 5-11 227 5 sts as true, 31 tkl, 5 flt, **CUSA Fresh Tm.** 10 sts, 88 tkl, 1 sk, 5 flt ly. BJ Wiley (5-11 224 Sr) PS#349DB. 7 tkl in '99, 27 tkl, 3 flt last year.
ILB Michael Lennox Jr. 6-2 233 PS#156, JV in '99, 3 sts in 2000, 38 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu, added 11 lbs. Warren Stewart (6-1 220 Jr) 30 tkl, 3 sks, 1 sk ly.
SNIP BRIAN ZICKELOOSE SR. 5-10 210 11 starts at FS in '99, 91 tkl, 1 pbu, 11 starts in 2000, #1 w/128 tkl, 3 sks, 6 flt, 3 int, 3 pbu. Shane Radtke (5-11 180 Jr) was PS#158QB.
CB MAURIO SMITH JR. 5-8 171 5 tkl in 2000, 10 gms. Berry says he is one of top athletes on team. Thomas Roberts (5-9 180 So) JV team ly. Michael Sehzue (5-10 175 Jr).
CB Emiko Terry Jr. 5-7 170 Track team in HS. JV team in 99, 6 tkl in 10 games in 2000. Brandon Dickens (5-6 162 Sr) 15 yards at HB in 1999, 9 tkl, 11 games in 2000.
FS BRENT DIAL SR. 6-0 187 7 games, 0 tkl as true, 24 tkl, 1 flt, 1 pbu in 99, 10 sts at CB last year, 66 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 flt. Martin Pierce (6-0 176 Jr), JV tm last 2 yrs.
P DAN MACELROY SR. 6-0 190 JV tm & also backup varsity punter in 1999. 59 punts in 2000, 38.2 average & net of 31.4, 10 inside the 20, 8 FC's. Chris Castell (6-1 212 Jr).

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

West Point, New York
Weather (914) 485-1390 ext 1

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Coming into this season, Army is 12-28 ATS in games played in November & December since 1989.

The SU winner is 5-0 ATS in the Louisville series.

Army is 6-16 ATS vs non-conference foes the last 4 years.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ARMY Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G S	A R T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Cincinnati	A												
Sep. 15	Buffalo	A												
Sep. 22	at UAB	G												
Sep. 29	at Boston College	A												
Oct. 6	Houston	A												
Oct. 13	E Carolina (HC)	A												
Oct. 20	at TCU	G												
Oct. 27	Tulane	A												
Nov. 3	at Air Force	G												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	at Memphis	G												
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	† Navy (Philadelphia)	A												

Black Knights are 91-17-3 SU in their opener but have lost 4 straight. Army is 7-4 ATS in their 1st lined home game.

Buffalo was 2-9 SU but 7-4 ATS LY, their 2nd season in IA ball. The Black Knights are 8-3 ATS their L/11 vs current MAC teams.

Army has lost 25 of 27 SU on grass!!! (10-21 ATS since 1986). Black Knights are 2-5-1 ATS in their 1st lined road game.

Army is 4-0 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games. Black Knights are 3-8 SU, 4-7 ATS their last 11 vs the Big East.

Army is 2-1 ATS, 1-2 SU the last 3 years vs Houston, all as dogs. Pending earlier results TY, Knights are 4-15 SU L3Y vs CUSA teams.

Army is 28-17 ATS as a home dog since '84, pending TY's opener. Pending the Buffalo result; Army is 7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight HG.

Coming into this season the Knights were 19-9 ATS in their L/28 Oct gms. Army is 0-5 SU, 2-3 ATS in sandwiched away games.

The home team is 5-0 ATS, 4-1 SU in this series. Black Knights are 4-4 SU, 3-2 ATS in home finales.

The home team is 8-2 & 14-3 ATS in this series. Army is 10-7-1 ATS their last 19 prior to a bye week.

Army is 0-10 ATS their last 10 games after a bye week(s). Black Knights are 3-7 ATS in their last 10 road finales.

STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (39,929)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-5-1	10-1	4-7	3-8	3-8	1-10	30-46-1
ATS	4-4	5-3	7-2-1	2-7	6-5	5-6	4-7	33-34-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	3-1	1-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	5-5
Home Dog	2-1	3-1	1-0	0-0	3-2	2-3	1-4	12-11
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	2-0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	2-6-1
Away Dog	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2	14-12
Favorite	0-2	0-1	5-1-1	1-4	0-2	1-0	0-1	7-11-1
Dog	4-2	5-2	2-1	1-3	6-3	4-6	4-6	26-23
Grass	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1	2-3	9-10
Artificial	3-3	5-2	6-2-1	2-5	3-3	3-5	2-4	24-24-1
vs CUSA	0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-2	3-3	4-3	13-12
vs Non-CUSA	4-3	4-1	6-2-1	2-6	2-3	2-3	0-4	20-22-1
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	5-2-1	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	9-12-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-1	1-0	1-4	5-3	4-3	3-6	21-20

Coach: TODD BERRY (Career 25-34)
Berry's records AT ARMY

2nd Year at Army	0-0	Home Favorite	
1-10	Straight Up	1-4	Home Underdog
4-7	Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
3-6	Off A S/U Loss	3-2	Away Underdog
4-3	Vs Conference	0-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6	W
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29	W
88	Sun	+14	Alabama	28-29	W
96	Independence	+7'	Auburn	29-32	W

ARMY (1-10)

CONFERENCE:

USA

RETURNING STARTERS:

LETTERMEN:

OFFENSE: 6* Returning: 40 (16,22,2)
DEFENSE: 5 Lost: 26 (13,12,1)



ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	DEF	YPP
6*	20.4	18	143	3.8	176	51.0	15.7	-6	2000	6	33.8	22	216	4.6	223	61.1	13.0			
2	20.5	18	265	4.6	73	40.6	16.5	-4	1999	7	28.8	20	172	3.9	205	63.8	13.1			
4*	23.4	19	294	5.3	76	45.9	15.8	-3	1998	4	29.5	20	174	4.2	243	57.2	14.1			
5	20.1	18	295	4.8	35	30.4	16.5	-3	1997	2	28.3	19	175	4.5	211	57.9	13.7			
5*	31.6	23	339	5.1	108	64.1	14.1	+6	1996	6	18.7	15	95	3.2	184	51.0	15.0			
7*	29.5	22	330	5.2	72	50.0	13.6	+1	1995	6	19.2	19	139	3.9	195	56.4	17.4			

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
at Cincinnati	15	34-120	3.5	14-29	123	0	25	51-198	3.9	18-29	239	0	0
Boston College	24	39-161	4.1	20-38	193	4	30	48-252	5.3	20-30	335	0	-3
at Houston	17	26-52	2.0	21-41	305	1	29	46-188	4.1	29-46	336	2	+4
Memphis	18	30-38	1.3	31-45	269	4	20	40-130	3.3	21-32	208	3	-2
at N Mexico St	20	47-235	5.0	12-28	144	1	17	52-202	3.9	10-16	101	1	-4
at E Carolina	16	45-178	4.0	16-30	125	1	23	42-332	7.9	14-23	195	0	+1
Tulane	20	40-221	5.5	21-34	171	1	21	38-164	4.3	23-43	268	0	+1
Air Force	20	35-233	6.7	15-32	134	0	24	59-278	4.7	14-22	163	2	-2
at Louisville	16	55-137	2.5	10-25	111	6	20	28-126	4.5	23-34	307	2	+2
UAB	19	32-47	1.5	22-49	216	3	16	41-209	5.1	14-28	218	0	0
† Navy	15	27-153	5.7	13-31	145	0	20	70-300	4.3	7-13	88	1	-3
TOTALS	200	410-1575	3.8	195-382	1936	21	245	515-2379	4.6	193-316	2458	11	-6
AVERAGES	18.2	37-143	3.8	18-35	176	1.9	22.3	47-216	4.6	18-29	223	1.0	-0.5

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-16	37-20	W
Duke	-3'	35-17	W
at N Texas	-17	27-10	T
Yale	-36	39-13	L
† Rutgers	-5	42-21	W
Tulane	-6'	34-10	W
at Miami (Oh)	-1'	27-7	W
Lafayette	NL	41-21	-
Air Force	+3	23-7	W
at Syracuse	+18'	17-42	L
† Navy	+2	28-24	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-3	25-35	L
Lafayette	NL	41-14	-
at Duke	-6	17-20	L
Miami (Oh)	-4	14-38	L
at Tulane	+6	0-41	L
Rutgers	-16'	37-35	L
Colgate	NL	35-27	-
at Air Force	+14	0-24	L
N Texas	-6'	25-14	W
at Boston College	+13'	20-24	W
† Navy	+12'	7-39	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami (Oh)	+7	13-14	W
Cincinnati	+2'	37-20	W
at Rutgers	-10	15-27	L
at E Carolina	+13	25-30	W
at Houston	+7	38-28	W
S Mississippi	+10	13-37	L
at Notre Dame	+25	17-20	W
Air Force	+13	7-35	L
Tulane	+16	35-49	W
at Louisville	+8'	23-35	L
† Navy	-6'	34-30	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+2'	15-34	L
at Tulane	+14	28-48	L
Ball St	-9'	41-21	W
E Carolina	+11'	14-33	L
Louisville	+14	59-52	W
at S Mississippi	+24'	0-24	W
New Mexico St	-6'	35-18	W
at Air Force	+15	0-28	L
at Memphis	+12	10-14	W
Houston	+4'	14-26	L
† Navy	+7	9-19	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+14	17-23	W
Boston College	+6'	17-55	L
at Houston	+16'	30-31	W
Memphis	+6'	16-26	L
at New Mexico St	+4	23-42	L
at E Carolina	+25	21-42	W
Tulane	+4	21-17	W
Air Force	+7'	27-41	L
at Louisville	+19	17-38	L
UAB	+8	7-27	L
† Navy	-2	28-30	L

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 MT WEST TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Jason Thomas, UNLV	Brandon Doman, BYU	Lon Sheriff, SD St
RB Cecil Sapp, Colo St	Luke Staley, BYU	Nate Scott, Wyoming
WR Ryan Fleming, A Force	Greg Tolver, SD State	Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming
WR Cliff Russell, Utah	Junior Mahe, BYU	Pete Rebstock, CSU
WR Dallas Davis, CSU	Derrick Lewis, SD St	Paul Nelson, SD St
TE Gray McNeill, SD St	Jose Ochoa, Colo St	Doug Jolley, BYU
C Rashad McClure, N Mex	Jason Scukanec, BYU	Peter Tramontanas, UNLV
G Morgan Pears, Colo St	Sam White, Utah	Rob Kellerman, Wyoming
G Aaron McCubbins, BYU	Broc Finlayson, Colo St	David Moreno, SD St
T Adam Goldberg, Wyoming	Ben Archibald, BYU	David Shohet, Colo St
T Doug Kaufusi, Utah	Ben Miller, Air Force	Mike Houghton, SD St
DL Anton Palepoi, UNLV	Ma'ake Kemoeatu, Utah	Ryan Denney, BYU
DL Jerome Haywood, SD St	Sagan Atuatasi, SD St	Jason Kaufusi, Utah
DL Garrett Smith, Utah	Zach Johnson, A Force	Ahmad Miller, UNLV
DL Brian Johnson, N Mex	Peter Hogan, Colo St	Kasey Jackson, Utah
LB Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	Jomar Butler, SD St	Adam Wade, Colo St
LB Loo Heather, SD St	Justin Ena, BYU	Shanga Wilson, UNLV
LB Sheldon Deckart, Utah	Herman White, Wyoming	Dominic Payne, Utah
CB Kevin Thomas, UNLV	DaShawn Abram, Wyoming	Joel Buelow, A Force
CB Jernaro Gilford, BYU	Justin Gallimore, CSU	Ricky Sharpe, SD St
SS Will Demps, SD State	Al Rich, Wyoming	Sam Meinrod, AF
FS Sam Brandon, UNLV	Arnold Parker, Utah	Brandon Ratcliff, N Mex
K Vladimir Borombozin, N Mex	Tommy Kirovski, SD St	Kevin Mark, Colo St
P Aaron Edmonds, BYU	Brian Simjanovski, SD St	Cort Moffitt, N Mexico
KR Pete Rebstock, Colo St	Derrick Lewis, SD St	Paul Peterson, BYU
PR Dallas Davis, Colo St	Troy Mason, UNLV	Holmon Wiggins, N Mex



Colorado St RB Cecil Sapp rams his way to 1st Team MWC honors this year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 MOUNTAIN WEST FORECAST

1. UNLV - The Rebels got the call as my 2nd Most Improved Team in the NCAA last year and simply went from 3-8 to 8-5 including a bowl victory! They have the most returning lettermen (52) in the league and lose the 2nd fewest (15) plus signed an incredible class of frosh and JUCO's which gives them a talent upgrade. Jason Thomas is the best QB in the league and their defense is vastly improved. They are one of the 3 most talented teams in the Mt West and get both CSU and SD St at home and despite a tough overall schedule and the fact that they were an 0-11 team just 3 years ago, they get my call for the conference title as they continue their amazing turnaround.

2. Colorado St - Sonny Lubick has simply won 5 conference titles in the last 7 years and Florida St is the only school in the country with more in that span. Only 15 lettermen depart (2nd lowest in league) from last year's Mt West and Liberty Bowl Champ so they are loaded once again. Despite breaking in a new QB, they have a lot of talent at that position and have my #2 rated offense in the league. CSU is always stout defensively and has 7 starters back on that side of the ball. While they must play four Mt West road games, Lubick is simply 31-15 SU on the road so that shows they will still be very successful. CSU must always be marked down as a contender and will likely be the preseason favorite by the coaches and media. With the talent on hand this year, they deserve such recognition.

3. San Diego St - Teams that make my Most Improved list (see page 13) usually are just that. Last year, 10 of my top 14 Most Improved Teams went from non-winning seasons to becoming bowl eligible!!!! Two years ago Hawaii was voted my Most Improved Team and went from 0-12 to 9-4!!!! The Aztecs do have a killer non-conference slate once again this year and their 3 Mt West road games are vs the top teams in the league so they may be an underdog in 6 games. I will still call for a winning year from this vastly improved team as they need only to upset either Colorado St or UNLV on the road to become a bonafide threat for the Mt West Title and they have my #1 rated defense in the league!!

4. BYU - It will be strange to tune into a BYU game and not see LaVell Edwards on the sidelines. TWENTY SEVEN consecutive non-losing seasons tells you how great a head coach he was and they will miss him. The Cougars have 13 returning starters which is actually the most they have had since 1993. Keep in mind their players are the oldest in the league on an annual basis with players going off to missions and their heavy reliance on JUCO's. They must play 7 road games for the first time since 1981 (including 4 in conference play) but have a lot of talent on both sides of the ball. After a rare non-bowl season last year, they must be classified as a contender again in the Mt West as long as they can quickly adapt to the coaching changes on both sides of the ball.

5. Utah - The Utes had an amazing streak of NINE straight winning seasons snapped last year partly due to a -11 turnover ratio and erratic QB play. They figure to be far more potent offensively with 7 starters back and a new scheme. They led the Mt West in total defense but do lose 7 starters from that side of the ball. They have the best defensive line in the league, and while a notch below last year's fine unit, they have my #2 rated defense in the league. This team actually outscored their foes last year by a 21.3-18.8 margin despite their 4-7 record!!!! They do have FOUR road games in the unbalanced conference schedule (only 7 league games) which will be tough, but this team is clearly capable of getting McBride's tenth winning season in 11 years and making some noise in conference play.

6. Air Force - AF always has the fewest amount of returning starters in the league. Last year they had just 8 and went 9-3 and back in 1998 they had just 9 and went 11-1. Fisher DeBerry is one

of the finest coaches out there and will have them competitive again despite just 6 returning starters. AF did benefit from +10 turnovers last year (see "Turnovers = Turnaround" on page 277) and the last two times they did not have an experienced QB and had 5 returning starters on offense or less, they averaged just 19.1 and 21.5 ppg (usually average in the 30's). Four conference road games do not help matters and this may be one of those rare non-bowl years for the Flyboys.

7. New Mexico - The Lobos had the best rush defense in the Mt West last year, benefitted from a +9 turnover ratio and were practically injury free. They won 3 league games in 2000 and just missed a winning season. The Lobos lost to UNLV with :18 left, handed over a 16-0 lead to San Diego St, and blew a 4Q lead vs Ore St but managed to improve their record once again under Long. This year they get 4 Mt West home games and have an expanded stadium and confidence. While the offense is improved, the defense looks a notch weaker and they may not get the breaks they did last year with injuries and turnovers. I like the strides this team is making and despite the low projection here they could make some noise and have a shot at improving their record once again.

8. Wyoming - Not only were the Cowboys the most inexperienced team in the league last year (8 returning starters), they were devastated by injuries and ended up -10 in turnovers and finished with the most losses in school history. They not only lost all 7 Mt West games, they lost them by an AVERAGE of 26.4 ppg. This year they are my 3rd Most Improved Team in the country, have 14 starters and 44 lettermen back and will be looking for a Turnovers = Turnaround (see pg 277). While they do have 4 Mt West home games this year, 3 are versus some of the powers of the league. They will be vastly improved on both sides of the ball and far more competitive but still may be a year away from escaping the lower half of the standings.

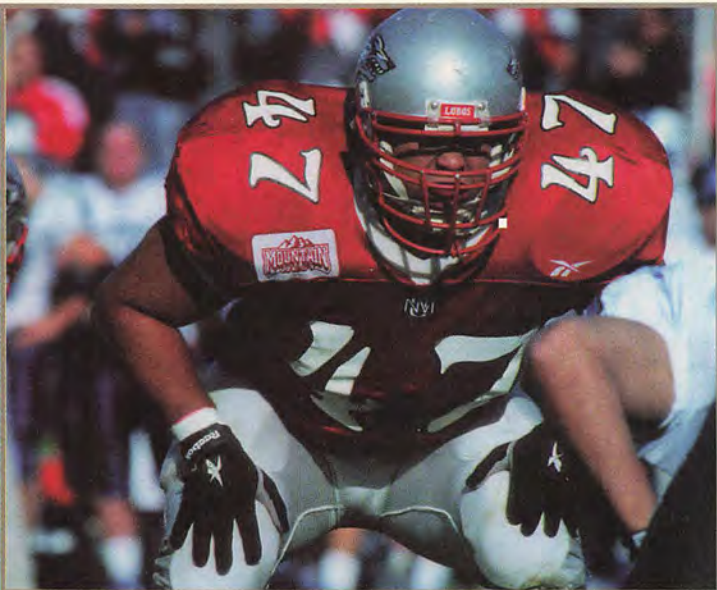


N Mexico RB Jarrod Baxter makes my MWC Honorable Mention list in 2001.

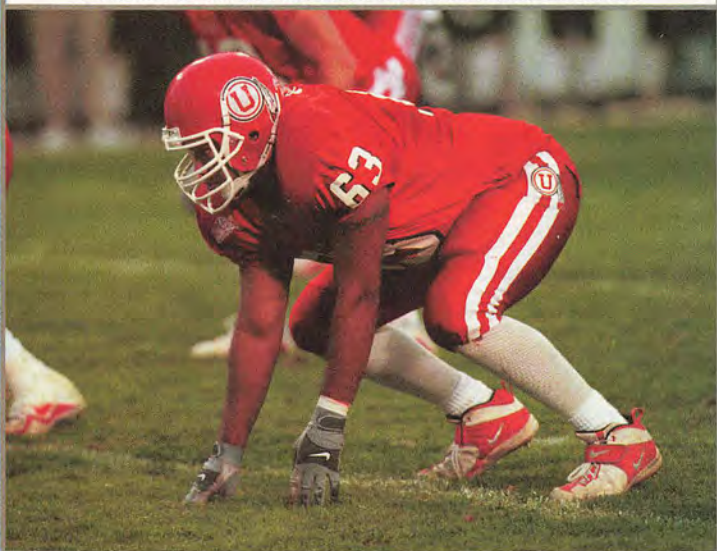
MT West Notes: This is a quality league and clearly the best teams from the old WAC relocated here. The league sent three teams to bowl games and came away with a perfect 3-0 bowl record, showing that they match up well vs the rest of the nation. Even LaVell Edwards in his farewell season could not get through the league unscathed and finished just 6-6 overall. The league has 2 of my top 3 Most Improved Teams in San Diego St and Wyoming, so watch out for those guys. Colorado St has won or shared 5 league titles in the last 7 years which is the 2nd most in the NCAA with only Florida St having more. This should be another great year for an up-and-coming league.



UNLV QB Jason Thomas had a pass efficiency of 138.1 last year.



N Mexico DE Brian Johnson led the conference in sacks last season.



Utah DT Garrett Smith made my Mt West 1st Team

2000 MT WEST CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Jeremi Rudolph, UNLV	12	178	1005	5.6	9	83.8
Cecil Sapp, Colo St	11	151	841	5.6	10	76.5
Adam Tate, Utah	9	160	660	4.1	7	73.3
Kevin Brown, UNLV	12	148	798	5.4	3	66.5
Mike Thiessen, Air Force	11	179	713	4.0	10	64.8
Nate Scott, Wyoming	10	110	645	5.9	5	64.5
Holmon Wiggins, N Mex	12	180	727	4.0	5	60.6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Mike Thiessen, A Force	195	112	57.4	5	1687	8.7	13	147.0
Jason Thomas, UNLV	201	106	52.7	9	1708	8.5	14	138.1
Matt Newton, Colo St	334	198	59.3	13	2609	7.8	20	136.9
Darnell Arceneaux, Utah	169	93	55.0	8	1375	8.1	7	127.6
Rudy Caamano, N Mex	192	107	55.7	7	1270	6.6	11	122.9
Lon Sheriff, SD St	290	155	53.4	11	2163	7.5	6	115.3
Jay Stoner, Wyoming	275	171	62.2	12	1552	5.6	10	112.9

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	CT/PG	CT/AVG
Ryan Fleming, A Force	11	52	930	5	84.5	4.73	17.9
Nate Turner, UNLV	12	66	947	10	78.9	5.50	14.3
Pete Rebstock, Colo St	10	46	768	6	76.8	4.60	16.7
Steve Smith, Utah	10	35	743	4	74.3	3.50	21.2
JR Tolver, SD St	11	62	808	1	73.5	5.64	13.0
Derrick Lewis, SD St	11	31	782	3	71.1	2.82	25.2
Ryan McGuffey, WY	11	63	696	4	63.3	5.73	11.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE	YDS/PG
Matt Newton, Colo St	11 39 -151	334 2609	2458	223.5
Mike Thiessen, A Force	11 179 713	195 1687	2400	218.2
Jason Thomas, UNLV	11 138 599	201 1708	2307	209.7
Lon Sheriff, SD St	10 54 -162	290 2163	2001	200.1
Jay Stoner, Wyoming	9 53 -175	275 1552	1377	153.0
Darnell Arceneaux, Utah	11 79 285	169 1375	1660	150.9

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Aaron Edmonds, BYU	12	67	2898	43.3
Brian Simjanovski, SD St	11	55	2356	42.8
Tom Waring, Wyoming	11	59	2502	42.4
Ray Cheetany, UNLV	12	64	2646	41.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Larry Davis, N Mexico	13	335	0	25.8
Patrick Dyson, Utah	14	340	1	24.3
Pete Rebstock, Colo St	13	307	0	23.6

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Pete Rebstock, Colo St	28	469	1	16.8
Troy Mason, UNLV	23	378	1	16.4
Holmon Wiggins, N Mex	46	392	0	8.5

KICKING

	G	FG	PCT	LONG
Dave Adams, Air Force	11	19	24	79.2
Owen Pochman, BYU	12	19	24	79.2
Aaron Elling, Wyoming	11	10	14	71.4
Ray Cheetany, UNLV	12	5	7	71.4

TACKLES

	G	NO	A	TOT	AVG
Rick Crowell, Colo St	10	81	42	123	12.3
Kwabena Peprah, WY	11	74	41	115	10.5
Anton Palepoi, UNLV	8	87	26	113	10.3
Patrick Chukwurah, WY	11	77	23	100	9.1
Justin Ena, BYU	12	49	58	107	8.9
Will Demps, SD St	11	52	44	96	8.7

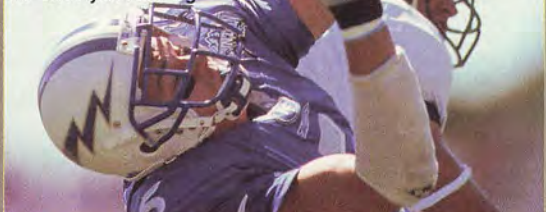
SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
Brian Johnson, NM	9.5	67	2898
Mike Barnett, N Mex	8	73	2356
Anton Palepoi, UNLV	8	39	2502
Patrick Chukwurah, WY	7	57	2646
Michael Gallagher, AF	7	48	2646
Corey Nelson, AF	7	36	2646

TFL

	G	NO	YDS
Patrick Chukwurah, WY	19	82	18106
Setema Gali, BYU	18	106	18101
Mike Barnett, N Mex	18	101	1653
Jason Kaufusi, UT	15	57	1557
Chris Hoke, BYU	15	57	1557
Will Demps, SD St	15	30	1557

AF WR Ryan Fleming



2000 MT WEST STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St	6	1	217	150	9	2	341	208
Air Force	5	2	230	198	8	3	384	278
UNLV	4	3	167	142	6	5	305	229
BYU	4	3	159	146	6	6	280	310
New Mexico	3	4	141	125	5	7	229	249
Utah	3	4	154	114	4	7	234	207
San Diego St	3	4	144	162	3	8	170	273
Wyoming	0	7	87	262	1	10	170	393

1999 MT WEST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	5	2	185	98	8	3	332	230
Colorado St	5	2	190	148	8	3	328	246
Utah	5	2	236	143	8	3	363	194
Wyoming	4	3	178	179	7	4	302	270
San Diego St	3	4	159	139	5	6	272	226
New Mexico	3	4	148	216	4	7	240	298
Air Force	2	5	149	170	6	5	264	218
UNLV	1	6	95	247	3	8	160	324

UNLV REBELS



QB Jason Thomas is the all around package with size, speed and a powerful arm.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year I voted Jason Thomas 1st Team MWC prior to him even suiting up or winning the starting job. Thomas beat out Matt Ray and Jason Vaughan in the fall and not only won the starter's job but was leading the NCAA in pass efficiency at 170.7 (57.4%, 7-2 ratio) rating prior to injuring his foot vs Colo St. Hobbled by a foot injury, he was less effective not only running but throwing in the second half of the year completing just 50.3% with a 10-7 ratio. Thomas finished the year throwing for 1,925 yards and had 81 gross yards rushing but probably would have topped 1,000 had he not been injured. The injury forced him to miss half of the Colorado St & Wyoming games and all of the Utah game. Thomas looks like a future 1st round DC as he has good size (6-4 230), 4.5 speed and a powerful arm that can easily throw the ball 70 yards. He should have a spectacular junior season. He's backed by Kurt Nantkes (6-4 215 rFr) who is 20 years old and played baseball for the Oakland A's organization. Ryan Hanson (6-2 220 So) was PS#117, lettered last year and will also contend. As long as Thomas stays healthy the Rebels have one of the top QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year I had both of UNLV's TB's in my Preseason 1st TM MWC and they did not disappoint. The Rebels were very deep at this position as they not only returned their leading rusher from 1998 in James Wofford but also had 1999's top rusher Jeremi Rudolph (orig signed with Fla St) and added Kevin Brown (2nd Trm Pac 10 at Wash St in '98). Rudolph and Brown combined to rush for 1,973 yards and a super 5.6 ypc. Wofford unselfishly moved to FB and had 233 yards (6.7). Unfortunately for Robinson, all three graduate. Jabari Johnson is a Washington transfer and FB Steven Costa was productive when on the field. Johnson looked great in fall drills last year but was injured in late August and gained just 70 yards. Robinson added two HT true frosh this year and I expect one or both to play right away. In 3 different games two backs topped 100 yards rushing and 3 almost did it vs Ole Miss. Naturally, with the loss of their top 3 backs, this group looks weaker.

RECEIVERS - Jason Thomas basically threw to two receivers last year in Nate Turner (74 rec, 14.5, 12 TD's) and Troy Mason (30 rec, 19.4). The speedy Mason is back but they must replace Turner (6-3 200) who

gave them a big WR to make the tough catches over the middle. I list the two deep below. Charles James is a big, fast receiver who missed 6 games last year and should have a much bigger impact. True frosh Earvin Johnson set a California record with 66 career TD's and is PS#20. He could start this year. Bobby Nero (PS#85) is an Oregon transfer that did not join the team until late August. He had 3 TD's on 8 receptions and will have a much bigger impact. Turner was by far the leading receiver the last two years, but this year's group has solid talent and a little more depth and could be just as effective.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels returned 4 starters to this unit last year but lost 3 players off the 2 deep to injury including projected starter Allen Williams in August. After averaging just 3.0 ypc in 1999 and allowing 31 sacks the Rebels' O-line paved the way for a super 5.0 ypc while giving up just 27 sacks. When you have a QB as mobile as Thomas, that helps the stats but this unit still performed well. This year 4 starters are back again including 3 seniors plus they get the return of Williams. I list a very experienced 2 deep below. Not even listed below is Matt Parkhurst (6-3 290 So) who lettered as a true frosh but spent 1998 and 1999 on an LDS mission. He redshirted in 2000. Also JUCO transfer Sherrick Mitchell (6-7 325) who originally was at Rutgers has been added. Their one loss is a biggie in RT John Greer (1st Trm MWC, 4 yr str). All 5 of UNLV's starting OL started all 13 games last year and while they may not be as fortunate this season, this group looks even stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UNLV allowed 6.2 ypc rushing in 1999 but made strides cutting down to 5.8, 4.3 and 4.6 the next 3 years. In 1999 the defensive front returned just 1 player with starting experience and allowed 5.0 ypc, recording just 15 sacks. Last year they were in much better shape with 3 starters back although they lost 4 players who combined for 12 starts. The defense made major strides dropping the ypc allowed to 3.6 and recording 30 sacks with the key addition being JUCO transfer Anton Palepoi (PS#26JC) who had 8 sacks and was 1st Trm MWC. Scott Parkhurst (PS#39JC) also had an impact with 25 tackles, 7 tfl as did Adrian Watson (PS#100JC) who had 23 tkl, 6 tfl. This year they must replace NG Anthony Suggs (13 sts, 2 sks) but return everyone else. Robinson also brings in PS#138JUCO in Garrett Brassington who was in for the spring. This should be one of the better D-lines in the MWC.

LINEBACKERS - The Rebels had an adequate LB corps last year but it did suffer a big loss when James Sunia, who was trying to become the school's all-time career leading tackler, went down after five games due to injury. Sunia looked to assume his starting position again but re-injured his knee in the spring; therefore I list him as 2nd string. Robinson has some talent to work with here as most of the LB's have good size and speed and 5 players return with starting experience. The only losses are OLB Tyler Brickell (8 sts, 43 tkl, 3 tfl) and Sharif Hamilton (5 sts, 45 tkl, 4 tfl). With Sunia's 100% healthy return, this would be a vastly improved group, but even if he is not 100% this group looks stronger with the addition of 2 HT rFr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels finished #44 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace 2 starters, one of whom was a 5th round DC of the NFL. They switched Randy Black back from a LB position to safety and there is a possibility Shanga Wilson could move from his OLB spot to SS this year. They dropped to #66 in my pass defense rankings allowing a respectable 52.9% but with an 18-10 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB Amar Brisco (13 sts, 53 tkl, 14 pbu) and SS Randy Black (12 sts, 11 pbu, HM MWC). Moving an OLB in here would make sense due to the depth at the OLB positions but Robinson also has 3 rFr and a JUCO to fill in. CB Kevin Thomas is the star of the secondary. He has been 1st Trm MWC the last 2 years and is NFL caliber. Samuel Brandon moved over from WR last year and simply led the team in tackles with 87 from his FS spot and should be improved in his second year on the defense. I look for the Rebels to rise in the pass defense rankings this year as they could even be more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Rebels lose a good one in Ray Cheetany who had a powerful leg and handled FG's, KO's and punts. Cheetany's punting average slipped a little from 45.4 in 1999 to 41.3 but with a net of 36.4. True frosh Dillon Pieffer hit 7 of 9 FG's with a long of 38 as the short FG man. Cheetany, showing his powerful leg, hit 5 of 7 FG's with a long of 48. Troy Mason finished in the Top 15 in the NCAA in PR's with a 15.3 average and UNLV had edges over their opponents in PR's (14.6 to 8.6) and KR's (20.5 to 18.7). They do have a punter with experience in Ryan McDonald who had 3 starts as a true frosh and redshirted last season but

UNLV		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
RUSHING											
Jeremi Rudolph	192	1172	75	1097	9	5.7					
Kevin Brown	161	908	32	876	4	5.4					
Jason Thomas	148	819	188	631	11	4.3					
James Wofford	35	249	16	233	1	6.7					
Steven Costa	23	136	0	136	0	5.9					
PASSING											
Jason Thomas	218	118	54.1	1925	17	9					
Jason Vaughan	43	22	51.2	170	1	1					
RECEIVING											
Nate Turner	74	1073	14.5	12	57						
Troy Mason	30	581	19.4	2	54						
Bobby Nero	8	131	16.4	3	53						
DeJhown Mandley	6	98	16.3	1	40						
PUNTING											
Ray Cheetany	68	2807	41.3		36.4	3	21				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Dillon Pieffer	3-4	4-4	0-1	0-0	7-9	38					
PLAYER											
S. Brandon	87	0	1	9	S. Hamilton	45	2	2	1		
S. Wilson	80	0	4	1	Tyler Brickell	43	0	3	2	1	
Randy Black	67	0	4	11	A. Palepoi	42	8	4	1	0	
R. Claridge	65	2	2	3	A. Palepoi	41	2	5	0	0	
Amar Brisco	53	0	8	14	Anthony Suggs	37	2	0	1	0	
K. Thomas	49	0	0	19	A. Palepoi	36	4	5	2	1	0
Tosh Burrus	47	3	5	1	L. Owens	29	0	0	0	0	
PUNT RETURNS											
Troy Mason	28	429	15.3	1	Troy Mason	27	195	17.4	0		

he only averaged 33.5 per kick. Mason is back and hopefully will maintain the magic he had last year on PR's but he only averaged 17.4 on 17 KR's so that area should be improved. This unit finished #10 in 1998, #41 in 1999 and last year finished a solid #26 in my special teams rankings. With the loss of Cheetany they will likely slip a few notches.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year UNLV was the second most improved team in the country in my preseason ratings and they lived up to that potential going from 3-8 to an outstanding 8-5 season including a bowl win over Arkansas. Keep in mind just 3 years ago this team finished 0-11 so John Robinson is doing an amazing job. I had called for them to double their offensive output and they went from 14.5 ppg up to 28.5 despite the fact that their star QB Jason Thomas missed a lot of action due to injuries. As long as Thomas stays healthy this year, they have my #1 rated offense in the MWC and will be even more potent. They had 7 tough road games last year but still eked out a winning record. This year they face another killer schedule with road trips to Arkansas and Arizona as well as home games vs N'western, Colo St and BYU to kick off the schedule. Three of their last 4 games are on the road when wintery conditions become a factor so Robinson catches no breaks this year. It's the first time since 1985 that this school has had no coaching changes and the 52 lettermen returning are tops in the MWC with the 15 lettermen departing being the 2nd lowest. Once again Robinson brings in some outstanding JUCO transfers as well as freshmen and rFr that should contribute immediately as they had a banner recruiting class. Defensively 7 starters return and just 6 lettermen are lost and for a school that gave up an amazing 35.4 ppg and 429 ypg in '98, it's incredible that I'm calling them the 3rd best spot unit in the league. UNLV is clearly one of the most talented teams in the MWC and the fact that they get both Colorado St and San Diego St at home make them my choice to win the MWC.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JASON THOMAS JR. 6-4 230 PS#5, 4.5 spd, powerful arm. 1925 yds (54%), 17-9 ratio, 819 rush. #1 in NCAA pass eff w/ 57%, 7-2 ratio prior to inj. Kurt Nantkes (6-4 215 rFr) 5-11 200 PS#176 & orig at Washington. Trans in 99. 70 yds (3.7) ly (inj). Joe Haro (5-10 190 Jr) PS#85, 65 yds in 99. CB & inj. Dyante Perkins PS#59.
RB Jabari Johnson Sr. 6-2 225 PS#228. MIP of spring ly. Backup FB last year, 136 yards (5.9), 3 receptions (6.3). George Gordon (6-0 250 Sr) JC trans in 99. 3 yards last year.
WR TROY MASON JR. 5-10 170 2rec (6.0) as rFr, 15 KR (23.1), 13 sts ly, #2w/30 (19.4). 15.3 avg on PR's. 1st TM MWC (as Ret Spec). Michael Johnson (5-10 180 So) PS#81, 3 rec ly.
WR Bobby Nero Sr. 6-1 180 PS#85, 10 rec at Oregon in 98. 2 sts, 8 rec (16.4) here ly. Deep threat and only joined the team in late Aug last year. **Earvin Johnson is PS#20.**
TE DeJHOWN MANDLEY JR. 6-4 250 3 sts as true, 3 rec (9.3), 13 sts ly, 6 rec (16.3). Trevan Sorenson (6-4 245 Jr), 2 rec (12.5). Brad Osterhout (6-4 245 Jr) PS#77, 1 rec in 99.
C PETER TRAMONTANAS SR. 6-2 285 6 sts as rFr at RG. 10 starts in 99 (8 tce, 2 at C). 13 sts at C ly. HM MWC. Dominic Furo (6-2 285 So). Joel Menendez (6-3 280 So).
RG Tony Terrell Jr. 6-4 310 PS#378, 10 starts as rFr in 99. 13 starts last year, HM MWC. Marcus Johnson (6-1 300 rFr) was PS#114DL. Ernie Calanche (6-4 290 Jr).
LG GREG HULETT SR. 6-3 300 PS#115JUCO in 99. RS as 2nd string here. 13 sts ly & 15 lbs. Shane Wagers (6-5 310 Sr) PS#402, 3 starts in 99. 20 games in 2 years.
RT Matt Williams Jr. 6-6 300 PS#189JC this year & in for spring. Allen Williams (6-4 270 Jr) PS#119, 1 st in 99. Sat out ly after wrist surgery. Jimmy Zoll was PS#301 ly.
LT BRANDON BAIR SR. 6-6 300 PS#299. At S Utah in 96. 9 sts here in 99. Inj shoulder last spring but 13 starts in 2000 & added 25 lbs. Eddie Freas (6-2 315 Jr) PS#236JC.
K DILLON PIEFFER SO. 5-11 175 Hit 7 of 9 FG's as true frosh with long of 38. Was short FG K. Only 1 attempt from 40+. He is the only kicker listed on the spring roster.

DE AHMAD BRIGGS JR. 6-3 230 PS#286, 7 sts as rFr, 33 tkl, 2 sks, 12 sts ly, 36 tkl, 4.5 sks. Scott Parkhurst (6-3 245 Sr) PS#39JC, 2 sts, 7 tfl here. Adrian Watson PS#100JC, 23 tkl, 6 tfl.
DT AHMAD MILLER SR. 6-4 295 Run stopper. 10 starts, 36 tkl, 31 tfl here in 1999.
DT Garrett Brassington Jr. 6-2 285 PS#138JC, in for spring. Dietrich Canterbury (6-4 290 Sr), 19 tkl, 2 sks, tough vs run. Shane Lockhart (6-4 255 So) signed in 98, inj'd.
DE ANTON PALEPOI SR. 6-4 275 PS#26JC, 11 sts here ly, 1st TM MWC, 42 tkl, 8 sks, 4 tfl. Steve Newton (6-3 245 Sr) 10 tkl in 98. 3 sts, 20 tkl in 99. 1 st, 23 tkl, 2.5 sks ly.
SLB LaMar Owens Sr. 6-2 235 PS#289 in 96 (recruited by Bama). JUCO, 1 st here ly, 29 tkl. Adam Seaward (6-3 235 rFr) PS#106DL. Bill Cofer (5-11 235 Jr) PS#178, 15 tkl in career.
MLB RYAN CLARIDGE SO. 6-3 240 PS#278, 7 sts as true, 65 tkl, 4 tfl. James Sunia (5-10 245 Sr), 11 sts in 98. #1 in MWC w/119 tkl, 11 sts in 99. 26 tkl, 5 sts tfl inj ly.
WLB SHANGA WILSON SR. 6-1 225 PS#123DB in 97 & signed at Arizona. JC in 99. 11 sts here ly, 80 tkl, 4 tfl. HM MWC. Tosh Burrus (6-0 210 Jr) PS#163DB, 3 sts, 47 tkl, 8 tfl ly.
CB KEVIN THOMAS SR. 5-11 180 11 sts as rFr, 41 tkl, 7 pbu. 1st TM MWC in 99 & 2000! 11 sts, 52 tkl, 24 pbu in 99. 13 sts, 2 int's, 19 pbu ly. Joe Hunter (6-0 175 rFr) PS#290WR.
CB Jamal Wynn Jr. 6-0 180 2 tkl as true. Speed. 15 tkl as #3 CB ly, 1 pbu.
Ruschar Dodd-Masters (5-11 175 rFr) PS#213, 2 tkl ly. Chameion Sutton (5-11 195 Jr) PS#215JC.
SS Ross Dalton Jr. 6-3 205 PS#229WR, 5 tkl as true, 15 tkl in 10 games ly.
ly. Derek Olsen (6-3 200 So) PS#380, 15 tkl as true. Jamaal Brimmer (6-1 205 rFr) PS#157.
FS SAMUEL BRANDON SR. 6-3 195 PS#111WR, 3 sts, 12 rec as rFr. Ineligible in 99. 13 sts ly, 87 tkl (#1), 1 int, 9 pbu and HM MWC. Toby Smeltzer (5-10 185 Jr), 7 tkl ly.
P Ryan McDonald Sr. 5-10 185 3 starts as true, 13 punts, 33.5 average. Red-shirt in 2000. Must replace the talented Ray Cheetany, 2nd Trm MWC in 99, HM MWC in 2000.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
WR Earvin Johnson 6-3 195 PS#20
RB Dyante Perkins 6-1 220 PS#59
RB Dominique Dorsey 5-8 165 PS#67
WR Jason Rogers 5-11 185 PS#138
WR Justin Cooper 6-0 195 PS#141
QB Tyler Arciaga 6-3 230 PS#110
DL Garrett Brassington 6-2 285 PS#138JC
OL Matt Williams 6-6 300 PS#189JC
DB Chameion Sutton 5-11 195 PS#215JC
DL Leon Moore 6-5 240 PS#231
RB Brian Adams 5-11 185 PS#277
OL Sherrick Mitchell 6-7 325 PS#310JC
LB Joe Miklos 6-1 195 PS#288
RB Gerrin Clark 5-10 175 PS#339
WR Marcus Maxwell 6-4 190 PS#315

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

UNLV is 4-1 ATS since 1996 when visiting a California team. Rebels are 16-52 SU the L/6 seasons despite having a winning SU record last year.
UNLV is 2-9 SU last 11 vs Nevada & 11-15 SU overall in that rivalry.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	at Arkansas (Thur)	G												
Sep. 7	Northwestern (Fri)	G												
Sep. 14	Colorado St (Fri)	G												
Sep. 22	at Arizona	G												
Sep. 29	BYU	G												
Oct. 6	at Nevada	A												
Oct. 13	San Diego St (HC)	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	at Wyoming	G												
Nov. 3	Utah	G												
Nov. 10	at New Mexico	G												
Nov. 17	at Air Force	G												
Nov. 24														

UNLV is 18-8 ATS away on grass the last 5 years.
Coach Robinson is 4-2 ATS in his last 6 season openers.

Rebels are 6-3 SU in home openers but 2-3 ATS the last 5 years.
UNLV's last meeting w/Nwestern was a 41-7 road loss in '98's season opener.

Rebels are 23-16-1 ATS in their last 40 conference games.
CSU has outscored UNLV 173-87 L5Y & are 5-0 SU. UNLV has covered 4 of L/5.

Pending earlier results: Rebels are 11-8 ATS but 6-14 SU in Sept.
UNLV is 17-9-1 ATS their last 27 as an away dog.

Rebels are 2-8 ATS the last 4 years in sandwiched home games.
Cougars lead this series 7-1 SU and 3-1 ATS.

Rebels are 1-3 ATS vs the Wolf Pack since 1996.
UNLV is 3-10 ATS on artificial turf the last 4 years.

Could apply: UNLV is 3-9 ATS as a HD S/97 but were 1-0 LY for Robinson.
Could apply: Rebels are 9-3 ATS off a SU win the L5Y, including 5-1 LY.

Rebels covered by 27.5 pts in their last visit to Laramie.
UNLV is 2-3 SU but 4-1 ATS vs the Cowboys.

Utes have controlled this short series, going 2-0 SU & ATS.
UNLV has covered just 4 of 11 November games.

UNLV is 5-3 straight up vs the New Mexico Lobos.
That is the only MWC series in which they have a winning record.

Rebels are 1-4 SU but 3-2 ATS L5Y in their final road game.
The Falcons lead the all time series 4-2 SU, home team is 1-4 ATS L5Y.

STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	2-9	1-11	3-8	0-11	3-8	7-5	22-57
ATS	0-0	0-0	8-2-1	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	29-25-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-4
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	4-1	0-1	1-4	1-4	1-0	7-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	4-1-1	4-2	3-3	3-2	3-1	17-9-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-4	5-6
Dog	0-0	0-0	8-2-1	4-3	4-7	4-6	4-1	24-19-1
Grass	0-0	0-0	4-1	4-2	3-1	4-6	7-4	22-14
Artificial	0-0	0-0	4-1-1	1-3	1-6	1-0	0-1	7-11-1
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	7-1-1	4-4	4-4	3-4	4-3	22-16-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	3-2	7-9
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-1	9-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	7-1-1	3-4	4-6	3-4	2-3	19-18-1

Coach: JOHN ROBINSON (Career 115-48-4) Robinson's records AT UNLV

3rd Year at UNLV	2-2	Home Favorite
11-13 Straight Up	2-4	Home Underdog
12-11 Vs The Spread	2-2	Away Favorite
5-7 Off A/SU Loss	6-3	Away Underdog
7-7 Vs Conference	5-4	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24	W
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14	W

UNLV (8-5) MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7* DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN: Returning: 52 (26,24,2) Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
8*	28.5	19	230	5.0	164	53.8	13.8	-5					2000	7	21.2	18	139	3.6	208	52.9	16.4						
5	14.5	15	112	3.0	146	53.0	17.7	+5					1999	5	29.5	23	234	5.0	171	53.3	13.7						
8	14.2	14	115	3.1	141	45.4	18.0	-8					1998	8	35.4	22	234	4.6	195	58.2	12.1						
9*	25.6	23	129	3.8	285	52.9	16.2	-17					1997	8	30.2	22	185	4.3	196	59.6	12.6						
7	23.0	22	78	2.6	307	54.2	16.7	-11					1996	5	45.9	27	270	5.8	274	66.2	11.8						
5	20.2	22	185	4.5	225	47.3	20.3	-21					1995	6	47.3	27	278	6.2	152	63.9	11.3						

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Iowa St	20	47-197	4.2	9-25	190	1		19	42-150	3.6	16-31	286	1		-1
N Texas	16	44-314	7.1	7-15	133	1		16	42-108	2.6	17-34	163	3		+2
at BYU	10	33-41	1.2	11-17	202	4		19	47-196	4.2	15-29	157	5		-1
Air Force	25	46-224	4.9	16-22	259	3		25	51-219	4.3	9-21	133	3		0
Nevada	22	53-321	6.1	8-14	152	2		15	31-109	3.5	11-33	136	3		+1
at Colorado St	15	43-200	4.7	9-14	80	2		22	42-158	3.8	20-28	222	0		+2
Wyoming	17	35-193	5.5	9-15	175	0		24	43-127	3.0	28-42	237	6		-1
at Mississippi	25	59-378	6.4	7-25	93	4		19	38-164	4.3	18-29	288	1		-2
at Utah	15	40-163	4.1	11-21	78	3		17	44-193	4.4	13-21	157	0		-1
New Mexico	16	46-181	3.9	13-21	148	4		9	43-143	3.3	4-11	61	1		-2
at San Diego St	19	39-91	2.3	19-31	277	2		20	32-90	2.8	17-32	328	2		+1
at Hawaii	26	62-431	7.0	10-25	124	0		19	15-37	2.5	26-50	353	1		-2
Arkansas (Bowl)	19	47-259	5.5	12-17	217	1		15	32-115	3.6	18-40	183	2		-1
TOTALS	245	594-2993	5.0	141-262	2128	27		239	502-1809	3.6	212-401	2704	28		-5
AVERAGES	18.8	46-230	5.0	11-20	164	2.1		18.4	39-139	3.6	16-31	208	2.2		-0.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+53'	3-62	L
Air Force	+28	17-65	L
Wisconsin	+37	17-52	W
at Colorado St	+36	16-35	W
Wyoming	+30'	21-33	W
Nevada	NL	17-54	-
at BYU	+38	28-63	W
at Hawaii	+10	28-38	T
Fresno St	+16'	23-34	W
at TCU	+19'	34-42	W
San Diego St	+28	44-42	W
at San Jose St	+7	28-31	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	+16	14-31	L
at Air Force	+21	24-25	W
Hawaii	-3'	25-15	W
Illinois St	NL	41-6	-
at USC	+25	21-35	W
TCU	-8	21-19	L
at San Diego St	+7	17-20	W
at Fresno St	+11	28-46	L
Colorado St	+20'	19-45	L
at Wyoming	+19'	23-35	W
San Jose St	-9'	48-55	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+17'	7-41	L
Air Force	+18	10-52	L
at Wisconsin	+38	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+36	16-38	W
Nevada	+10'	20-31	L
at BYU	+32	14-38	W
Wyoming	+21	25-28	W
at SMU	+21	7-10	W
Tulsa	+3'	16-20	L
at Rice	+15'	16-38	L
TCU	+7	18-41	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-2	26-3	W
at Baylor	+10	27-24	W
Iowa St	+3'	0-24	L
Utah	+15	14-52	L
at Nevada	+8	12-26	L
at Wyoming	+24'	35-32	W
BYU	+18'	0-29	L
at New Mexico	+8'	6-27	L
at Air Force	+25	16-35	W
San Diego St	+13'	7-37	L
Colorado St	+22	17-35	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+11'	22-37	L
N Texas	-16'	38-0	W
at BYU	+9	7-10	W
Air Force	+5'	34-13	W
Nevada	-21	38-7	W
at Colorado St	+7	19-20	W
Wyoming	-20'	42-23	L
at Mississippi	+9'	40-43	W
at Utah	-2	16-38	L
New Mexico	-8	18-14	L
at San Diego St	-5'	31-24	W
at Hawaii	-7	34-32	L

COLORADO ST RAMS



RB Cecil Sapp was named 1st Team MWC last year with 1,001 yards rushing on 187 attempts.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - CSU always plays better with an experienced QB and last year had one in Matt Newton. In Lubick's 8 years they have had just 3 senior incumbent QB's and when they've had one they've combined for a 31-6 SU record. Last year Newton threw for 2,767 (58.3%) with a 20-14 ratio. Newton leaves as the school record holder for most passing TD's with 41 and last year had the 4th best passing season ever for the Rams. He ranked 17th in the NCAA in pass efficiency and was 1st Team MWC. There are 3 main candidates to replace him. DJ Busch has solid size (6-4 203) and was PS#114. He was the first true frosh since 1981 to play QB here and has solid arm strength and is intelligent. Busch was forced into the backup QB role last year when Steve Cutlip (PS#19) was suspended for the season. Busch hit 11 of 18 for 104 yards. Bradlee Van Pelt (6-3 217 So) was PS#62 and originally signed at Mich St. He transferred when they wanted to move him to DB. Last year he QB'd the scout team here and Lubick told the defensive players that they "would not see a better QB on Saturdays" and "trying to tackle the QB won't be any more difficult in a game." Not only is he athletic but he also throws the ball well. Cutlip (6-2 200 Jr) has been arrested as many times as he's thrown passes at CSU and was suspended from the team last season. He has yet to live up to his potential but is a VHT and if he can stay out of trouble, will compete for the job if he rejoins the team in the fall as expected. JW Morgan (6-3 220 So, PS#312) hurt his knee early last year and did not see action. Cory Hess (6-3 219 Jr) was PS#182 and is a Villanova transfer. Justin Holland is this year's top signee and a rare VHT (PS#12). Newton was 18-6 SU as a starting QB and will be missed but this unit has capable athletes and whoever wins the job will provide more of a running threat.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Rams had to replace star RB Kevin McDougal who rushed for 1,223 yards (5.3) and was the MWC Offensive Player of the Year in 1999. They went to a TB by committee in 2000 with the majority of the carries being split between Cecil Sapp (1001 yards, 5.4) and Rahsaan Sanders (528 yards, 3.9). Sapp saved his best for last as he was the Liberty Bowl MVP with a 160 yard effort vs Louisville. Duan Ruff (5-9 187, PS#118) now has 444 career yards (5.1) and Jeff McGarity (6-0 225 So) had 101 yards (4.4). Overall the top 3 combined for 1,734 yards and a solid 4.8 ypc. Sanders and Ruff both got bigger and stronger prior to last year and figure to do the same once again. The good news is that all 4 return. The Rams also get a boost with Kansas transfer Henri Childs who was very impressive with the scout team last year. Childs was PS#311 and had 2 starts at Kansas with 352 total yards offense in 1999. Sapp broke his leg in the spring but should be 100% for the fall. With everyone back and added talent, this group will be one of the best RB corps in the MWC.

RECEIVERS - In 1998 and 1999 the Rams had to replace 3 of 4 starters but last year 3 of 4 starters returned to the lineup. They did, however, lose star WR Dallas Davis to injury in the 2nd game and he had just 6 catches after leading the team with 57 in '99. Pete Rebstock not only filled Davis' spot as the return specialist but also led the team with 49 rec's (16.4) and was voted 1st Team MWC. They must replace 3 starters this year in WR Frank Rice (10 sts, 42 rec, 13.4), HB Cory Woolstenhulme (10 sts, 24 rec, 8.2) and Will Layne who

actually started 12 games in front of Rebstock and was the #5 receiver (24 rec, 15.8). TE Jose Ochoa (PS#88) returns and was 1st Team MWC. Davis and Rebstock should be a solid 1-2 punch. Joey Cuppari (PS#123) was the #3 rec with 33 rec's (13.8) and also returns. Also in the mix at WR are Russell Sprague (6-4 204 So, PS#111QB), Chris Pittman (6-1 182 So, PS#195) and Eric Hill (6-0 185 So, PS#117) who had 3 rec's last year. TE/HB Joel Dreessen was the surprise of the spring and Lubick says he will be one of the top TE's in the league this year. Davis, Rebstock and Ochoa form a potent trio and as long as Davis is 100% healthy, this unit looks very strong in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Lubick commented on the incoming frosh OL's saying that there were five or six players who were 6-6 or 6-7 that were mobile, and it was perhaps the best group he's brought to Fort Collins. Last year CSU ran a 7 man rotation on the line and twice played 11 linemen in 2 blowout games, playing the 2nd string for 2 entire quarters. Last year CSU had 4 starters returning from a unit that allowed just 9 sacks in 1999. They allowed 26 sacks in 2000 but landed 3 players on the All MWC Team with C Justin Borvansky and LT Tim Stuber nailing 1st Team honors and G Broc Finlayson earning 2nd Tm honors. The team ypc was 3.6 with their top 3 RB's averaging 4.8 ypc. However, the majority of their rush yards came vs E Tenn St and Nevada as they rushed for 615 yards in those 2 games while managing just 1,052 yards in their other 10. LG Morgan Pears (PS#101) beat out returning starter Broderick Lancaster at the end of the year. This year they must replace two players in Borvansky and Stuber (both 3 yr str's) but the unit is large once again (6-6 313). Also, they get a boost from Miss St transfer OT Zak West and Fr Erik Pears of whom Lubick says has the potential to be their best OL ever here. This group could be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Sonny Lubick always produces top-notch DE's and they have had 5 that now play in the NFL. Last year they had to replace 2 DE's, one of whom was an NFL draft choice and a backup DT. In 1999, for the first time in Lubick's tenure, 2 DT's started all 12 games in Mike Mackenzie and Jamie Bennett. Both returned last year and duplicated the feat with Bennett earning 1st Team MWC honors (44 tkl, 7 fl) and Mackenzie (HM MWC, 36 tkl, 2 fl). They used a 3 man rotation at DT and backup Casey Wolf (22 tkl, 4 fl) also departs. Four DE's started last season and all return. CSU has been pretty consistent allowing 3.6 ypc the past 2 years while their sacks went from 31 to 29 last year. Lubick was very pleased with Goodpaster, Steward, Smith and Howard in the spring and said they could even be better overall on the interior than they were last year. This group looks to be in about the same shape it was last year experience-wise and should be just as strong.

LINEBACKERS - CSU had two returning starters at this position last year and 4 players with starting experience coming in but lost Adam Wade early in the season to injury. They did get a huge boost when Rick Crowell (#6DC of MIA), who Lubick called "the best LB I've ever coached" was awarded a 5th year of eligibility. Crowell did not disappoint, simply leading the MWC in total tackles, tackles per game and unassisted tackles from his WLB position despite missing the first game due to ineligibility. He is a big loss but everyone else is back including 5 players with starting experience. Adam Wade was good enough to start 9 games as a true frosh in 1999 and all 3 projected starters are HT's. Replacing Crowell will be hard but this group could come close to matching last year's output.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rams ranked #11 in my pass defense rankings in 1997 but even with 3 starters back fell to #74 in 1998. In 1999 they had to replace 2 starters but still moved up to #59. Last year they had to replace one starter who was an NFL DC but had 3 starters return. CB Terrance Gibson missed a good part of the season with injury so essentially it was like having 2.5 starters back and CSU finished at #55 allowing 55.9% with a 14-13 ratio. This year they must replace 2 starters in FS John Howell (1st Tm MWC, 12 sts, 101 tkl, 5 sks, 7 fl, #4 DC of TB) and Gibson (5 sts, 19 tkl). Three starters return as does top NB Jason Gallimore (Justin's twin). The Gallimore brothers each had a TD vs Wyoming (a first for identical twins since 1985). Rhett Nelson was not a starter but was a big time playmaker until going down to injury in the 8th game. He may supplant Lowe at one starting spot. I list the two deep below and this group should easily improve upon last year's finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - From 1994-'96 the Rams' highest finish in my special teams rankings was #35 but in 1997 they finished #1 overall and the next 2 years, despite some losses, finished #13 and #3. This past year they had to replace their punter and then had top PR Dallas Davis go down to injury in the second game but still managed to finish a lofty #9. They must replace CW Hurst whose strong leg will be missed on KO's and he hit 23 of 36 FG's in the last 2 years with a long of 54. They did sign PS#24 K this

COLORADO ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Cecil Sapp	187	1058	57	1001	11	5.4					
Rahsaan Sanders	134	562	34	528	4	3.9					
Duan Ruff	38	218	13	205	3	5.4					
Jeff McGarity	23	107	6	101	1	4.4					
Frank Rice	4	62	6	56	1	14.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Matt Newton	362	211	58.3	2767	20	14					
DJ Busch	18	11	61.1	104	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Pete Rebstock	49	802	16.4	6	69						
Frank Rice	42	561	13.4	3	59						
Joey Cuppari	33	457	13.8	5	45						
Jose Ochoa	24	215	9.0	3	30						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK In20					
Joey Huber	57	2259	39.6	5	35.9	2 18					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
CW Hurst	7-7	4-7	2-4	0-2	13-20	45					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rick Crowell	132	1	6	5	3	Geoff Graue	44	3	0	1	0
John Howell	101	5	7	6	2	Jamie Bennett	44	4	3	2	0
David Vickers	94	4	6	4	0	W. Thomas	41	3	2	0	0
A. Sprague	87	0	2	8	2	Ameer Lowe	36	0	1	6	0
J. Gallimore	63	1	7	10	3	M. Mackenzie	36	0	2	3	0
Peter Hogan	54	4	3	1	0	Adam Wade	28	1	2	1	0
Doug Heald	51	1	2	1	0	Lucas Smith	27	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Pete Rebstock	30	490	16.3	1	Dexter Wynn	11	369	33.5	1		

year. P Joey Huber is back and averaged 39.6 per punt with a net of 36.9. The return game is the area they excel in as Dexter Wynn led the team in KR's with a 33.5 average and Pete Rebstock also had 17 returns for a 23.2 average while they allowed just 18.9. Davis is back and averaged 15.8 with 2 TD's on his 35 PR's in '99 while Rebstock stepped right in and averaged 16.3 on 30 PR's with 1 TD last year. This should be yet another top 10 finish for the Rams.



1st Team MWC honoree TE Jose Ochoa had 12 starts last year with 24

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the 100 years of football prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival CSU won or shared 9 Conference Titles. Lubick has rattled off 5 titles in the last 7 years and is now 19-3 SU in games played in November including 10-1 on the road. Last year they were 5-0 SU at home to make it the first time in his 8 seasons that they went undefeated in home games (31-10 SU under him). At the same time CSU is an impressive 31-15 SU in road games under Sonny. For the first time in school history CSU has won at least 7 games in a season for 7 years in a row. Last year they finished #14 in the final polls, the school's highest finish ever while Lubick is an outstanding 11-10 SU versus top 25 opponents and has achieved 7 straight winning seasons. Amazingly in 1999 CSU was called to finish sixth in the conference by the league's media (I had them 2nd) as they had just 10 returning starters but finished tied for the top. Last year with a more veteran unit, they won the title again and won their bowl game. CSU has won at least 5 conference games in each of Lubick's years. This year he has a veteran squad once again with 13 starters returning and only 15 letterman lost, which is the second lowest in the MWC. They have some quality talent competing at the QB position and whoever wins

the job has six returning starters around them so the offense will be solid once again. In fact I rate them the #2 offense in the conference. They must replace their offensive coordinator who left for the Buffalo Bills and are going with co-offensive coordinators this year. Defensively, 7 starters are back and they will be among the league's best. They face 4 conference road games (remember Lubick is great on the road). CSU will likely be the favorite to win the MWC as the team is loaded and Lubick always gets the job done.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Justin Holland 6-3 190 PS#12	WR James Farbes 6-0 175 PS#64
OL Michael Briesel 6-5 260 PS#100	WR Tyler Sparks 5-11 175 PS#91
TE Matt Bartz 6-3 225 PS#68	OL Almer Birper 6-2 300 PS#196
DL Delroy Parke 6-2 280 PS#211	K Kevin Mark 6-1 165 PS#24
LB Jahmal Hall 6-1 200 PS#198	DL Terrance Carter 6-3 225 PS#277
RB Mike Vornhof 6-3 220 PS#314	DL Owen Johnson 6-3 200 PS#317
DL Jason Anderson 6-7 250 PS#320	DB Guy Porter 6-0 205 PS#348JC
DB Miles Kochevar 6-1 185 PS#355	

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DJ BUSCH SO. 6-4 203 PS#114, 104 yds as true. Bradlee Van Pelt (6-3 217 So) is PS#62, orig at Mich St. Scout team in 2000 here. Steve Cutlip (6-2 200 Jr) PS#19, 33 career yds.
RB CECIL SAPP JR. 6-1 218 1st Tm MWC. 1001 yds (5.4). Rahsaan Sanders (6-0 212 Jr) PS#160, 468 (4.6) in 99. 528 yds (3.9) in 2000. Henri Childs is Kansas trans.
WR DALLAS DAVIS SR. 5-10 181 PS#43WR. 15 rec (15.8) in 97. 39 rec (13.4) in 98, 12 sts, 57 (13.1) in 99, 615 retdys. Infd in 2000. Joey Cuppari (6-1 175 Jr) PS#123, 33 rec (13.8) ly.
WR PETE REBSTOCK SR. 5-9 182 7 starts in 98, 27 rec (12.1), 2 sts in 99, 37 rec (11.8), 3 starts ly, #1 w/49 rec (16.4), 884 retd yds. 1st Tm MWC. Eric Hill (PS#117 in 1999).
HB Matt Baldischwiler So. 6-3 230 PS#64TE. Scout team POY in 1999. 1 rec (8.0) in 2000 as rF. Brad Svoboda (6-1 174 Sr) PS#286DB, 11 rec (12.9) in 99, 1 rec (2.0) ly.
TE JOSE OCHOA SR. 6-3 215 PS#88. 5 rec in 98, 12 starts in 1999. 9 rec (7.0), 12 sts in 2000, 24 rec (9.0), 1st Tm Mt West. Joel Dreessen (6-2 235 Jr) star of spring.
C Mark Dreyer So. 6-4 281 PS#50OL in '99. 2nd string last year as true.
LG BROCK FINLAYSON SR. 6-5 315 Lettered in 1999 after injury plagued '98. 12 starts last year, 2nd Tm MWC. Added 10 lbs. Nick Bennett (6-4 282 Jr), lettered in 2000.
LG MORGAN PEARS JR. 6-3 309 PS#101 in 98, 28 starts as rF, 8 games. Started L7 ly. Broderick Lancaster (6-4 315 Sr) 7 sts in 1998, 12 starts in 1999. 5 starts ly, HM MWC.
RT Terrell Gardner So. 6-6 347 PS#138OL. 2nd string as true and lettered. Kelly Wall (6-4 300 So) PS#111 in '99. Zak West (6-8 270 So) is a Mississippi ST transfer.
LT DAVID SHOHEET SR. 6-6 315 Navy prep in '96. 2nd string here in 1999. 9 rec (9.9), 12 sts ly, 3 letters, HM MWC. Jason Speciner (6-8 285 Jr) PS#166, Aaron Green (6-5 270 Jr).
K Kevin Mark Fr. 6-1 165 PS#24 this year. Hit 52 yard FG in high school and should start as a true frosh. Kent Naughton (6-0 185 Sr) on team for 4 years but no stats.

DE PETER HOGAN JR. 6-3 255 PS#151, 13 tkl as rFr. 11 starts ly, 54 tkl, 4 sks, 3 flt, 2nd Tm MWC. Wallace Thomas (6-3 239 Jr) PS#114TE, 1 st, 41 tkl, 3 sks, 2 flt ly.
DT Josh Steward Jr. 6-2 271 PS#141LB, 1 start, 12 tkl as rFr. 6 tkl, 2 flt, 5 games ly. Patrick Goodpaster (6-3 277 Jr) was PS#125. Chris Kiffin (6-1 287 Jr) was PS#342.
DT Lucas Smith Sr. 6-4 280 22 tkl, 4 flt as rFr. 11 tkl, 1 flt in '99, 27 tkl, 1 flt ly. Keesio Howard (6-3 294 So), 2 tkl last year. Bryan Sasse (6-2 265 So) was PS#165DL.
DE GEOFF GRAUE SR. 6-4 247 PS#273DL, 1 tkl in 98, 10 sts ly, 44 tkl, 3 sks.
Chad McGuckin (6-4 263 Sr) PS#113LB, 19 tkl, 4 flt in '99, 2 sts, 20 tkl, 3 sks, 3 flt last year.
WLB Eric Pauly So. 6-4 215 PS#59LB, 7 tkl, 7 gms as rFr. Doug Heald (6-2 215 Jr), 2 sts as true, 7 sts ly, 51 tkl, 2 flt. Tony Colacion (6-2 230 Sr) 10 tkl, 3 sts in 99, 4 tkl ly.
MLB DAVID VICKERS JR. 6-0 208 PS#113. 6 starts as rFr. 65 tkl, 5 flt, 12 starts ly, #3 w/94 tkl, 4 sks, 6 flt. Russell Kay (6-2 240 Sr) was PS#274JC last year, 9 tkl, 4 flt here.
SLB ADAM WADE SO. 6-1 210 PS#162. 9 starts as true, 60 tkl, 12 flt, 3 starts last year until inj. 28 tkl, 3 flt. Rocky Martin (6-2 217 So) PS#167, 3 starts last year, 16 tackles.
CB JUSTIN GALLIMORE SR. 5-10 200 PS#219RB, 7 sts as rFr. 61 tkl, 4 flt, 12 sts ly, 2nd Tm MWC. 63 tkl, 7 flt, 3 int, 10 pbu. Thal Woods (6-0 180 Sr) 11 tkl, 25 games, 3 years.
CB RHETT NELSON JR. 6-0 194 1 start in '99, 20 tkl, 2 flt, 8 gms until injury, 16 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu, 41 vert. Dexter Wynn (PS#220DB, HM MWC as return specialist).
SS AARON SPRAGUE SR. 6-2 220 3 sts as true, 40 tkl, 1 st in 99, 33 tkl, 12 sts ly, #4 w/87 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. HM MWC. Ameer Lowe (6-1 180 So) 19 sts, 84 tkl, 13 pbu, L2Y.
FS Jason Gallimore Jr. 5-10 200 PS#220RB, 1 start as rFr. 19 tkl, 5 flt, NB in 2000, 25 tkl, 3 flt, 3 pbu. Guy Porter (6-0 205 Jr) PS#348JUCC, 69 tkl, 6 int at JC last year.
P JOEY HUBER JR. 6-4 223 Took over P duties ly & had 57 punts with 39.6 avg & net of 35.9. Did have 2 blk'd. Kevin Mark (6-1 165 Fr) PS#24K. Career long FG of 52 yards.

COLORADO ST RAMS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Lubick has a career winning percentage, including title & bowl games, of .647 & has guided CSU to 7 straight winning seasons SU. The Rams are 7-12 ATS on artificial turf since 1991. CSU is 13-4-1 ATS last 7 years as an away dog & they are 7-1 ATS as a home dog under Lubick.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	† Colorado (Denver)	G												
Sep. 8	Nevada	G												
Sep. 14	at UNLV (Fri)	G												
Sep. 22	San Diego St (HC)	G												
Sep. 29	at Wyoming	G												
Oct. 4	at Louisville (Thurs)	G												
Oct. 13	Fresno St	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Utah	G												
Nov. 1	at BYU (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 8	Air Force (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 17	at New Mexico	G												
Nov. 24														

Colorado St is 5-7 ATS their last 12 vs current Big 12 teams. Rams are 8-3 ATS vs their instate rival & 4-1 last 5.

CSU is 4-0 SU & 2-2 ATS vs the Wolf Pack. Colorado St has dropped 3 straight 1st lined home games ATS.

CSU has outscored the Rebels 173-87 & are 5-0 SU but just 1-4 ATS in that span. Rams are 43-26-1 ATS off a SU win the last 11 years.

Colorado St is 39-23-1 ATS in conference play since 1993. CSU is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS against the Aztecs.

Rams are 18-12 ATS as an away favorite since 1989. The home team has covered just 1 of 9 Border Wars.

Pending the opener, CSU is 16-4 ATS the last 20 as a dog. CSU is 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.

The home team has covered 5 of the last 6 in this series. CSU is 11-5 ATS (w/1 SU loss in a NL game) before a bye.

Rams are 15-2 ATS the week after a bye since 1986. Pending earlier results: CSU is 42-22-1 ATS in October since '80.

The Rams are just 3-14 SU, but 7-6 ATS in this series. CSU is 4-2 ATS at Provo, each time as the dog.

Colorado St is 8-4 ATS in their last 12 home finales. Rams are 6-2-1 ATS last 9 in this series.

Lubick is 19-3 SU in November at CSU! 8-2 SU at home & 11-1 SU on the road. Colorado St is 10-3 ATS in road finales the last 13 years.

STADIUM: HUGHES STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	8-3	7-5	10-2	8-4	8-3	9-2	60-20
ATS	7-4	7-4	6-5	10-2	5-6-1	6-5	5-5	46-31-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	1-1	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	16-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
Away Fav	2-1	2-0	1-2	4-1	2-4	1-2	2-2	14-12
Away Dog	2-0	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	13-4-1
Favorite	5-4	4-3	2-3	8-2	4-6	4-4	3-5	30-27
Dog	2-0	3-1	4-2	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	16-4-1
Grass	7-4	7-3	6-1	7-2	4-4-1	6-5	4-5	41-24-1
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-4	3-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	5-7
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	5-3	8-1	3-4-1	4-3	3-4	33-21-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	6-3	4-3	5-2	8-1	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	32-20-1
Off SU Loss	0-1	3-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	9-10

COLORADO ST (10-2)

CONFERENCE:
MT. WEST



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6 Returning: 44 (20,23,1)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

LETTERMEN:

COLORADO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE									DEFENSE								
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	
8*	30.3	21	139	3.7	240	58.1	12.5	+1	2000	7	18.8	17	140	3.7	194	55.9	17.8
4	28.8	19	144	4.1	219	57.3	12.6	-3	1999	6	22.4	19	142	3.6	216	58.1	16.0
5	28.8	21	165	4.3	221	61.5	13.4	+7	1998	9	21.9	19	160	3.8	177	56.8	15.4
7*	36.7	20	219	5.4	204	63.1	11.5	+27	1997	9	15.6	18	138	3.5	194	51.1	21.2
8*	31.7	23	214	5.2	245	56.7	14.5	+2	1996	5	28.0	25	213	4.9	246	60.6	16.4
6	28.2	19	161	4.0	208	48.0	12.8	+2	1995	6	21.2	19	146	3.5	198	57.0	16.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
† Colorado	17	28-65	2.3	19-30	327	2	29	45-223	5.0	25-39	309	4	-2
E Tenn St	28	43-297	6.9	22-34	219	0	16	36-127	3.5	13-25	154	1	+2
at Arizona St	18	34-64	1.9	14-31	225	6	20	48-184	3.8	11-24	177	3	-2
at Nevada	29	55-318	5.8	16-29	185	1	9	28-58	2.1	15-31	253	2	-2
N Mexico	20	34-39	1.1	21-36	252	5	14	37-73	2.0	16-22	203	6	-1
UNLV	22	42-158	3.8	20-28	222	0	15	43-200	4.7	9-14	80	2	-2
at Utah	16	35-68	1.9	18-36	207	2	13	39-110	2.8	9-24	142	2	+3
at San Diego St	17	33-84	2.5	22-34	232	0	17	25-26	1.0	30-46	393	5	+1
BYU	22	43-165	3.8	19-31	298	2	9	16-57	3.6	18-41	120	0	+2
at Air Force	22	18-178	9.9	22-41	334	1	33	74-400	5.4	10-15	130	1	-1
Wyoming	15	33-74	2.2	17-26	216	2	15	38-146	3.8	15-31	144	2	+2
Louisville (Bowl)	22	50-157	3.1	13-28	158	5	17	24-76	3.2	24-37	321	1	+1
TOTALS	248	448-1667	3.7	223-384	2875	26	207	453-1680	3.7	195-349	2326	29	+1
AVERAGES	20.7	37-139	3.7	19-32	240	2.2	17.3	38-140	3.7	16-29	194	2.4	0.1

Coach: SONNY LUBICK (Career 88-48)

Lubick's records AT COLORADO STATE

9th Year at Colorado State	16-15	Home Favorite
67-29 Straight Up	7-1	Home Underdog
52-36-1 Vs The Spread	15-12	Away Favorite
12-13 Off A S/U Loss	14-8-1	Away Underdog
39-23-1 Vs Conference	13-13	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Holiday	+9	Michigan	14-24	L
95	Holiday	+9	Kansas St	21-54	L
97	Holiday	-3	Missouri	35-24	W
99	Liberty	+5	S Mississippi	17-23	L
00	Liberty	-2	Louisville	22-17	W

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chatt	NL	61-19	-
Colorado	+16	34-48	W
at Oregon	+4	28-35	L
UNLV	-36	35-16	L
at Nebraska	+37	9-65	L
at Hawaii	-13	28-16	L
at Tulsa	-1	14-20	L
San Jose St	-20	36-13	W
San Diego St	+3	27-18	W
at Air Force	+11	42-41	W
at Fresno St	-3	42-20	W
Wyoming	+2	24-25	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-8	45-13	W
at Colorado	+15	21-31	W
at Utah St	-13	35-24	L
Air Force	-11	0-24	L
Hawaii	-30	63-0	W
at San Jose St	-21	55-20	W
at Wyoming	+2	14-7	W
Tulsa	-23	44-8	W
at UNLV	-20	45-19	W
Fresno St	-16	41-3	W
at San Diego St	-14	38-17	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+5	23-16	W
† Colorado	-13	14-42	L
at Nevada	-16	26-14	L
at Air Force	+3	27-30	T
UNLV	-36	38-16	L
at UTEP	-13	20-17	L
Tulsa	-9	34-7	W
at New Mexico St	-15	47-28	W
TCU	-13	42-21	W
at Rice	-10	23-35	L
Wyoming	-6	19-27	L
at SMU	-3	32-10	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+13	41-14	W
Nevada	-17	38-33	L
at BYU	+7	13-34	L
New Mexico St	-15	46-7	W
at Fresno St	-3	13-44	L
San Diego St	-6	10-17	L
at Wyoming	+2	21-23	W
Utah	-1	34-14	W
at New Mexico	-7	36-22	W
Air Force	-2	41-21	W
at UNLV	-22	35-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4	28-24	W
E Tenn St	NL	41-7	-
at Arizona St	-3	10-13	L
at Nevada	-17	45-14	W
New Mexico	-18	17-14	L
UNLV	-7	20-19	L
at Utah	+2	24-17	W
at San Diego St	-8	34-22	W
BYU	-8	45-21	W
at Air Force	-3	40-44	L
Wyoming	-29	37-13	L

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS



QB Lon Sheriff is in hot pursuit of the starting job.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Jack Hawley won the starting job at SDS in 1999 and threw for 1,942 yards (54.5%) with a 15-10 ratio. He got much better at reading defenses in the spring of 2000 and big things were expected. Unfortunately, Hawley suffered a season ending injury in the second game and Lon Sheriff (PS#129) was thrown into the starting role. Tollner had said coming into the year, "these are the best two QB's we've had going into the fall since I've been here." Sheriff struggled in his first 3 games with six int's and zero TD's. Over the rest of the season he had a 6-5 ratio and showed solid improvement including a 393 yard effort vs Colo St and 328 yards vs UNLV (both bowl teams). He also generated two 4Q comeback wins vs BYU and New Mexico. He finished throwing for 2,163 yards (53.4%) with a 6-11 ratio and will be much better prepared for this season. Jon Stoner (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#28 and set an Arizona record with 7,239 career yards passing including a 36-6 ratio his senior year in high school. Danny Armstrong (6-0 210 rFr) was PS#94. Perhaps the biggest news is the addition of Texas transfer Adam Hall (PS#53) who ran the scout team at UT and here the last two years. He could beat out the incumbent. I look for solid improvement in the numbers in 2001, no matter who wins the job.

RUNNING BACKS - The Aztecs have had some great runners in the past including Marshall Faulk, despite being known for their high flying pass attacks. In 1998 and 1999 they had a solid RB combo of Jonas Lewis and Larry Ned who combined for 1,744 yards (4.7) in 1998 and 1,706 yards (5.3) in 1999 with both being named 2nd Tm MWC. They had to replace Lewis last year and Ned had arthroscopic surgery prior to the year. He was never 100% in his 5 starts and ultimately was lost for the season due to a shoulder injury. Ned only rushed for 357 yards and a paltry 2.6 ypc in the injury plagued year. James Truillon took over the starter's role and had 255 yards (3.9) but he too suffered through an injury plagued year. Garric Simmons (6-0 225 Jr) ended up starting 2 of the last 3 games and rushed for 215 yards (3.5) including the season's top effort by any back of 88 yards vs New Mexico. In an unhealthy year the Aztecs finished just #108 in the NCAA in rush offense and no back topped 100 yards all year. I expect much bigger things this year as all three are back and they have some other promising players. Jason Van (5-10 190 So) was PS#122 and had 113 yards rushing as a true frosh. PS#208LB Fale Poussele (5-11 235 Fr) originally signed with SDS last year, but didn't qualify. He enrolled in January 2001, and was able to participate in spring practice. Perhaps the leading rusher will be Justin Green (6-0 225 rFr) who was PS#34 and redshirted. With everyone back and some added talent, I look for HUGE improvement from this position.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aztecs returned 2 starters and brought in some JUCO transfers but suffered some big losses. Projected starting HB Jason Stone quit the team and 1st Tm MWC TE Gray McNeill suffered a season ending knee injury in the 2nd game. His backup Raleigh Fletcher (6-4 260 So) was PS#92TE and had 1 start with 4 rec's (11.0) but he went down to injury as well. Brian Gelt took over the starter's job and Sakimo Randall (6-3 280 Sr) also got in two starts. All four return to the team this year although Randall moved to the DL this spring. The top 2 WR's are back as well. HB Sean Pierce was the #3 rec and made 5 starts but was injured with 2 games to go. He and Bill Hammett (2 sts, 15 rec) are the only two losses. Derrick Lewis and JR Tolver both got stronger as the season went on and Tollner likes their potential. They also got TWO big time transfers in Ronnie Davenport who had 10 starts at Cal and was the Bears' #2 rec with 15 (14.1) in 1999 and Paul Nelson, who was PS#14 WR and left UCLA. Both are eligible this year!!!! I list the 2 deep at WR and HB below. Also in the mix are Thomas Howard (6-2 200 Sr, 14 rec) and this year's true frosh signees. Naturally I look for this group to be a lot more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Aztecs had a veteran offensive front that paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing and only allowed 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 44 starts including a couple of NFL draft picks. OL Coach Damon Baldwin shuffled the lineup constantly at the start of the season trying to find the proper combination and they lost projected starter Zach LaMonda prior to the year due to injury. The Aztecs managed just 2.3 ypc rushing and allowed 31 sacks. This year they are in much better shape. The only loss is RG Chris Williams (1 st). Eight players return with starting experience plus Tollner has brought in a couple of JUCO's as well as a VHT rFr who will contend for time. This unit should be vastly improved in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had one of the best DL's in the country in 1999 but the losses were heavy last year as they had to replace their star, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (#5DC, 1st Tm MWC), as well as 2 others who combined for 17 starts. Jerome Haywood took the lead as the top DL and after making 2nd Team MWC in 1999 was 1st Team last year. As expected, the Aztecs were weaker against the run and after allowing 2.8 ypc in 1999 they slipped to 3.5 last year and the unit failed to pressure the QB with just 19 sacks. This year the big news is almost everyone is back with the lone loss being DT George Heather (5 sts til inj, 14 tkls). Tollner says that the DT's have better size and experience than "maybe we've ever had" and all of the DE's return plus they get back Kabeer's brother, Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, who had 1 start but tore his Achilles in Week 2. They also add 2 super rFr transfers in Sagan Atutasi, who originally signed at USC, and PS#157 Marcus Levi plus get a top-notch JUCO in Brook Miller. This should be one of the MWC's best D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Aztecs had to replace 2 full-time starters and 2 backups who combined for 4 starts. The Aztecs then lost projected starting OLB Rodney Allen early in the season and a JUCO transfer quit the team. The unit had a total of 4 starts returning. A star emerged in Jamar Butler, who missed 1999 due to academics, but was simply 2nd Team MWC and Team MVP, and led the team with 112 tackles and 9 tfl. Four players return this year with starting experience. Compared to the rest of the team, this unit was wiped out by graduation as it must replace ONE starter in Brian Berg (11 sts, 93 tkls, 5 tfl, HM MWC), yes I'm being facetious. They also get super transfer Loo Heather who had 20 sacks at JC last year and surprisingly chose the Aztecs over schools like USC. He and Butler are the MWC's best tandem of OLB's and that doesn't even include productive Dylan Robles who will back them up. With the added talent this unit is in far better shape than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs have had some outstanding defenses through the years but surprisingly their best finish in my pass efficiency rankings was #65 in 1998. Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 40 starts but returned 4 players that had some starting experience. As expected, the unit struggled, finishing #98 while allowing 57.9% with a 15-8 ratio. This year they must replace FS Brian Russell (11 sts, 68 tkls, HM MWC). Everyone else returns from the 2 deep and they get a couple of quality rFr moving in including Marviel Underwood who is simply the fastest player on the team. This experienced group should net their highest finish yet in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1996 this unit finished #2 in my rankings thanks to a great punter but dropped to #26 and #55 the next 2 years. In 1999 they had their worst finish ever under Tollner at #100. Tollner had signed a JUCO AA punter that year but he did not produce as expected. Last year

SAN DIEGO ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Larry Ned	139	446	89	357	6	2.6					
James Truillon	66	284	29	255	1	3.9					
Garric Simmons	61	222	7	215	0	3.5					
Jason Van	25	114	1	113	2	4.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Lon Sheriff	290	155	53.4	2163	6	11					
Jack Hawley	86	39	45.3	338	1	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
JR Tolver	62	808	13.0	1	71						
Derrick Lewis	31	782	25.2	3	78						
Sean Pierce	19	229	12.1	1	31						
Bill Hammett	15	150	10.0	0	21						
Brian Gelt	15	112	7.5	1	17						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INTn20				
Brian Simjanovski	55	2356	42.8	9	32.9	1	6				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Nate Tandberg	6-7	3-5	3-7	0-0	12-19	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SOX	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOX	TFL	PBU	INT
Jomar Butler	112	2	7	2	1	R. Marchbanks	46	2	0	0	0
Will Demps	97	1	14	5	2	J. Haywood	40	0	8	0	0
Brian Berg	93	1	4	2	0	Anthony Foli	34	2	4	0	0
Brian Russell	68	0	5	3	1	D. Gamble	28	0	0	6	2
Ricky Sharpe	65	0	0	5	1	B. Trickey	26	0	0	1	0
Dylan Robles	63	5	5	0	0	A. Brigham	25	2	2	1	0
G. Pavelko	62	3	1	0	1	Ryan Iata	24	2	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Sean Pierce	28	230	8.2	0	Derrick Lewis	14	296	21.1	0		

the injury problems that plagued SDS greatly decreased the team's depth and the numbers were indicative of that thinness. Their coverage units were extremely poor as they allowed 22.8 per KR and 13.3 per PR. Justin Sisco was that JUCO punter and he got beat out for the starting job early in the year by Brian Simjanovski. Sisco averaged just 38.4 per boot and Simjanovski averaged 42.8 and was 2nd Team MWC. He is back for his junior season and has also handled the KO's the last two years. They must replace their top PR, Sean Pierce, but have back all of their top KR's. They must replace their solid FG man Nate Tandberg who hit 12 of 19 with a long of 49 but he was a little off last year hitting only 3 of 7 from 40+. I look for huge improvement out of the coverage units as the Aztecs are a much deeper team and look for them to make a large climb in the special teams rankings in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aztecs earn my title as the Most Improved Team in the NCAA this year and that means big things are in the offing. In '99 my Most Improved Team prior to the season was Hawaii which simply went from 0-12 in '98 to 9-4 and a bowl victory in '99. Last year 10 of my top 14 Most Improved Teams went from losing records to being bowl eligible!! (see page 13). The Aztecs had just 7 returning starters last year and played a killer non-conf schedule, as they always do. When they played Air Force they had just 6 seniors among the entire 2 deep and 21 juniors. In the first 4 games San Diego St scored just 26 points and used 19 different starters on offense due to injuries. At the end of the year 17 scholarship players were not practicing due to injury, leaving them only 50 available players. The team's 3-8 record was its worst since 1988. This year not only do 19 starters return, but they lose the fewest lettermen in the MWC (10). Additionally, they get a ton of talented newcomers like Texas transfer QB Adam Hall, rFr RB Justin Green (PS#34), UCLA transfer WR Paul Nelson (PS#14), Cal transfer WR Ronnie Davenport, rFr OL Steve Nevarez (PS#36), USC signee DL Sagan Atutasi (PS#46) and VHT JUCO LB Loo Heather (PS#17). The Aztecs have my #1 rated defense in the MWC and #3 offense. The non-conf schedule is rough once again with Arizona, Ariz St and Ohio St and their 3 road games in conference play are vs 3 potential bowl teams, so they will likely be underdogs in 6 of their 11 games. Even with that tough slate, I will call for a winning season for the Aztecs. They averaged just 15.5 ppg on offense and will be vastly improved on that side of the ball and defensively could even be better than their outstanding '99 unit which allowed just 304 ypg. As I mentioned, I feel this is clearly the most improved team in the country and should have a significant turnaround in 2001.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB LON SHERIFF JR. 6-3 215 PS#129. 113 yds, 4 gms in '99, 9 sts ly, 2163 yds (53%), 6-11 ratio. Adam Hall (6-3 205 So) PS#53, Texas trans. Jon Stoner (6-1 205 rFr).
RB LARRY NED SR. 5-11 215 5 sts, 786 yds (4.9) in '98, 5 sts, 2nd Tm MWC in '99, 884 yds (5.5), 5 sts, 357 yds ly (inj). Justin Green (6-0 225 rFr) PS#34, Jason Van PS#122.
HB Paul Nelson Jr. 6-0 210 PS#14WR. 8 tkls at DB at UCLA in '99. Deric Martin (6-2 185 Jr) PS#276, 1 st, 5 rec, 3 yrs. Craig Mitchell (5-9 175 Sr) 58 rec at JC in '99.
WR GREG "JR" TOLVER JR. 6-1 205 2 sts in '99, 9 rec (11.2), 10 sts ly, 62 rec (13.0).
2nd Tm MWC. Ronnie Davenport (6-2 190 Jr) 10 sts at Cal, 15 rec (14.1) in 1999.
WR DERRICK LEWIS SR. 6-2 185 PS#257JC. 2 sts, 26 rec (21.2) here in '99, 10 sts ly, 31 rec (25.2), 4.4 speed. Adam Gray-Hayward (6-2 200 rFr) PS#175 and redshirted.
TE GRAY MCNEILL SR. 6-2 260 6 sts, 4 rec in '98, 10 starts in '99, 1st Tm MWC, 2 rec (12.9), 2 sts ly (inj). Brian Gelt (6-3 240 Sr) PS#292JUCO, 9 starts, 15 rec (7.5).
C RAUL GOMEZ JR. 6-3 295 PS#283. 73 sts ly, 86% grade, 375 bench. Zach LaMonda (6-3 300 Sr) PS#191, projected str ly (inj). David Mayhew (6-2 275 Sr) 3 sts ly.
RG DAVID MORENO SR. 6-2 290 PS#91JUCO. 11 sts here, 769 snaps, 2nd Tm MWC in 2000. Sikoti Uipi (6-2 290 Sr) PS#334JUCO, 2 sts ly. Shawn Dickie (6-5 300 So).
LG JOHNATHAN INGRAM JR. 6-2 290 PS#336. 127 snaps as rFr, 8 sts ly (inj), HM MWC, 22 pancakes, 86% grade, allowed 2 sts. Steve Nevarez (6-3 275 rFr) PS#36DL Jr.
RT MIKE HOUGHTON SR. 6-6 315 11 sts in '99, 9 sts, 602 snaps, 420 bench ly. Brendan Darby (6-7 290 So) 6 starts as rFr. Aukoso Tuileomotu (6-5 300 Jr) PS#451JC.
LT CHESTER PITTS SR. 6-4 305 30 snaps in '99, 9 sts at LT, 83% grade for 2000. Mike Kracalik (6-9 315 rFr) PS#253. Shaun Thompson (6-4 290 Jr) is PS#198JUCO.
K Tommy Kirovski Jr. 6-1 195 PS#282JUCO in 2000 & signed at Arizona but did not enroll. Here in fall. Brian Simjanovski did KO's the last 2 years and also punted ly.

DE RYAN IATA JR. 6-4 270 PS#249. 8 sts ly, 24 tkls, 2 sts, added 10 lbs. Akbar Gbaja-Biamila (6-5 275 Sr) 2 sts in '99, 14 tkls, 1 st ly (inj) 7 tkls, 2 tfl. Jason Perry PS#188LB ly.
DT SAGAN ATUTASI rFr. 6-3 320 PS#46DL & originally at USC! Anthony Foli (6-4 270 So), 8 starts, 34 tkls, 6 tfl last year. Jared Rittler (6-3 260 Sr) PS#201DL, 6 tkls in 2000.
DT JEROME HAYWOOD SR. 5-9 280 12 sts as true, WAC Frosh of Year, 11 starts in '99, 35 tkls, 6 tfl, 11 sts ly, 1st Tm MWC, 40 tkls, 8 tfl. Brook Miller (6-4 260 Jr) PS#58JUCO.
DE ANDREW BRIGHAM SR. 6-3 255 PS#354JUCO. Last 5 sts, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. Marcus Levi (6-4 280 rFr) PS#157, added 10 lbs. Amon Arnold (6-4 265 Jr) 6 starts, 4 sts in 2000.
OLB LOO HEATHER JR. 6-3 235 PS#17JC. 20 sts at JC ly, in for spring. Dylan Robles (6-1 225 Sr) PS#52JC, 6 sts here, 63 tkls, 5 sts. Stephen Larsen was PS#176 last year.
MLB Beau Trickey So. 6-1 235 2 sts as rFr, 26 tkls, 1 pbu. Kirk Morrison (6-0 230 rFr) PS#222RB. Ross Marchbanks (6-1 225 Sr) PS#234LB, 5 sts, 46 tkls, 2 sts in 2000.
OLB JOMAR BUTLER SR. 5-11 215 6 tkls in '98 (inj). Missed '99 (inj), 9 sts ly, 2nd Tm MWC, #1 w/12 tkls, 2 sts, 7 tfl. Jay Kos (6-3 215 Sr) 4 tkls. Rodney Allen PS#160, 6 tkls ly (inj).
CB RICKY SHARPE JR. 6-1 185 PS#260. 1 st, 16 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr, 11 sts ly, 65 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, top cover CB here. Greg Taylor (5-8 165 Jr) JC, 1 tkly. Jeff Shoute is Montana trans.
CB MARVEL UNDERWOOD rFr. 5-10 200 PS#213. Fastest on team. Donte Gamble (5-8 160 Sr) PS#444JC, 6 sts here, 2 int, 6 pbu. John Kent (5-9 180 Sr) JC trans ly, 2 sts, 11 tkls.
SS WILL DEMPS SR. 6-0 215 2 starts in '99, 40 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 11 starts last year, 1st Tm MWC, 97 tkls, 15 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Shane Johnson (6-0 190 So) 21 tkls, 1 tfl ly.
FS Garret Pavelko Sr. 6-0 200 PS#108JUCO, 3 sts here, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int.
Joshua Dean (6-0 210 rFr) PS#124WR. James Samuel (5-10 200 So) may return this fall.
P BRIAN SIMJANOVSKI JR. 6-3 230 KO's in '99. Took over P duties last year and had a solid 42.8 avg on 55 punts, 6 inside the 20. 2nd Tm MWC. Tommy Kirovski PS#28JC.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB Loo Heather 6-3 235 PS#17JC
 LB Brook Miller 6-4 260 PS#59JC
 RB Michael Franklin 5-8 175 PS#163
 WR Jeff Webb 6-2 190 PS#165
 OL Daniel Negrete 6-2 290 PS#200
 OL Shaun Thompson 6-4 290 PS#198JC
 DB Hubert Caliste 6-1 180 PS#188
 RB Freddie Keisho 5-11 205 PS#225
 DB Marcus Demps 6-0 185 PS#230
 DB Shane Russell 5-10 200 PS#294
 OL Jasper Harvey 6-2 280 PS#324
 TE Jason Dion 6-4 255 PS#339JC
 TE Tyson Thompson 6-2 230 PS#122
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Aztecs are 15-12 SU at home since 1996, but 0-5 last year. San Diego St is 4-1 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more road games. Aztecs are 2-4-1 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1998. SDSU does not play on artificial turf this year. San Diego St is 10-6-1 ATS as a DD favorite the last 8 years.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Arizona (Thur)	G												
Sep. 8	at Arizona St	G												
Sep. 15	at Ohio St	G												
Sep. 22	at Colorado St	G												
Sep. 29	Air Force	G												
Oct. 6	E Illinois (HC)	G												
Oct. 13	at UNLV	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	BYU	G												
Nov. 3	New Mexico	G												
Nov. 10	at Utah	G												
Nov. 17	Wyoming	G												
Nov. 24														

SDSU is 8-14 ATS their L/22 tries vs Pac 10 teams, but 3-1 L/4. Aztecs are 8-1 ATS in their 1st lined home game since 1992. Marshall Faulk's alma mater is 6-16 ATS in non-conf AG's since '87. SDSU has dropped 7 of their last 8 road openers ATS. San Diego St is 1-6 ATS in the regular season their L/7 vs the Big 10. Aztecs are 5-14 ATS in their 2nd straight road game last 19. The road team is 5-1 ATS in this series. San Diego St is 8-2 ATS in their first conference away game. SDSU is 6-3 ATS their last 9 games vs the Fighting Falcons. Aztecs are 13-25-1 ATS at home vs conference foes since 1991. The E Illinois Panthers were 8-4 SU & 6-1 in the Ohio Valley Conf LY. This will be the 4th time the Aztecs have played a "NL" game S/'87. SDSU is 17-25 ATS off a SU win the last 8 years. Aztecs are 2-2 SU & 1-3 ATS in this short series. SDSU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs BYU since 1993. Aztecs are 4-8 ATS their last 12 after a bye. SDSU is 6-2 SU but 2-6 ATS the last 8 years vs the Lobos. The visitor is 8-2 ATS the L/10 in this series & the dog is 9-1 L/10 (8 straight). Aztecs are 9-5 ATS in sandwiched road games. SDSU is 7-5 ATS in this series since 1986. Aztecs are 2-7 ATS in home finales. SDSU has covered just 3 of 9 games vs Wyoming, but 3-1 L/4.

STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (71,400)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-4	8-3	5-7	7-4	5-6	3-8	40-39
ATS	6-5	6-6	6-5	6-6	4-6-1	6-4	5-6	39-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	2-4	5-1	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	0-0	12-11-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-4	6-9
Away Fav	0-1	2-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	6-6
Away Dog	3-1	1-2	0-1	3-3	1-2	3-1	4-2	15-12
Favorite	2-3	4-4	6-4	3-2	2-2-1	1-2	0-0	18-17-1
Dog	4-2	2-2	0-1	3-4	2-4	5-2	5-6	21-21
Grass	6-4	4-6	6-4	5-4	3-6-1	5-3	5-5	34-32-1
Artificial	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	5-6
vs Conf	4-4	5-4	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	4-3	3-4	28-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	2-2	11-12
Off SU Win	2-2	4-4	3-4	2-3	2-3-1	2-2	0-3	15-21
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-2	2-1	3-3	2-2	4-2	4-3	19-16

SAN DIEGO ST (3-8)

CONFERENCE:

MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 10* Returning: 43 (22,20,1)
DEFENSE: 9 Lost: 10 (3,4,3)

LETTERMEN:



SAN DIEGO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	YPP	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
5*	15.5	17	78	2.3	227	51.6	19.7	-5	2000	2	24.8	19	146	3.5	205
9*	24.7	20	176	4.4	206	52.9	15.5	-4	1999	6	20.5	16	108	2.8	197
5*	20.3	18	192	4.4	146	52.9	16.7	0	1998	5	20.3	18	137	3.5	188
6	21.4	17	113	3.1	220	51.8	15.5	-4	1997	8	27.8	20	155	3.6	224
8*	38.9	24	172	4.3	303	65.3	12.2	+8	1996	8	27.5	23	171	4.2	282
7*	33.4	24	203	5.0	279	62.1	14.4	+9	1995	6	23.6	24	159	4.3	301

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
Arizona St	21	28-100	3.6	24-57	219	1	16	40-110	2.8	18-42	160	2	0	0
Illinois	17	34-99	2.9	19-36	151	1	24	44-259	5.9	19-26	158	0	0	0
at Arizona	14	37-72	1.9	15-29	124	3	19	36-185	5.1	19-31	200	1	+3	-7
at Oregon St	16	38-71	1.9	15-30	156	4	19	46-153	3.3	15-30	183	3	-7	+1
at Wyoming	21	42-117	2.8	19-27	317	1	10	30-26	0.9	20-30	158	5	+1	+3
Utah	15	35-93	2.7	15-39	157	3	11	38-99	2.6	12-20	230	1	+3	-1
at BYU	16	28-70	2.5	14-30	239	1	27	34-63	1.9	34-58	376	3	-1	-1
Colorado St	17	25-26	1.0	30-46	393	5	17	33-84	2.5	22-34	232	0	-1	0
at New Mexico	15	38-35	0.9	12-24	148	7	16	42-114	2.7	14-30	154	1	0	-2
at Air Force	15	28-81	2.9	14-26	269	3	31	73-418	5.7	10-17	122	1	-2	-1
UNLV	20	32-90	2.8	17-32	328	2	19	39-91	2.3	19-31	277	2	-1	-5
TOTALS	187	365-854	2.3	194-376	2501	31	209	455-1602	3.5	202-349	2250	19	-5	-0.5
AVERAGES	17.0	33-78	2.3	18-34	227	2.8	19.0	41-146	3.5	18-32	205	1.7	-0.5	

Coach: TED TOLLNER (Career 66-60-1)

Tollner's records AT SAN DIEGO STATE

8th Year at San Diego State	12-11-1	Home Favorite
40-40	Straight Up	6-9
39-38-1	Vs The Spread	6-6
19-16	Off A S/U Loss	15-12
28-26-1	Vs Conference	11-12
		Home Underdog
		Away Favorite
		Away Underdog
		Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Harbor	NL	Hardin-Simmons	28-7	-
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7	-
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa	38-39	W
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa	17-28	L
98	Las Vegas	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-13	40-21	W
at California	+3	37-42	L
Oklahoma	-6	51-31	W
Hawaii	-31	56-8	W
at New Mexico	-6'	48-42	L
at Colorado St	-3'	18-27	L
at San Jose St	-20'	49-20	W
Wyoming	-2	28-24	W
at UNLV	-28	42-44	L
Fresno St	-14	31-21	L
Air Force	-1	28-23	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-4'	45-31	W
at Washington	+23'	3-36	L
at Wisconsin	+9'	10-36	L
at Air Force	+7	18-24	W
at Arizona	+12	28-31	W
New Mexico	-4	21-36	L
UNLV	-7	20-17	L
at Hawaii	-6'	10-3	W
at Wyoming	+14	17-41	L
San Jose St	-14	48-21	W
at Fresno St	+3'	20-19	W
Colorado St	+14'	17-38	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+10	14-26	L
at USC	+19'	6-35	L
Arizona	+16	16-35	L
at Tulsa	+10	24-14	W
Hawaii	-22	35-13	T
at New Mexico	-5	36-33	L
Utah	+2'	21-20	W
at BYU	+10	0-13	L
Fresno St	-1	10-0	W
at San Jose St	-4'	34-6	W
UTEP	-13'	34-29	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	NL	41-12	-
at Illinois	-3'	10-38	L
at USC	+24	21-24	W
at Kansas	+1	41-13	W
Air Force	+2	22-23	W
New Mexico	-15	21-24	L
at Colorado St	+6	17-10	W
at Utah	+6'	16-38	L
BYU	+6'	7-30	L
at UNLV	-13'	37-7	W
Wyoming	+1'	39-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	+4	7-10	W
Illinois	+6'	13-49	L
at Arizona	+19'	3-17	W
at Oregon St	+16'	3-35	L
at Wyoming	+3'	34-0	W
Utah	+5	7-21	L
at BYU	+13'	16-15	W
Colorado St	+8	22-34	L
at New Mexico	+5'	17-16	W
at Air Force	+9'	24-45	L
UNLV	+5'	24-31	L

BYU COUGARS



RB Luke Staley & QB Charlie Peterson were BYU's rushing & passing leaders in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - BYU has been the home to 4 Davey O'Brien Award winners for top QB in the country with Jim McMahon, Steve Young, Ty Detmer (twice) bringing home the hardware. Kevin Feterik (a 3 yr starter who graduated after the '99 season completing 61% with a 25-15 ratio) was also a finalist for the O'Brien. BYU had little experience at this position heading into last year and 3 QB's battled it out for the starting job in August. Bret Engemann won the job a week before the season but suffered an injury in the opener and was never quite 100% with a knee injury. A separated shoulder vs Syracuse eventually put him out for the year. In 5 starts he threw for 896 yards (54%) with a 3-6 ratio. There is a chance Engemann may redshirt to get completely healthy. Charlie Peterson (6-1 198 Sr) took over the starting job and threw for 1,617 yards (57%) with a 6-5 ratio while also rushing for 90 yards. He was slowed at times by shoulder and ankle injuries. He had 164 straight passes without an int, breaking McMahon's school record. Brandon Doman (6-1 195 Sr) was PS#49 and took over the job in the season's final two games and both were victories. Doman threw for 782 yards (55%) with a 2-4 ratio while also rushing for 162. He also became the first BYU QB since Steve Young to rush for 50 yards and throw for 300 yards in the same game. All 3 QB's return and also added to the mix is Todd Mortensen (6-4 214 rFr) who was PS#29 in '97 and returns from a mission. He had a tough spring game however, hitting just 3 of 20 for 34 yards. Peterson fractured his collarbone in the spring and that may put him a little behind in the race. This unit has a lot more experience than it did heading into last year and should put up more 'BYU-like' numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Luke Staley (PS#108) and Fahu Tahiti split the rushing duties with Tahiti leading the team with 441 yards and Staley adding 435 although both were injured often. Tahiti went off on a mission for the 2000-01 seasons. Staley suffered through another injury plagued year as he was banged up vs Fresno St, did not play vs Virginia and Miss St, and saw limited action in 3 other games. He did have 167 yards vs UNLV and was the team's leading rusher with 479 yards (3.7). Brian McDonald had his moments, like 86 yards vs Virginia, and finished with 464 yards and a strong 4.6 ypc. True frosh Marcus Whalen (PS#64) had 209 yards (5.5), but was not with the team in the spring. They lose FB Kalani Sitake who had 12 starts and 291 total yards but I expect Crowton to do away with that position. Also in the mix at RB is Paul Peterson (5-8 196 Sr) who was PS#125QB and Ned Stearns (6-0 215 Sr) PS#176. This unit has even more experience than it did last year and if Staley can finally remain healthy, he could become BYU's fourth 1,000 yard rusher in the last six years.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cougars returned almost everyone to this position but suffer some significant losses. Margin Hooks leaves as BYU's 2nd all-time leading receiver and led the team last year with 61 grabs (11.8) in 12 starts. WR Jonathan Pittman had 12 starts and 38 rec's with a solid 18.2 ypc and TE Tevita Ofahengaue (#7 DC of ARZ) had 12 starts and was 2nd Team WAC with 22 rec's (13.9). Also gone is #4 receiver Ben Horton who had 23 rec's (12.1). The leading returning WR/TE is Mike Rigell (21 grabs, 10.5) as RB Staley was the #3 receiver last year. Overall 4 of the top 6 receivers depart. I list the 2 deep below and there is some talent in the group including Junior Mahe who led all JUCO WR's with 57 receptions and a 24.3 avg last year and was also a strong RB here as a true frosh. There is some talent in this group and naturally BYU's WR's will put up some big numbers. With the loss of all 3 starters from last year, this group clearly looks weaker in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BYU's offensive front has struggled as of late. In 1998 they allowed 50 sacks while only averaging 3.4 ypc. In 1999 they gave up 45 sacks in 12 games and only averaged 2.7 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 starters overall including a #5 draft pick and a 2nd Team MWC player. The ypc improved to just 3.0 and the sacks decreased to 36. The only losses from last year are G Kam Valgardson (3 sts) and Ford Poston (6 games). One concern is that in the spring game the offense totaled just 57 yards rushing on 51 carries (including negative yds for sacks) but those games are not always an accurate assessment of the upcoming season. The average weight of last year's starting group was 290 and that has increased to 296. There is plenty of talent in the 2 deep below with some of the 2nd stringers possibly taking over as there are 8 HT's waiting in the wings. This should be BYU's best offensive front in at least 4 years and probably is one of the strongest in the MWC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Cougars had to replace 3 starters due to graduation but only allowed 3.0 ypc rushing and recorded 38 sacks as a team. Last year they had to replace 1 starter who was a #3 draft pick but had 3 solid starters return. Surprisingly they allowed 3.3 ypc rushing while only snagging 29 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are DE Setema Gali (12 sts, 39 tkl, 8 sks, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC), DT Hans Olsen (12 sts, 45 tkl, 14 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC) and DT Chris Hoke (12 sts, 51 tkl, 15 tfl, HM MWC). They have some talent in the 2 deep I list below including Brandon Stephens, a VHT TE who is in his first year on defense, and Ifo Pili, a 1998 part-time starter who returns from a mission. This has the makings of a decent group but clearly looks weaker with the loss of their top 3 players.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars had to replace a #1 draft pick in superstar Rob Morris last year and then lost their returning star, MLB Jeff Holtry, in the first game for the year due to injury. Starting SLB Josh Lowe got in 3 starts before being lost for the season with a knee injury so a group that looked like it had 3 returning starters basically had just one after 3 games. This year the only losses are Holtry and Lowe who combined for 14 tackles and 3 tfl in their 4 starts and backup LB Andrew Fales (6 tkl, 1 tfl). Paul Walkenhorst got in 8 starts as a real true frosh (no mission) but there is a possibility he could go on one this year. I will list him as a returning starter and that means all 3 starters are back. This group has a lot more experience than last year's version and should be solidly improved, provided it does not get hit with the injuries it did last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cougars finished #5 in my pass defense rankings in 1999. Last year they had to replace a pair of star CB's including a 1st Team MWC honoree as well as a SS who had 4 starts and 2 backup CB's. They then lost their projected star CB in Jemaro Gifford for the season due to an off-field incident. Due to the depletions, CB Danny Phillips, a JUCO who arrived in the fall, started the opener vs Florida St. They had 3 players returning who combined for 17 starts and dropped all the way down to #106 allowing 58.6% with a 17-7 ratio. This year they must replace their starting safeties in FS Jared Lee (12 sts, 86 tkl, 7 pbu, 1st Tm MWC), SS Tyson Smith (12 sts, 48 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu, HM MWC) and backup FS Elan Edwards (23 tkl, 1 sk). Overall five different players who started 3 or more games return. They also get Gifford back from a year's absence and he is a 6-1 180 CB with track speed that should emerge as the best DB here this year. Last year's finish was unusually low for BYU and I look for them to make a major jump in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - K Owen Pochman hit 20 of 27 FG's with a long of 47 in 1998 and connected on 19 of 27 with a long of 47 in 1999. He was a Lou Groza semifinalist and last year hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 56 and two of his misses were from 50+! Clearly he will be missed. Even with his powerful leg BYU struggled in KR defense the last 2 years allowing 25.2 and 23.8 per return and hopefully Crowton can shore up that unit. P Aaron

BYU 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Luke Staley	130	548	69	479	7	3.7
Brian McDonald	101	485	21	464	8	4.6
Marcus Whalen	38	217	8	209	2	5.5
Brandon Doman	33	162	33	129	3	3.9
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Charlie Peterson	260	149	57.3	1617	6	5
Bret Engemann	134	72	53.7	896	3	6
Brandon Doman	92	51	55.4	782	2	4
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Margin Hooks	61	718	11.8	2	36	
Jonathan Pittman	38	691	18.2	5	70	
Luke Staley	28	327	11.7	0	48	
Ben Horton	23	278	12.1	0	21	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK
Aaron Edmonds	67	2924	43.6	-	37.9	0
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Owen Pochman	6-6	4-4	7-10	2-4	19-24	56
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	INT
Justin Ena	107	3	8	4	0	0
Jared Lee	86	0	3	7	1	0
Isaac Kelley	63	4	10	1	0	0
Chris Hoke	51	5	10	0	0	0
Tyson Smith	48	0	3	4	0	0
Ryan Denney	47	4	10	2	0	0
P. Walkenhorst	47	1	8	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Mike Rigell	29	195	6.7	0	21	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Paul Peterson	24	516	21.5	0	50	

Edmonds was a JUCO transfer last year who simply was 1st Team MWC, averaging 43.6 per punt with a super net of 37.9. He returns for his senior season. All of the top returners are back and were simply average last year and should improve. While the kicking spot looks weaker, that is not factored into my rankings in which BYU finished a respectable #46 last year thanks to their punting. They have the capability of improving upon those numbers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

LaVell Edwards took over this program way back in 1972 and had just one losing season and that came in his 2nd year as he put together an amazing 27 consecutive non-losing seasons and took BYU to 22 bowl games. Even with a killer schedule, prior to last season Edwards announced that it would be his last and the season did not go as expected as they finished just 6-6, needing to win their last 2 games to avoid a losing season. Edwards leaves as #6 in all-time Div I victories as a head coach. When he took over the team played in a 28,000 seat stadium that never sold-out and now plays in a 65,000 seat stadium that sells out regularly. They even named it after him and are a perfect 1-0 in LaVell Edwards Stadium. Last year they had to overcome 10,470 miles of travel (this year just 6,647). One of the reasons for the struggle last year was the rare loss of an asst coach as long time OC Norm Chow moved on to NC State in a surprise move. They hold an NCAA record streak of not being shut out for 324 games (last one in 1975). New head coach Gary Crowton comes in and changes the offense to the same style he ran at Louisiana Tech in 1996 through 1998. He inherits a difficult schedule as BYU has 7 road games, their most since 1981. They have 13 starters back, which is actually the most they have had returning since 1993. They used 4 different QB's last year due to injuries and ineffectiveness and should be much stronger at that key position, especially behind a veteran offensive line with some solid skill position players on hand. The Cougars should easily top the 23.3 ppg they put up last year. The key will be how quickly they adapt to Crowton's schemes as they struggled a little in the spring. The 25.8 ppg they allowed on defense was the most since 1993 and with 6 starters back on that side of the ball plus the huge addition of CB Jemaro Gifford, they will be much tougher to move on. Even with 4 conference road games and a brand new head coach, this team is clearly capable of returning to a contender's role in the MWC.

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OFFENSE

QB BRANDON DOMAN SR. 6-1 195 PS#49. 2sts ly, 782 yds (55%), 2-4 ratio, 162 rush, Todd Mortensen (6-4 214 rFr) PS#29 in '97. Bret Engemann (6-4 224 Jr) PS#22. 5 sts ly, 896 yds.
RB LUKE STALEY JR. 6-2 218 PS#108. 4 sts as true, 435 yds (4.4), 26 rec. 10 sts ly.
HM MWC. 479 yds (3.7), 28 rec (11.7). Brian McDonald (5-10 210 Sr) 1032 yds at JC. 464 yds (4.6) 2 sts ly.
WR Junior Mahe Jr. 5-11 190 PS#162JC. 551 yds at RB as true here in '99, 21 rec (10.0). Led JC's with 1387 yds recly (24.3). Justin Anderson (5-10 175 Sr) PS#355JC.
WR Mike Rigell Sr. 5-7 184 PS#200 in '97. In rec here as rFr (17.7) HM WAC. Transfer & return. 21 rec ly (10.5), 338 return yds. Andrew Ord (6-2 204 Jr) PS#77RB. def last year.
WR Soren Halladay Sr. 6-1 195 PS#105 in '94. In jn '99. 5 rec (17.2) in 2000. Toby Christensen (5-11 188 So) PS#155 in '97. Todd's son. David Christensen (5-9 185 So) PS#244.
TE Doug Jolley Sr. 6-4 241 PS#166QB. 6 rec (10.5) in '99. 14 rec ly, 152 ypc.
Spencer Nead PS#74JC. in for spring. Gabriel Reid, 4 rec ly. Marcus Hellman (6-5 233 Jr) PS#52.
C JASON SCAKANEK SR. 6-2 282. 126. 430 bench, lettered in '98 & '99. 12 sts ly.
HM MWC. Scott Jackson (6-4 287 So) PS#97 in '97. In jn as rFr. James Clement (6-2 298 rFr) PS#195.
RG AARON MCCUBBINS SR. 6-3 295 PS#301. Lettered as rFr. 12 sts in '99. Last 9 sts at RG ly, 2nd Tm MWC. Vince Xanthos (6-3 284 So) PS#115. Trans from Minnesota & Maryland.
LG TEAG WHITING SR. 6-3 298 PS#38JC. RS in '99. 12 sts here at LG in 2000.
HM MWC. Isaac Herring (6-4 306 Jr) PS#161OL. Has earned 1 letter and added has 21 lbs.
RT BEN ARCHIBALD JR. 6-4 303 PS#150OL. 2 sts as rFr in '97. Mission. 12 starts in 2000. HM MWC. added 18 lbs. Ryan Keele (6-4 296 Jr) PS#157JUCO in for spring.
LT DUSTIN RYKERT JR. 6-7 301. 8 games as rFr. Quickest OL here. 12 starts at LT ly. Quinn Christensen (6-6 295 Jr) PS#206JC. Matt Griffiths (6-5 299 So) PS#70 in '97.
K Aaron Edmonds Sr. 5-11 192. 62 of 62 on xp's at JUCO in '99. Matt Payne (6-4 247 rFr) PS#50K in 1997. 2 yr mission & RS ly. Patrick Walsh (6-2 170 rFr) PS#61K in 1996.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE RYAN DENNEY SR. 6-7 275 PS#137DL in '95. 13 tkl in '98. 28 tkl, 5 sks, 2 tfl in '99. 12 sts, 47 tkl, 4 sks, 10 tfl. HM MWC ly. Judd Anderson (6-6 270 rFr) PS#115DL.
DT Ifo Pili So. 6-3 305 PS#295DL in '97. 18 tkl, 1 sack, 1 tfl in '98. Mission. Ryan Gunderson (6-3 280 So) PS#78 in '97. 3 tkl as "true" last year and added 25 lbs.
DT Chris Watkins Jr. 6-2 285 PS#63 in '96. 21 tkl, 2 tfl in '99. Back in ly. John Denney (6-5 261 So) PS#605JC, in for spring. Michael Marquardt (6-4 260 Fr) PS#108DL.
DE Brett Keisel Sr. 6-5 269 PS#80TE in '97. 3 tkl in '98. JUCO in '99. 22 tkl, 5 sks, 5 tfl ly, adds 19 lbs. Brandon Stephens (6-5 258 rFr) PS#5TE in '99. Moved to DL.
SLB PAUL WALKENHORST SO. 6-5 248. 8 starts as true, 47 rec, def last yr. Brady Poppinga (6-3 237 Fr) PS#105 in '98. Brent Carlson (5-9 227 So) 10 tkl in 2000.
MLB JUSTIN ENA SR. 6-3 261. 22 tkl, 2 tfl in '98. 2nd Tm MWC. 12 sts, 52 tkl, 5 tfl in '99. 12 sts, 107 tkl, 11 tfl ly. Ammon Mauga (5-11 213 So) PS#236. Mike Tanner (6-0 239 So) PS#192 in '97.
WLB ISAAC KELLEY SR. 6-4 240 PS#112QB. 35 tkl in 1999. 4 sks, 2 tfl. 12 sts ly. 63 tkl, 4 sks, 10 tfl. Colby Bockwoldt (6-1 218 So) PS#278. 10 tkl as rFr, added 18 lbs.
CB Jemaro Gifford So. 6-1 180. Size & track speed. 1 tkl as true, suspension in 2000. Derrus Wilson (5-8 182 Sr) JUCO. 3 sts here last year, 19 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu, 4.4 speed.
CB DANNY PHILLIPS SR. 6-0 194 PS#45JC, 4 spd. 8 sts here. 25 tkl, 2 pbu. Isiah Joiner (6-0 185 So) PS#184RB, 3 sts, 13 tkl as true. Alex Farris (5-11 195 So) PS#284, 2 gms, 3 tkl ly.
SS DUSTIN STALEY SR. 5-11 178 3 tkl in '95. Mission. 2 sts, 31 tkl in '99. 7 sts, 18 tkl, 4 pbu ly. Joshua Brandon (6-0 190 Jr) PS#314JC. Kurt Elliott (5-11 190 So) 2 tkl ly.
FS Levi Madarieta So. 6-2 210 PS#237. 19 tkl at Washington as true. Transfer in 2000. Michael Madsen (6-1 195 Jr) 7 tkl, 1 int, 11 games, 2 years. Brandon Heaney is AF trans.
P AARON EDMONDS SR. 5-11 192 PS#32K in 1995. PS#160 JUCO in 2000. 12 starts here & 67 punts, 43.6 average & super net of 37.9. 1st Team MWC. 17 inside the 20.

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WR Braylon Jones 5-11 180 PS#146
WR Ryan Keele 6-5 300 PS#157JC
OL Junior Mahe 5-11 190 PS#162JC
DB Bryce Mahuka 5-10 185 PS#191
OL Quinn Christensen 6-6 295 PS#206JC
DB Aaron Francisco 6-2 195 PS#206
DB David Tafuna 6-1 195 PS#208
LB Bryant Atkinson 6-3 220 PS#214
DB O'Neal Howell 5-10 180 PS#241
DB Josh Brandon 6-0 190 PS#314JC
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

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Cougars are 1-4 SU & ATS vs Washington.
BYU has only played 3 SEC schools since 1976.
Cougars are 5-2 ATS as a conference away dog since 1985.
BYU has had a negative turnover ratio in 4 straight seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BYU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Nevada	G												
Sep. 8	at California	G												
Sep. 15	at Mississippi St	G												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	at UNLV	G												
Oct. 5	Utah St (Fri)	G												
Oct. 13	at New Mexico	G												
Oct. 20	Air Force (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at San Diego St	G												
Nov. 1	Colorado St (Thurs)	G												
Nov. 10	at Wyoming	G												
Nov. 17	Utah	G												
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	at Hawaii	A												

Cougars are 12-19 ATS in their last 31 non-conference games.
Brigham Young is 2-12 ATS in season openers.
Cougars are 5-15 ATS in September road games.
BYU is 3-9 ATS their last 12 vs the Pac 10.
Cougars are 11-4 ATS since 1991 in the 2nd of B2B away games.
Brigham Young is 9-4 ATS prior to a bye week.
BYU is 4-0 SU, 2-2 ATS & have won by an avg of 22.75 ppg vs the Rebels.
Cougars are 5-2 ATS their last 7 as a conference away favorite.
BYU is 12-0 SU, 4-4-1 ATS at home in this instate rivalry.
Pending the opener, Cougars are 17-29 ATS as a HF the L9Y.
BYU is 11-1 SU vs New Mexico, but 4-8 ATS as a DD fav in the series.
Cougars are 5-13 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1986.
BYU is 11-21 ATS their last 32 home games vs conference foes.
Cougars defend the option well & are 11-5 ATS last 16 vs AF, 0-4 L/L4.
Pending earlier results, BYU is 6-11 ATS in October the L4Y.
BYU is 5-1 SU, 4-2 ATS last 6 meetings with the Aztecs.
Cougars are 10-5 ATS their last 15 vs Colorado State.
BYU is 2-7 ATS in their last 9 sandwiched home games.
Cougars are 12-4 ATS L/16 away games in November but 4-4 L/8.
BYU is 5-1 SU but 1-5 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1991.
BYU is 2-6 ATS at home vs Utah.
The underdog has covered 7 of the last 8 series meetings.
Cougars are 7-2 ATS last 9 road finales.
BYU is 6-17 ATS their last 23 games on artificial turf.

STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (65,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-4	13-1	6-5	9-4	8-3	6-6	58-26
ATS	5-6	5-6	9-5	2-9	6-6	5-6	4-8	36-46
Home Fav	1-4	2-3	3-3	1-4	2-2	2-4	2-3	13-23
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-3
Away Fav	2-2	2-1	5-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	0-1	14-11
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-3	0-0	2-3	7-9
Favorite	3-6	4-4	8-4	1-7	4-3	5-6	2-4	27-34
Dog	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	0-0	2-4	9-12
Grass	4-4	5-6	7-3	2-7	4-4	5-6	4-7	31-37
Artificial	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	5-9
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	6-4	1-7	5-4	4-3	2-5	26-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-3	10-15
Off SU Win	5-4	3-3	8-4	1-5	5-4	4-4	1-4	27-28
Off SU Loss	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-3	1-1	0-2	3-3	7-13

Coch: GARY CROWTON (Career 21-13) Crowton's records AT BYU

1st Year at BYU	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Holiday	+14	Ohio St	21-28	W
94	Copper	-1'	Oklahoma	31-6	W
96	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	19-15	W
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane	27-41	L
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall	3-21	L

BYU (6-6)

CONFERENCE: MT. WEST



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 50 (26,23,1)
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	2000	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
5	23.3	21	99	3.0	275	55.9	16.0	-9	2000	7	25.8	17	122	3.3	223	58.6	13.4
8*	27.9	23	92	2.7	316	60.8	14.6	-8	1999	4	20.9	17	106	3.0	205	51.9	14.9
4*	28.7	20	138	3.4	239	59.3	13.1	-9	1998	8	20.7	15	103	3.0	189	48.8	14.1
4	22.7	18	108	3.1	227	57.4	14.8	-10	1997	7	23.1	17	164	3.8	194	50.7	15.5
6*	39.3	24	174	4.2	296	67.9	11.9	+12	1996	6	18.5	17	119	3.3	194	52.2	17.0
3	27.9	22	96	2.8	315	64.9	14.8	+2	1995	7	24.4	20	168	4.1	209	58.7	15.5

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Florida St	18	24-(-2)	-0.1	18-46	227	5	25	36-57	1.6	32-51	318	4	-4
at Virginia	25	34-93	2.7	34-42	447	5	19	42-270	6.4	13-23	217	1	-2
at Air Force	21	26-125	4.8	18-40	235	5	18	53-186	3.5	11-16	203	2	-3
Mississippi St	27	32-65	2.0	27-50	268	3	14	33-208	6.3	13-20	167	1	-2
UNLV	19	47-196	4.2	15-29	157	5	10	33-41	1.2	11-17	202	4	+1
at Syracuse	19	21-21	1.0	24-44	272	4	16	50-224	4.5	10-12	228	2	-1
Utah St	29	38-198	5.2	25-39	335	1	16	25-11	0.4	22-34	209	3	+1
San Diego St	27	34-63	1.9	34-58	376	3	16	28-70	2.5	14-30	239	1	+1
Wyoming	18	40-128	3.2	22-34	225	1	18	36-68	1.9	19-30	169	4	+1
at Colorado St	9	16-57	3.6	18-41	120	0	22	43-165	3.8	19-31	298	2	-2
N Mexico	22	44-149	3.4	21-35	349	0	14	33-90	2.7	11-28	178	1	0
at Utah	21	42-100	2.4	16-29	284	4	14	30-70	2.3	16-34	252	4	+1
TOTALS	255	398-1193	3.0	272-487	3295	36	202	442-1460	3.3	191-326	2680	29	-9
AVERAGES	21.3	33-99	3.0	23-41	275	3.0	16.8	37-122	3.3	16-27	223	2.4	-0.8

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	+7	41-37	W	Washington	+8	20-42	L	at Alabama	+4'	31-38	L	Washington	-3'	35-28	W	† Florida St	+25'	3-29	L
Arkansas St	-33'	58-9	W	at Arizona St	+8'	13-10	W	Arizona St	+6'	26-6	W	Colorado St	-7	34-13	W	at Virginia	+6'	38-35	W
at Washington	+3'	17-29	L	at SMU	-11	19-16	L	at Washington	+9'	10-20	L	Virginia	-7	40-45	L	at Air Force	-2	23-31	L
New Mexico	-13'	17-14	L	Utah St	-14	42-35	L	Murray St	NL	43-9	-	at Utah St	-17	34-31	L	Mississippi St	+2	28-44	L
SMU	-14'	31-3	W	at Rice	-2'	14-27	L	at Fresno St	-7	21-31	L	California	-14	38-28	L	UNLV	-9	10-17	L
at Utah St	-14	45-17	W	Hawaii	-27'	17-3	L	UNLV	-32	38-14	L	at New Mexico	-16'	31-7	W	at Syracuse	+7'	14-42	L
UNLV	-38	63-28	L	TCU	-18'	31-10	W	at Hawaii	-21'	31-9	W	at UNLV	-18'	29-0	W	Utah St	-20	38-14	W
at Tulsa	-10	55-30	W	at UTEP	-20	3-14	L	San Jose St	-18	46-43	L	Air Force	-7'	27-20	L	San Diego St	-13'	15-16	L
at TCU	-16	45-21	W	Tulsa	-18	49-39	L	San Diego St	-10	13-0	W	at San Diego St	-6'	30-7	W	Wyoming	-18	19-7	L
UTEP	-30	40-18	L	at New Mexico	+3'	28-38	L	New Mexico	-16	46-21	W	at Wyoming	-7'	17-31	L	at Colorado St	+8	21-45	L
Rice	-12'	49-0	W	Utah	-5'	14-20	L	at UTEP	-10'	31-14	W	Utah	-6'	17-20	L	New Mexico	-6	37-13	W
at Hawaii	-30	45-14	W					at Utah	+2	26-24	W					at Utah	+6'	34-27	W
at Utah	-6'	37-17	W																

UTAH UTEES



WR Cliff Russell is believed to be the fastest player ever to compete for Utah (4.25 forty-yard dash).

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - This position appeared to be well stocked at the beginning of last year as Darnell Arceneaux was a 4th year senior that was 11-2 as a starter and very effective when not injured. When he was injured in 1999 TD Croshaw took over and had 5 starts including a bowl win against Fresno St. He threw for 1,296 yards (55%) with a 14-8 ratio and he was #1 in the Mt West in pass efficiency. Unfortunately for last year's OC Tommy Lee (who resigned at the end of the year), both QB's struggled in 2000. Croshaw began as the starter but threw for just 243 yards, completing only 30.4% with an 0-2 ratio. After two games he was replaced by Arceneaux who started the next 6. Arceneaux was #4 in the Mt West in pass efficiency, throwing for 1,375 yards (55%) with a 7-8 ratio while also rushing for 408 yards. When Arceneaux was injured against Col St, Croshaw hit just 1 of 7 and Lance Rice (6-1 193 So) became the backup. Arceneaux was ineffective vs N Mex and Rice hit 13 of 29 for 185 yards after replacing him early in the 2Q and never relinquished the job. Rice finished with 625 yards (48.8%) with a 4-3 ratio. Should Rice hang on to the starting job, he will be starting in Rice-Eccles Stadium, which was named after his grandfather. He does have some competition. Brett Elliott (6-3 200 Fr) was PS#44 and Ryan Breska (6-4 212 So) was PS#106 and is a transfer from Purdue. J.D. Jorgensen (6-4 230 Fr) PS#97 returns from a mission and should also compete. Rice is mobile. Breska is a big left handed drop back QB, and Elliott is a combination of both and my favorite to win the job. Even with the loss of two talented players who combined for 8 starts, this unit should put up better numbers in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Utes had to replace their top 2 backs including super RB Mike Anderson who rushed for 1,231 yards (5.4) and became the Denver Broncos' feature back. Coming into the year there were 2 HT's contending for the starting job. D'Shaun Crockett (PS#49DB) was a small, speedy back who started the first 2 games and rushed for just 91 yards (2.8) but later was moved to FS. Thomas Fortune (6-3 228 Sr) was PS#61. For three years I've expected him to become a factor but he has a grand total of 98 career yards rushing including just 7 rush attempts last year although he was the top tackler on special teams with 10. He will start in the new FB role this year that offensive coordinator Ver Steeg has installed in the offense. Nick Morgan had 1 start at RB and 94 yards rushing but after a fumble was moved to TE where he started 6 more by the end of the year. Two JUCO RB's did not join until fall and turned out to be the top 2 backs. Darnell Hunter (5-11 231 Sr) was PS#252JC and rushed for 339 yards (3.8). Adam Tate was not even allowed to practice with the team until the 3rd week of the season and had just six carries vs Wash St. He then started the final 8 and was simply leading the Mt West in ypg rushing after 10 weeks until he suffered an ankle injury vs BYU and had just 15 yards dropping him to #3. Tate finished with 660 yards (4.1) and 7 TD's. Edwin Benton (5-10 198 So) was PS#182 and was the surprise of spring. Mike Culpepper (5-10 195 Jr) is a JUCO transfer that signed this year. I list the rest of the two deep below and McBride is high on frosh signee Jaun McNutt (6-1 185) as well. They also add JR Perouls

who transfers in from Ariz St where he was one of the Sun Devils' fastest players. I look for much better production in 2001.

RECEIVERS - This was a very experienced unit heading into last season with their top 2 receivers back but they did have to replace their #3 and #4 WR's. They had 2 of the fastest players in the Mt West with their fastest player being Cliff Russell (4.25 spd) and the other being gamebreaker Steve Smith (10 sts, 35 rec, super 21.2 ypc, #3 DC of CAR). Unfortunately Russell, who had 35 rec's after 6 games, broke his arm vs Colo St. He would see action in just one more game with only 2 rec's but still led the team in receiving and was HM Mt West. He could be the league's premier receiver this year. Smith departs as do Chris Christensen (5 sts, 31 rec, 13.8), TE Matt Nickel (9 sts, 12 rec, 11.4), TE Nick Morgan (7 sts, 4 rec, 13.2), and WR Philippe Wells (4 rec, 5.5). I list the 2 deep below. I expected good things out of Dennis Smith last year but he had just one start and no receptions. He looks to be much more productive this year. Ver Steeg says he will pass to the TE's a lot more than in the past in the revamped offense. The group he has to work with however looks like big blockers. Projected starter Richardson has 13 starts on the O-line the last 2 years so it may take time to develop receiving TE's. They get two big time additions this year in VHT true frosh Lynzell Jackson (PS#161!) and JUCO Paris Jackson (average 25.7 on 35 rec at JC ly). Lynzell could have eligibility problems and might not be available until 2002. While I'm excited about Russell's chances for a breakout season, this unit is a little less experienced overall.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Utes had a veteran offensive front but it was hit hard by injuries and 8 different players drew starts with only 2 players starting more than 8 games. Last year they had to replace 4 players including 3 who had 7 or more starts. Once again injuries hit the unit as C Steve McKane and 3 year starter RG Sam White were injured in the first 2 games and lost for the year. The inexperienced unit struggled and McBride even took over coaching the O-line himself after their 10-3 loss to N Mexico, shuffling the line. DL Tevita Vakalahi moved to OG in the fourth week and played a lot vs New Mexico. After allowing just 22 sacks and having a 4.0 ypc in 1999, the Utes gave up 28 sacks last year and averaged just 3.5 ypc. This year practically everyone is back including McKane and 7 players have starting experience. The only losses are Michael Richardson (6 sts at RG, 3 at C) as he moves to TE and OG Joe McCullum (1 st). Doug Kaufusi was 2nd Team MWC and is an NFL prospect as is Jordan Gross and they make up the best tackle tandem in the conference. The guards could be either a strength or a question mark as White, who has started 23 games and was 2nd team WAC in 1998, is hoping for a medical redshirt. Ed Ta'amu, who had 10 starts and is the strongest Ute, needs to graduate over the summer to receive a 5th year. If both are eligible, this is a top-notch line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Utes had to replace the Defensive POY of the MWC last year and while they returned 3 starters, 28 of the team's 36 sacks in 1999 departed. As a team the Utes recorded just 26 sacks but did improve on their ypc going from allowing 3.9 per rush in 1999 to 3.2 last year. This is clearly the most talented part of the Ute defense. Jason Kaufusi, Garrett Smith and Ma'ake Kemoatu are all contenders for 1st or 2nd Team MWC this year and they get a couple of solid additions in Kasey Jackson, a California transfer, and true frosh Chris Kemoatu, who is Ma'ake's brother. The only losses are DE Andy Bowers (9 sts, 8 sacks, 42 kls) and backup Ed Johnson (1 tkl). As of this writing the big question mark is whether Ma'ake will be granted a fifth year as he was a PQ in 1997 but I project that will happen. Kaufusi was MWC co-Freshman of the Year despite missing 2 games with injury. He was the #1 tackler until injury and had 16 tkl and 63 tackles. DT Smith led the team in hurries with 10 and had 15 tkl. This is a very talented group and clearly one of the best D-lines in the MWC.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Utes had 2 returning starters including their star Kautai Olevao, who was 1st Team All Conf in 2 of the last 3 years and had 60 tackles and 9 tkl. This year Olevao departs as does ROV Wes Yufla (10 sts, #1 tkl, 6 tkl) and backup ROV Matt Ward (4 tkl). I had projected BYU transfer Stan Moloni as a starter last year but he tore his Achilles' and now that he has recovered I expect him to win one of the spots. They also bring in super JUCO Dominic Payne so the top 3 all have excellent potential. Last year 2 of the backup spots were occupied by walk-ons who logged significant action. This year they're a little deeper with some HT's listed in the 2 deep below. While this year's group looks less experienced than last year's and loses its star, it may come close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Utah had an excellent defense last year and are always strong in the secondary. The Utes ranked in the top 40 of my pass efficiency defense rankings in each of the six years prior to last year but surprisingly finished #41 last year, even though they allowed just 47.6% with a 12-7 ratio. The main reason for the drop was they took on very few top-notch pass attacks and my rankings take into account the strength of opponents played. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 20 starts but basically had 3 full-time starters returning. This year they must replace CB Jeff Ray (7 sts, 30 tkl, 3 pbu), super CB Andre Dyson (11 sts, 1st TM MWC, 4 int, 17 pbu, 4.31 speed, #2 DC of TEN), SS Jason Potter (6 sts, 62 kls, 3 pbu), SS Kimball Christianson (7 sts, 65 tkl, 5 pbu), FS Patrick Dyson (6 sts, 39 kls, 2 int, 7 pbu) and SS Richard Peterson (4 tkl). While the unit was wiped

UTAH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Adam Tate	160	682	22	660	7	4.1					
Dameon Hunter	89	361	22	339	1	3.8					
Darnell Arceneaux	79	408	123	285	2	3.6					
Nick Morgan	15	95	1	94	1	6.3					
D'Shaun Crockett	32	103	12	91	0	2.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Darnell Arceneaux	169	93	55.0	1375	7	8					
Lance Rice	86	42	48.8	625	4	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Cliff Russell	37	517	14.0	3	48						
Steve Smith	35	743	21.2	4	74						
Chris Christensen	31	428	13.8	1	56						
Josh Lyman	17	245	14.4	1	41						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Golden Whetman	63	2432	38.6	—	34.4	2	19				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Ryan Kaneshiro	3-3	2-4	1-1	0-0	6-8	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TKL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TKL	PBU	INT
Wes Tuftaga	87	1	5	1	0	Jason Potter	62	0	1	3	0
S. Deckart	73	1	2	0	0	Kautai Olevao	60	3	6	3	0
G. Smith	72	10	5	0	0	A. Parker	55	4	4	4	0
Brandon Dart	71	1	4	7	0	M. Kemoatu	52	4	5	0	0
Andre Dyson	65	0	4	17	4	Andy Bowers	42	8	2	3	0
K. Christianson	65	2	0	5	1	Patrick Dyson	39	1	2	7	2
J. Kaufusi	63	8	8	5	0	L. Sape	36	0	4	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Steve Smith	43	365	8.5	1	Steve Smith	17	336	19.8	0		

out by graduation and has just one player returning with starting experience, I like the talent in the 2 deep below. Arnold Parker should be an outstanding safety in his 2nd year at the position and they bring in RB D'Shaun Crockett. McBride also added some top-notch JUCO's and a few true frosh and rFr that will play right away. Naturally this unit is weaker with the loss of a star like Andre Dyson but it still looks like a pretty decent group. **SPECIAL TEAMS** - McBride always does an excellent job with special teams as they have had two top 40 finishes the last 2 years. Keep in mind that my special teams rankings do not include FG accuracy and if they had, this unit would have been rated a lot lower. Golden Whetman hit just 1 of his first 9 FG's in 4 games and lost his job to Ryan Kaneshiro, who had one big FG miss in 1998, but recovered and hit 6 of 8 FG's last year with a long of 40. Whetman did hit a 55 yarder (2nd longest in school history). Whetman was a solid punter averaging 38.6 with a net of 34.4 and was also outstanding on KO's with 22 TB's and the team allowed just 17.2 per KR. Brian Lewis is an Oklahoma transfer that will contend for the P and K duties. Utah always has excellent returnmen but 2 that have shined for years depart in Steve Smith and Andre Dyson. Smith led the team with an 8.5 average on PR's one year after averaging 17.1 in 1999 and he averaged 19.8 on KR's in 2000. Dyson averaged 14.6 on 5 PR's last year. Patrick Dyson averaged 24.3 (1 TD) on KR's but also departs. Rfr Bo Nagahi averaged 35 yards per PR in HS and will likely fill that spot. I look for improvement in the kicking game but the return units took some serious hits so it may be tough to top last year's #39 ranking.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year the Utes suffered through just their second losing season in 11 years. While the defense was solid, it was the offense that gave them problems. In 1999 the Utes won 9 games for only the second time since 1964 and that was their NINTH consecutive winning season under Coach McBride. Much was expected last year with 4 home games in conference play but the Utes opened up with a killer schedule facing three Pac 10 teams and suffered 3 tough losses. There was nothing wrong with their defense as they allowed 18.8 ppg and 288 ypg. It was good enough to rank them #1 in the MWC. The defense and special teams also scored 7 TD's which made the offensive production of 21.3 ppg that much more embarrassing. McBride has taken the team to 5 bowl games and the previous high for a head coach here at Utah had been one. After only his second losing season here McBride led 3 long time assistants go including OC Tommy Lee and LB coach Fred Whittingham who is DC Kyle Whittingham's dad. The Utes were -11 in turnovers last year (see page 277). Overall they have just 11 starters back, the second lowest in the MWC and must replace 24 lettermen, the second highest. Also despite a 4-7 record they actually

outscored their foes last year by a 21.3-18.6 average! They have some excellent QB candidates and I expect the offense to be much more potent as whoever wins the job will be surrounded by a veteran cast. The defense must replace 7 starters, however, and 13 lettermen overall and while they clearly have the best defensive line in the MWC and solid talent throughout, that unit may be a step below last year's fine version. The Utes must play 4 MWC road games but after last year's extremely disappointing season, they have an excellent shot at getting back to the plus side of the ledger.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Lynzell Jackson	6-3 180 PS#16
LB Dominic Payne	6-4 205 PS#44JC
DL Bernard Fano	6-2 260 PS#107
DL Chris Kemoatu	6-4 315 PS#133
LB Steven Thompson	5-10 212 PS#119
DB Antonio Young	5-11 185 PS#158
DL Elia Taula	6-3 275 PS#158JC
WR Jaun McNutt	6-1 185 PS#215
DB Shayne Scruggs	5-10 185 PS#288JC
DL Raymond Manumalea	6-2 275 PS#300
DB Kyler Rushton	6-0 195 PS#309
WR Paris Jackson	6-3 190 PS#303JC
DB Antwine Sanders	6-3 200 PS#315JC
LB Keon Kirkpatrick	6-2 225 PS#333
WR Rob Gueck	5-10 180 PS#348

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2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Brett Elliott rFr. 6-3 200 PS#44. Lance Rice (6-1 193 So) started L/R as rFr, 2-1 as a starter, 625 yds (48.8%) 4-3 ratio, 45 yds rush. Ryan Breska (6-4 212 So) PS#106. **HB** ADAM TATE SR. 6-1 230 932 yds at JC in '99. Miss 1st 2 ly (late acc clearance) but 8 sts, 660 yds (4.1), 5 rec (10.8). 1st TM MWC. Darnell Hunter 339 yds (3.8). **FB** Thomas Fortune Sr. 6-3 228 PS#61. 34 yds, 5 tkl as rFr, 47 yds (4.3) in '99. 17 yds ly, 10 tkl. Tommy Hackenbrack (6-2 215 Fr) PS#271. JR Perouls (6-1 210 Jr) Ariz St trans. **WR** Dennis Smith Sr. 6-3 224 PS#71JC ly, 0 rec here, 1 st at TE. Josh Lyman (6-1 194 Jr) PS#239RB, 17 rec (14.4). Justin Waltershead (5-8 162 Fr) PS#152. James Neslen (6-1 183 Fr) **WR** CLIFF RUSSELL SR. 5-11 180 4.25 speed. MWC's fastest, 9 sts, 39 rec (17.9) in '99. 8 sts ly (miss 3 inj) 37 rec (14.0), #1. Paris Jackson (6-3 190 Jr) PS#330JUCO. **TE** MICHAEL RICHARDSON SR. 6-2 266 PS#260OL. 4 sts at RG, 3 at TE in '99. 9 sts on OL. 1 st at TE ly, 2 rec (16.0). Scott Price (6-4 252 Sr) 10 sts, 4 rec, 3 yrs. Tony Dickamore (6-4 258 Sr) **C** STEVE MCKANE SR. 6-0 295 PS#145LB in '93. 2 sts in '97 (inj). 4 starts in '99 (inj). 2 sts ly (inj). Dustin McQuivey (6-3 279 So) PS#132 in '97. 7 sts as rFr in 2000. **RG** Sam White Sr. 6-3 298 4 sts as true in '97. 10 sts in '98, 2nd TM WAC. 8 sts in '99, 63 declaters, inj. 1 start until injury ly. Tevita Vakalahi (6-1 285 Jr) is PS#163DL. **LG** ED TA'AMU SR. 6-3 320 PS#198 in '97. 2 tkl in '98. Move OL in '99. 10 sts ly, 425 bench & added 12 lbs. Stone Poulha (6-4 260 Fr) PS#326 in '97. Kurt Jackson PS#216DL. **RT** JORDAN GROSS JR. 6-6 303 NFL potential. 5 sts as true in '99, 9 gms, 11 sts ly (8 at RT, 3 at RG), 355 bench. Kevin Wilson (6-7 307 Sr) 16 games in '98 & '99, 3 sts ly. **LT** DOUG KAUFUSI SR. 6-6 308 6 sts tkl in '98, 12 sts in '99, 6 declaters per gm. 11 sts ly & 2nd TM MWC. Sean Souza (6-5 300 So) PS#222. Phil Blackmon (6-5 319 Sr) PS#150DL. **K** RYAN KANESHIRO SR. 5-9 194 Hit 8 of 13 FG's as frosh, 40 of 42 xp's, long FG of 47 but big miss vs BYU. DNP in '99. Hit 6 of 8 FG's ly, long of 40, starting in the last 7.

DE JASON KAUFUSI SO. 6-3 250 PS#316 in '97. 9 sts ly as true (inj) 2, 63 tkl, 16 tkl. **MWC Fr & Def Newcomer of Yr.** Marcus Jones (6-2 245 Jr) PS#273, 2 sts, 29 tkl, 5 tkl ly. **DT** GARRETT SMITH JR. 6-3 276 PS#110. 7 sts as rFr, 47 tkl, 2 sts, 4 pbu, 11 sts ly, 1st TM MWC, 72 tkl, 10 sts, 5 tkl, 3 pbu. Chris Kemoatu (6-4 315 Fr) PS#133. Ma'ake's brother. **NG** Kasey Jackson Jr. 6-3 300 PS#128DL in 1995. PS#116JC in '97 and is transfer from California. Lauvale Sape (6-2 270 Sr) PS#258, 1 start ly, 36 tkl, 4 tkl, 2 pbu. **DE** MA'AKE KEMOATU SR. 6-5 305 4 sts, 19 tkl, 1 tkl in '98, 12 sts, 63 tkl, 5 sts in '99. 11 sts at NG ly, 52 tkl, 9 tkl, strong. Josh Savage (6-4 267 So) was PS#295DL, 8 tkl ly. **SLB** Stan Moloni Sr. 6-2 255 PS#250LB, 9 tkl as true at BYU in '98. Tore his Achilles' ly. Brooks Bahr (6-3 225 Jr) 18 tkl, 1 tkl in 2000. Corey Dodds (6-1 219 Fr) PS#145TE. **LB** Dominic Payne Jr. 6-4 205 PS#44JC, 82 tkl, 8.5 tkl, 14 tkl at JC last year. **CR** Dwainell (6-0 232 Sr) had 30 tkl, 1 tkl in 2000. Steven Thompson (5-10 212 Fr) is PS#119. **ROV** SHELTON DECKART JR. 6-2 242 4.51 spd, 14 tkl in '99, 9 sts ly, #2 w/7 tkl, 2 tkl, 2 pbu, 355 bench. Jeremy Lyman (6-2 231 Jr) PS#318DL. Chase Severns (6-2 189 Fr) PS#264. **CB** Yohance Scott Sr. 6-0 185 PS#263JC, 5 int's at JC in '99. 4 tkl ly. Desmond Davis (5-8 178 Jr) PS#110, 1 tkl as a rFr. Antonio Young is PS#158 and will play as a true frosh. **CB** Airabin Justin Jr. 5-10 181 PS#298, 6 tkl as rFr in '99. **D'Shaun Crockett** (5-7 186 Jr) PS#49, 64 yds at RB in '99. 91 yds ly, 2 sts. **Cody Weight** (5-11 179 Jr) PS#95JC. **SS** Arnold Parker So. 6-2 209 PS#63LB in 1999. Moved to DB last year, 5 sts, 55 kls, 4 sts, 4 tkl, 4 pbu. Joey Bolinger (6-2 210 Fr). Bo Nagahi (5-10 178 Fr) is PS#163. **FS** Anthony White So. 5-9 201 PS#344RB. 12 kls as rFr, 330 bench. Antwine Sanders (6-3 200 Jr) JUCO transfer. Quincy Watkins (5-8 154 Jr) PS#341DB in 1998. **JC** P. GOLDEN WHETMAN SR. 6-0 190 PS#156JC. 48 TB's on 70 KO's in '99, 63 p's ly, 38.6 avg, 19/20, net of 34.4. Brian Lewis was PS#32 in '95, 73 punts, 40.8 avg at Oklahoma in '96.

UTAH UTES

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Utes have covered 5 of 8 Homecoming games, but lost ATSL3Y. Utes are 3-6 ATS at home in November since 1994.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTAH Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	Utah St	G												
Sep. 8	at Oregon	A												
Sep. 15	at Air Force	G												
Sep. 22	at Indiana	G												
Sep. 29	New Mexico (HC)	G												
Oct. 6	S Florida	G												
Oct. 13														
Oct. 20	Wyoming	G												
Oct. 27	at Colorado St	G												
Nov. 3	at UNLV	G												
Nov. 10	San Diego St	G												
Nov. 17	at BYU	G												
Nov. 24														

Utah is 4-2 ATS L/6 season openers vs their instate rivals. Utes are 19-5 SU vs the Aggies, 9-3 ATS the last 12 meetings.

Utah is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 road openers. Utes are 2-7 ATS their last 9 on artificial turf.

Pending the 1st wks, Utah is 25-17 ATS (1-4 LY) in Sept the L/11 seasons. Utes are 22-11 ATS as an away dog under McBride.

The last time Utah played 3 away games in a row was 1996. Utes are 21-15 ATS in their last 36 non-conference games.

The underdog has covered 7 of the last 13 meetings, but... Utah has won & covered their last 4 as chalk in the series.

The Utes are 11-2 ATS prior to a bye their last 13. Utah is 11-12 the L/23 but was 6-2 ATS the L2Y as a DD favorite.

Utes are 9-4 ATS after a bye week. Utah is 6-2 ATS vs Wyoming in the last 8 series meetings.

The road team is 7-2 ATS in this series since 1989. Five of the 9 games in that span have been decided by 7 or less.

The Utes are 7-2 ATS last 9 on the road in November. Utah is 10-1 SU in this series & have posted covers each of the L2Y.

The SU winner is 12-0 ATS the last 12 meetings in this series. Utah is 10-1 ATS prior to playing BYU, lookahead hasn't been a problem.

The Utes have covered 6 straight road finales. The visitor is 9-0 ATS in this Holy War.

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-4	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-3	4-7	49-28
ATS	6-4	5-6	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-3	4-7	40-36
Home Fav	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-4	4-1	0-5	14-17
Home Dog	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-4
Away Fav	2-2	0-1	1-4	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	11-12
Away Dog	2-0	3-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	12-3
Favorite	4-4	2-3	3-5	3-4	5-5	5-2	3-6	25-29
Dog	2-0	3-3	2-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	1-1	15-7
Grass	3-2	5-5	5-4	5-3	6-5	7-2	4-7	35-28
Artificial	3-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	5-8
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-2	3-4	28-26
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-3	12-10
Off SU Win	5-2	4-2	3-5	3-2	2-5	5-2	2-2	24-20
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-3	2-0	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-4	13-12

Coach: RON MCBRIDE (Career 75-53)
McBride's records AT UTAH

12th Year at Utah	21-23	Home Favorite
75-53	8-8	Home Underdog
66-56	15-14	Away Favorite
24-20	22-11	Away Underdog
44-42	22-14	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Copper	+9'	Washington St	28-31	W
93	Freedom	+17	USC	21-28	W
94	Freedom	+3'	Arizona	16-13	W
96	Copper	+8	Wisconsin	10-38	L
99	Las Vegas	-4'	Fresno St	17-16	L

UTAH (4-7) MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7 **Returning: 39 (19,18,2)**
DEFENSE: 4 **Lost: 24 (10,13,1)**

LETTERMEN:



UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																			
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP		
7*	21.3	17	133	3.5	204	48.4	15.8	-11	2000	7	18.8	17	128	3.2	160	47.6	15.3		
8*	31.7	19	163	4.0	230	53.0	12.4	+9	1999	5	17.5	18	143	3.9	188	49.9	18.9		
6*	30.8	22	206	4.3	209	57.0	13.5	-7	1998	8	20.6	18	97	3.1	246	50.9	16.7		
6	23.0	20	178	4.2	200	58.3	16.5	-4	1997	5	18.2	18	131	3.3	177	50.3	17.0		
8*	26.1	20	157	4.4	242	57.7	15.3	-2	1996	7	25.8	22	226	4.8	143	49.7	14.3		
3	26.9	23	162	3.8	257	53.1	15.6	-1	1995	4	20.9	20	156	4.1	215	52.0	17.7		

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
Arizona	21	39-60	1.5	21-51	310	6		9	39-135	3.5	3-15	11	2		-5
at California	18	38-139	3.7	16-31	158	4		18	45-120	2.7	18-28	209	2		-1
Washington St	20	28-136	4.9	20-43	282	3		22	51-213	4.2	11-18	211	1		-1
Air Force	19	41-136	3.3	16-28	195	4		19	54-242	4.5	5-11	149	0		+1
at Utah St	22	59-278	4.7	9-15	186	0		19	19-52	2.7	19-43	230	1		+1
at San Diego St	11	38-99	2.6	12-20	230	1		15	35-93	2.7	15-39	157	3		-3
Colorado St	13	39-110	2.8	9-24	142	2		16	35-68	1.9	18-36	207	2		-3
at New Mexico	11	27-60	2.2	13-31	185	4		13	53-161	3.0	6-12	39	2		-2
UNLV	17	44-193	4.4	13-21	157	0		15	40-163	4.1	11-21	78	3		+1
at Wyoming	16	41-183	4.5	7-16	146	0		15	34-63	1.9	15-36	186	6		+2
BYU	14	30-70	2.3	16-34	252	4		21	42-100	2.4	16-29	284	4		-1
TOTALS	182	424-1464	3.5	152-314	2243	28		182	447-1410	3.2	137-288	1761	26		-11
AVERAGES	16.5	39-133	3.5	14-29	204	2.5		16.5	41-128	3.2	12-26	160	2.4		-1.0

1996 RESULTS					1997 RESULTS					1998 RESULTS					1999 RESULTS					2000 RESULTS				
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	
at Utah St	-13'	17-20	L		Utah St	-16	14-21	L		at Utah St	-7	20-12	W		at Washington St	+2	27-7	W		Arizona	-3	3-17	L	
at Stanford	+6	17-10	W		at Louisville	+4	27-21	W		Louisville	-16	45-22	W		Utah St	-16'	38-18	W		at California	-3	21-24	L	
at SMU	-5	21-17	L		at TCU	-4	32-18	W		Hawaii	-24	30-21	L		at UNLV	-15	52-14	W		Washington St	-11	21-38	L	
Fresno St	-9'	45-17	W		UTEP	-27	56-3	W		Boise St	-17	28-31	L		at Boise St	-16	20-26	L		Air Force	-2'	14-23	L	
Kansas	+3	45-42	W		at Fresno St	-10	13-27	L		at Wyoming	+8'	24-27	W		UL Monroe	-28	42-0	W		at Utah St	-12	35-14	W	
at UTEP	-17	34-27	L		SMU	-8	19-20	L		Fresno St	-7'	24-16	W		at Air Force	+4	21-15	W		at San Diego St	-5	21-7	W	
TCU	-16	21-7	L		at Oregon	+7	13-31	L		at San Diego St	-2'	20-21	L		San Diego St	-6'	38-16	W		Colorado St	-2	17-24	L	
Tulsa	-13'	45-19	W		New Mexico	-2'	15-10	W		at San Jose St	-7	49-17	W		at Colorado St	+1'	24-31	L		at New Mexico	+1'	3-10	L	
at Rice	-5	10-51	L		at Tulsa	-10'	13-21	L		UTEP	-18	34-27	L		Wyoming	-8	29-43	L		UNLV	+2	38-16	W	
at New Mexico	-1	31-24	W		Rice	E	31-14	W		at New Mexico	-11	41-7	W		New Mexico	-12	52-7	W		at Wyoming	-14'	34-0	W	
BYU	+6'	17-37	L		at BYU	+5'	20-14	W		BYU	-2	24-26	L		at BYU	+6'	20-17	W		BYU	-6'	27-34	L	

AIR FORCE FALCONS



WR Ryan Fleming was 1st Team MWC in 2000 & could be an All American candidate in 2001.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - It's too bad AF doesn't allow a redshirt year or Mike Thiessen would be beginning his third year as the starter. Last year he had the best passing success of any AF QB since they brought in the option in 1981 with three 200+ yard passing games and he actually led the MWC in pass efficiency and was #2 in the conference in total offense. His 4 TD passes vs BYU tied a school record and he was also the #1 rusher with 980 gross yards. Overall Thiessen threw for 1,891 yards (56.6%) with a 15-5 ratio. He will be missed. Keith Boyea could have won the starting job in 1999 had he not been suspended. He played in 5 games as the #2 QB last year, throwing for 27 yards and rushing for 43 and appears to be the heir apparent. Bryan Blew (5-11 190 Jr) was PS#110 and played in one game and attempted 1 pass. He had just 3 rush attempts but gained 56 yards. Joe Brazier (6-1 190 Jr) was PS#122. Travis Thurmond (5-9 175 So) was PS#136 DB. Joseph Harridge was the surprise of spring and was actually listed #1 on the depth chart. Although I expect Boyea to start, others should get some playing time. Thiessen showed great improvement from his junior season (45.8%) to last year and now that the QB position is inexperienced again, it clearly looks weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - Normally a service academy returns few players but last year this unit was loaded with seniors. Despite the wealth of experience on hand the group was not as productive as usual with Thiessen leading the team in rushing and FB Nate Beard being the top RB with 579 yards (4.9). Beard was the strongest player in AF history and a powerful threat in the middle and will be missed. Qualario Brown, who has 4.25 speed, experienced health problems last year but still started 11 games (497 yds, 5.3). HB Scotty McKay had 515 yards (5.7) while FB Scott Becker had 472 yards (4.7) and the top 4 RB's all depart. The leading returning rusher is Leotis Palmer (PS#210WR), who had 135 yards as a true freshman and 316 last year with a solid 6.6 ypc, and he should be the top back this year. I list the 2 deep below. While most of the academies do not list freshmen signees, DeBerry said some of this year's newcomers will help out in the fall so he may have an HT or two arriving. Clearly this unit has lost a couple of top-notch athletes and is far less experienced, but the service academies usually fare well under these conditions and I don't look for as big a drop off as you might think.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Falcons had to replace Matt Farmer, a 3 year star who was invited to play in the Hula Bowl, and their starting TE. Their leading returning WR was Ryan Fleming, who had just 8 rec's. Fleming emerged with his great size (6-5 220) and speed to simply lead the MWC

in receiving yards per game (84.5 ypg - regular season) with 53 grabs while averaging a solid 17.8 ypc and earned 1st Team MWC honors. He's back for his senior season. They must replace TE Andy Malin who had 2 rec's (12.5) and backup TE Chris Jessop (9 rec, 17.2). DeBerry has moved an OLB with starting experience into that spot and I list the top 3 TE's below. Adding depth at WR are Ricky Amezcaga (5-11 180 Jr) who had 4 rec's and Anthony Park (5-9 155 Jr) who was PS#230. Considering the fact that AF is breaking in a new QB, I do expect the numbers to drop off a little this year but talent-wise, even with the loss of the TE's, I think this group is in better shape than it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons rarely have a lot of returning players on the offensive front and after having a rare veteran unit in 1999, they had to replace 3 starters last year including both of their outstanding OT's as well as 2 backups. This year they must replace C Matt Dayoc (12 sts, 3 yr str, 2nd Tm MWC, 151 knockdowns), RT Luke Porisch (12 sts, 128 knockdowns), RG Terrance Barreau (7 sts, 95 knockdowns) and LG David Hildebrand (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 176 knockdowns). The unit was dealt a blow last year when Barreau was kicked off the team after 7 games but that allowed Matt Joseph and Brian Strock to combine for the final 5 starts, giving the team 3 players returning this year with starting experience. They also get 2 players back from LDS missions who could contribute. DeBerry says Ben Miller could be the best OL they've ever had if he lives up to his potential. While a little less experienced than last year, I expect the usual solid performance from this group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons usually have to replace a lot of players from this unit and last year had to replace 4 players who combined for 27 starts and they had just 2 players back who combined for 6 starts. This year they are in much better shape and DeBerry feels that he has the MWC's best D-line. The only loss is DT Kyle Allen (9 sts, 4 tfl). Zach Johnson had 7 tfl in just 9 games. Justin Pendry was the #5 tackler and Dan Probert had 5 sacks. Normally the Flyboys are a little light up front but this year's starting trio averages 6-4 273 and should be one of the Falcons' biggest and most experienced D-lines under DeBerry.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this unit was in great shape, as the #1 tackler from 1999 returned, as did the #3 tackler from 1998 who had missed a year due to injury. Rounding out the unit was an HT at OLB so all three spots were solid. This year the LB corps is decimated by graduation. The top 2 ILB's depart in Matt Pommer (12 sts, #2 tkl'r, 9 tfl) and C.J. Zanotti (11 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, #1 tkl'r, 13 tfl) as well as their top 3 OLB's in Corey Nelson (8 sts, 59 tkl's, 10 sks, 5 tfl, 4 pbu), Michael Gallagher (6 sts, 30 tkl's, 8 sks) and Ryan Finnan (5 sts, 18 tkl's, 3 tfl). They get back Matt McCraney who had 1 start in 1999 and another last year but was lost for the season with a knee injury. DeBerry is also very high on Marchello Graddy who had 4 tackles as a true freshman and is an HT. While this unit is clearly less experienced than last year, they have some decent athletes and DeBerry always comes up with a solid LB corps, so the dropoff will not be as much as one would expect.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - I always think of Air Force as having a solid defense but surprisingly their pass defense has only finished #73, #68, #71, #96 and #101 in my rankings over the last five years. Last year they allowed just 54.4% but gave up 21 TD's while snagging just 8 int's. Last season all 4 starters had to be replaced and this year's group is much more experienced, with the projected 1st teamers all having starting experience. Gone are CB Kurt Duffy (8 sts, 32 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu), FS Wes Glisson (11 sts, 73 tkl's, 1 pbu), CB Tony Metters (3 sts, 38 tkl's, 1 pbu) and FAL Travis Logsdon (1 st, 23 tkl's, 2 pbu). This group is much more veteran than it was heading into last season and should make significant strides in the rankings. It's important to note that all 4 projected starters are six foot or taller, so the unit has good size.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Fisher DeBerry's special teams are always just that - special. They're known for blocking kicks (VT is #1) and had the second most blocked kicks in the 1990's with 59 and added 9 more last year, including 4 punt blocks. Tony Metters had 2 of those punt blocks but he departs. Overall AF ranked #22 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but surprisingly slipped to #45 in 1999 and even more unexpectedly plummeted to #88 last year. My rankings do not include the kicker and Dave Adams was outstanding, hitting 22 of 28 including 7 of 9 from

AIR FORCE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Mike Thiessen	197	980	168	812	12	4.1					
Nate Beard	119	585	6	579	8	4.9					
Scotty McKay	90	539	24	515	3	5.7					
Qualario Brown	93	515	20	497	4	5.3					
Scott Becker	100	473	1	472	2	4.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Mike Thiessen	219	124	56.6	1891	15	5					
Keith Boyea	8	3	37.5	27	0	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ryan Fleming	53	944	17.8	5	61						
Brian LaBasco	18	233	12.9	0	35						
Scotty McKay	15	237	15.8	3	81						
Qualario Brown	10	141	14.1	2	25						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Dallas Thompson	53	2118	40.0	-	33.0	1	16				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Dave Adams	5-7	10-12	5-7	2-2	22-28	54					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
CJ Zanotti	88	4	9	3	0	Z. Johnson	37	1	6	1	0
Matt Pommer	87	3	6	3	0	Kurt Duffy	32	0	1	5	2
Wes Glisson	73	0	1	1	0	Wes Crawley	31	0	0	3	0
Corey Nelson	59	10	5	4	1	M. Gallagher	30	8	1	1	0
Justin Pendry	54	0	4	3	0	Jamie Arthur	26	1	0	0	0
Sam Meinrod	45	3	5	1	0	Joel Buelow	24	0	0	2	2
Tony Metters	38	0	2	1	0	T. Logsdon	23	0	1	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Scotty McKay	24	168	7.0	0	Q. Brown	13	265	20.4	0		

40+ with a long of 54 and 2 of 2 from 50+. He will be missed. P Dallas Thompson averaged 40.0 on his punts but only had a net of 33.0 and they must find a new punter. They allowed a surprisingly high 21.8 on KR's and 15.3 on PR's. Kickoff man John Welsh (PS#54) has a strong leg and had 22 TB's on 53 KO's last year. He should handle the KO's and the punting this year. They must replace their top KR, Qualario Brown, who averaged 20.4 but Ricky Amezcaga averaged 22.7 per return and should be solid. They also lose their top PR McKay but he only averaged 7.0 and Palmer averaged 12.7. I look for big time improvement, not only in the return game but also in the coverage units. Although they must find new P's and K's, I look for solid improvement in the special teams' numbers this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fisher DeBerry is clearly one of the best coaches in the country. There are many restrictions at a service academy including the fact they are not able to redshirt and cannot land NFL caliber prospects. In 1997 and 1998 DeBerry had a 22-4 SU record accomplishing the 1st back-to-back 10 win season in AFA history. Continuity on his coaching staff was always a big plus but in the last few years he's had to replace both of his longtime offensive and defensive coordinators. After a rare non-bowl season in 1999, when they slipped to 6-5 they returned to a bowl last year at 9-3 despite the fact they had just 8 returning starters. Once again AF has the lowest amount of returning starters in the conference at six but that is the case EVERY year. Even the year they went 12-1 (1998) they had just 9 starters back. DeBerry has rattled off 7 consecutive winning seasons and their 37 wins is tops in the MWC since 1997. The Falcon players love to play on the road as they get to wake up late and eat more and they are 28-14 SU their last 42 road games (including bowls). DeBerry has the 3rd longest tenure at one school of any active head coach. Defensively, AF allowed 26.0 ppg, their weakest total since 1995, but had just 3 defensive starters returning last year. This year they have 4 starters back which may not seem like a lot but it is for the Falcons as only twice in the last 6 years have they had more. They should improve upon last year's numbers on that side of the ball. Offensively just 2 starters return and normally that would not be cause for concern at a service academy but the last 2 times that they have not had an experienced QB and had 5 or less returning starters on offense, they averaged just 19.1 ppg in 1992 and 21.5 ppg in 1997 and they normally top 30 ppg. The team is excited about their opener against defending National Champ Oklahoma and never sell Fisher DeBerry short as he has proven he can win with even less experienced teams. Although AF plays better than most teams on the road and they have 4 MWC road games, they have the least experienced offense in the DeBerry era which has me calling for a lower level finish in the MWC and a rare non-bowl year.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Keith Boyea Sr. 5-10 190 JV in 98. Susp in 99. 5 gms ly, 8 passes, 43 yds rush. Bryan Blew (5-11 190 Jr) PS#110. Joe Brazier (6-1 190 Jr) PS#122. Joe Harridge (6-0 180 So) #1 in spgl.
HB Leotis Palmer Jr. 5-8 175 PS#210 in 99. 135 yds (7.9) as true, 2 pass att, 2 rec (14.5), #6 in 2000, 316 yds (6.6), 7 rec, 170 return yds. Ryan Allen PS#323LB in '99.
HB Tom Heier Sr. 5-9 180 7 yds as true, 2 sts in '99, 105 yds rush, 3 rec. Inj. ly. Dan Clark (6-0 200 Jr) PS#255, 4 yds ly. Brandon Brown (6-0 170 Jr) #1HB in 1999.
FB Michael Kelley Jr. 5-9 205 PS#224, 65 yds (6.5) ly. Jimmy Burns (5-11 210 Sr), 10 yds in 99, 48 in 4 games ly. William Sargent (6-0 205 Jr), Todd Leslie (5-9 200 So).
WR RYAN FLEMING SR. 6-5 220 JV team in 1997. Injured in 1998. 1 start, 8 rec (21.1) in 1999. 12 sts in 2000. 1st Team MWC, 53 rec (17.8) #1 in MWC w/ 84.5 ypg receiving.
TE Kevin Runyon Sr. 6-4 230 JV team in 1996. Mission in 1998-1999. 3 starts at OLB ly. 16 tkl's, 1 tfl. Andy Luekenhoff (6-2 200 Jr). Adam Strecker (6-5 220 Jr).
C. Matt Mai Sr. 6-3 270 PS#83. JV in 98 on OL. Played JV DL in 99. 11 games, 2nd string ly, 6 knockdowns. Paul Cancino (6-1 280 Sr) 2 knockdowns, 11 games ly.
RG Matt Joseph Sr. 6-5 280 JV team in both '98 & '99. Started 4 games at RG ly. 30 knockdowns, 11 games. Nate Olsen (6-6 250 Jr) JV in '97 & '98, mission in 99.
LG Brian Strock Sr. 6-3 265 OT on JV team in '98 & '99. 1 start last year, 53 knockdowns, 12 games. Ryan van Maarth (6-4 260 Sr) JV in '98 & '99, 9 knockdowns ly.
RT Joseph Pugh Sr. 6-3 265 DT on JV in '98 & '99. Added 30 lbs ly. Dan Boyd (6-5 275 Jr). DT on JV in '99. Moved to OT ly. Wayne Southam (6-2 230 Jr), mission in 99 & 00.
LT BEN MILLER SR. 6-4 270 Started LT on JV on 98. 11 knockdowns in 99. 12 sts at LT ly, 150 knockdowns. FD - "Could be best OL ever." Randall Gibbs (6-1 260 Jr).
K Brooks Walters Sr. 6-0 185 JV team kicker in each of the last 3 years. Also played WR on JV team in 1999. Adam Thornton (5-9 190 Jr) JV team in 1999 and 2000.

OLB Tre Cage Sr. 6-2 215 JV team in '98 & '99 at DB. 8 games on varsity at OLB ly. 11 tkl's, 1 tfl. Monty Coleman (6-2 225 So) PS#323LB. John Higley (6-0 220 Jr).
DT Dan Probert Sr. 6-4 270 JV in 1998. JV Varsity in 1999. 4 starts last year, 5 sacks, 16 tkl's, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Nate Osborne (6-5 255 Sr) had 2 tkl's in one game in 2000.
NG ZACH JOHNSON SR. 6-3 265 5 tkl's, 3 tfl, 3 gms in '99, 9 starts ly, 37 tkl's, 7 tfl. FD "TAG NG IN MWC." John Hicks (6-2 265 Jr) PS#229, 3 starts, 12 tkl's, 2 tfl last year.
DT JUSTIN PENDRY SR. 6-6 285 JV in 98. 4 starts in 1999, 25 tkl's, 6 tfl, 12 starts ly. #5 w/ 54 tkl's, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Huge for DL here. Eric Thompson (6-2 245 Jr) had 4 tkl's last year.
OLB Matt McCraney Sr. 6-2 220 JV OLB in '98. 1 start in '99, 10 tkl's, 1 sk, 2 tfl. 1 start ly tfl injury, 2 tkl's. 100% healthy. Larry vanderOord (6-2 220 Jr) one tackle in 2000.
ILB Marchello Graddy So. 6-2 220 PS#207LB. 4 tkl's, 2 games as true. Andy Rule (6-2 230 Sr) PS#334, 9 games in 2000, 18 tkl's, 1 tfl. Matt Burrell (6-1 210 So) PS#323.
ILB Jamie Arthur Sr. 5-10 220 2 sts in 99, 30 tkl's, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 1 start ly, 26 tkl's, 1 sk, 12 gms. Jon Eccles (6-2 235 Sr) 15 tkl's, 1 tfl, 8 gms ly. Andy Kerschbaum (6-3 215 Jr).
CB Joel Buelow Jr. 6-1 195 PS#193 in 99. JV team as true. 4 starts in 10 games ly, 24 tkl's, 2 int, 2 pbu. Paul Mayo (5-10 170 Jr) 12 yds rush as true. 5 tkl's, 1 pbu ly.
CB WES CRAWLEY JR. 6-0 190 PS#281RB in '99. JV team as true. 9 starts, 12 games last year, 31 tkl's, 3 pbu, good size. Brian Benton (6-0 185 Jr). Matt Terry (5-8 175 So).
FAL SAM MEINROD SR. 6-1 200 Track in high school. JV team in '98. Special Teams in 99. 11 sts ly, #6 w/ 45 tkl's, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Erik Svendsen (6-2 205 Sr) ex-OB.
FB Jeff Overstreet So. 6-0 170 PS#204QB. 8 games as true, 15 tkl's, 1 int, 2 pbu. Reminds FD of McDonald (AA in '92).
P. John Welsh Jr. 6-3 190 PS#4K in 1999. JV punter that year, 22 of 53 KO's last year were TB's & 42.0 average in spring. John Courtney (5-11 180 Sr), backup P ly.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

	1-7	1995	5-1	1990	5-3
1999	2-4	1994	3-2	1989	5-2-1
1998	7-1	1993	4-2	1988	3-3
1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1		
1996	3-2	1991	7-2		

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams from the last thirteen years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable from Academies and they rarely play.

AIR FORCE FALCONS

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Weather (719) 475-7599

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Air Force is 25-15 SU in their last 40 road games.
Falcons are 7-1 ATS their L/8 as a home dog, 4-0 ATS L/4.
AF is 7-2 ATS since '95 in the 1st of 2 or more lined home games.
Air Force is 19-4 ATS their last 23 as an underdog.
AF is 20-29-1 ATS their L/50 as away chalk.

AF is 4-0 ATS as a DD dog & have pulled SU upsets in 2 of those gms.
This is the 1st current Big 12 school that AF has faced since the '95 Copper Bowl.

Falcons are 7-0 SU in "NL" games & have outscored their foes 269-60.
Golden Eagles of Tenn Tech were 8-3 SU LY in the Ohio Valley Conf.

Falcons are 10-15 ATS since 1980 the week prior to a bye.
AF is 4-6 ATS L/10 in the series but have covered 3 of the L/4.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win	Loss	H	F	A	D	G	R	S	A	R	VS	VS
Sep. 1	Oklahoma	G																
Sep. 8	Tennessee Tech	G																
Sep. 15	Utah	G																
Sep. 22																		
Sep. 29	at San Diego St	G																
Oct. 6	at Navy	G																
Oct. 13	Wyoming	G																
Oct. 20	at BYU	G																
Oct. 27	at New Mexico	G																
Nov. 3	Army	G																
Nov. 8	at Colorado St (Thurs)	G																
Nov. 17	UNLV	G																
Nov. 24	at Hawaii	A																

Air Force is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 road openers.
Lookahead hasn't been a major problem as AF is 11-5 ATS prior to Navy.

The visiting team is 9-4 ATS in the last 13 series meetings.
Falcons are 18-3 SU L/21 but just 3-6 ATS last 9 vs the Middles.

Letdown hasn't been a problem either. AF is 7-3 ATS after Navy.
The favorite is 10-4 ATS in the last 14 series meetings.

Counting the '98 WAC Title Game, AF is 4-0 ATS & 3-1 SU vs BYU.
Falcons are an impressive 12-3 ATS as an away dog since '94.

AF came into 2001 with a 14-4 ATS mark in Oct road games.
Thunderbirds are 1-5 ATS their last 6 vs the Lobos.

The home team is 14-3 ATS in the L/17 battles, but AF is 4-0 ATSL4Y.
Pending the Wyoming result, AF is 2-12-1 ATS in sandwiched HG's.

Falcons are 6-11-1 ATS vs the Rams since 1980.
The ATS tie mentioned above came on a Thurs game at CSU in '98.

LY's meeting was the 1st time AF wasn't favored by 17' or more in the series.
AF is only 3-7-1 ATS in games before traveling to Hawaii S/'80.

Falcons are 9-2 ATS (6-0 L/6) on artificial turf.
Air Force is 6-9-1 ATS in lined season finales since 1985.

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (52,480)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	8-4	6-5	10-2	11-1	6-5	8-3	57-24
ATS	7-5	7-5	4-7	5-6	9-2-1	3-7	7-3	42-35-1
Home Fav	0-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	3-1-1	1-3	1-2	10-16-1
Home Dog	2-3	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	7-4
Away Fav	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	2-1	13-12
Away Dog	3-0	2-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	12-3
Favorite	2-2	4-4	3-5	2-6	8-2-1	1-6	3-3	23-28-1
Dog	5-3	3-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	4-0	19-7
Grass	5-4	6-4	3-6	4-5	5-2-1	2-7	6-3	31-31-1
Artificial	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-0	1-0	1-0	11-4
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	3-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-6	5-2	29-25-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	5-2	4-3	1-5	5-3	7-2-1	1-5	5-2	28-22-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-2	0-2	1-0	2-2	2-1	11-11

AIR FORCE (9-3)

CONFERENCE:
MT. WEST



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 2 Returning: 44 (19,23,2)
DEFENSE: 4 Lost: 27 (14,11,2)

AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																			
RET	STS	PTS	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	TOTAL	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	FD	DEF	YPC	PASS
5*	35.1	26	293	4.9	161	55.9	12.9	+10				2000	3	26.0	19	151	4.2	228	54.4
7	24.0	22	285	4.9	114	48.8	16.6	-4				1999	4	19.8	18	134	3.4	204	57.0
5*	36.0	20	264	4.9	138	57.4	11.2	+19				1998	4	14.2	17	113	2.8	190	57.2
5	21.5	18	226	4.0	84	47.2	14.5	0				1997	5	14.6	16	129	3.6	183	53.1
3*	32.7	24	327	5.8	111	52.8	13.4	+3				1996	6	21.0	20	133	3.4	221	59.3
6*	30.8	23	340	6.0	110	52.4	14.2	-1				1995	4	27.5	22	201	4.9	242	55.8

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
CS Northridge	38	74-583	7.9	11-20	115	2	11	32-125	3.9	15-29	102	1	+2		
BYU	18	53-186	3.5	11-16	203	2	21	26-125	4.8	18-40	235	5	+3		
at Utah	19	54-242	4.5	5-11	149	0	19	41-136	3.3	16-28	195	4	-1		
at UNLV	25	51-219	4.3	9-21	133	3	25	46-224	4.9	16-22	259	3	0		
Navy	15	47-135	2.9	6-13	101	3	18	57-108	1.9	11-23	140	7	+1		
at Wyoming	32	71-432	6.1	8-14	193	0	24	29-82	2.8	28-41	339	4	0		
New Mexico	18	38-145	3.8	15-27	153	4	18	55-251	4.6	10-17	170	1	-3		
at Notre Dame	27	53-206	3.9	17-29	265	4	19	47-212	4.5	10-25	171	3	0		
at Army	24	59-278	4.7	14-22	163	2	20	35-233	6.7	15-32	134	0	+2		
Colorado St	33	74-400	5.4	10-15	130	0	22	18-178	9.9	22-41	334	1	+1		
San Diego St	31	73-418	5.7	10-17	122	1	15	28-81	2.9	14-26	269	3	+2		
Fresno St (Bowl)	28	65-267	4.1	12-24	204	1	18	22-59	2.7	22-38	391	4	+2		
TOTALS	308	712-3511	4.9	128-229	1931	22	230	436-1814	4.2	197-362	2739	36	+10		
AVERAGES	25.7	59-293	4.9	11-19	161	1.8	19.2	36-151	4.2	16-30	228	3.0	0.8		

Coach: FISHER DeBERRY (Career 135-72-1)
DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE

18th Year at Air Force	33-33-1	Home Favorite
135-72-1 Straight Up	12-11	Home Underdog
89-96-2 Vs The Spread	26-34-1	Away Favorite
29-31 Off A S/U Loss	18-18	Away Underdog
57-69-2 Vs Conference	32-27	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Liberty	+9	Mississippi	0-13	L
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55	L
97	Las Vegas	+4	Oregon	13-41	L
98	Oahu	-3	Washington	45-25	W
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34	W

1996 RESULTS					1997 RESULTS					1998 RESULTS					1999 RESULTS					2000 RESULTS				
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	
San Jose St	-22	45-0	W		Idaho	-17	14-10	L		Wake Forest	+5	42-0	W		Villanova	NL	37-13	-		CS Northridge	NL	55-6	-	
at UNLV	-28	65-17	W		at Rice	+7	41-12	W		at UNLV	-17	52-10	W		at Washington	+4	31-21	W		BYU	+2	31-23	W	
at Wyoming	+2	19-22	L		UNLV	-21	25-24	L		Colorado St	-3	30-27	T		Wyoming	-9	7-10	L		at Utah	+2	23-14	W	
Rice	-16	45-17	W		at Colorado St	+11	24-0	W		at TCU	-9	34-35	L		at San Diego St	-1	23-22	L		at UNLV	-5	13-34	L	
Navy	-12	17-20	L		San Diego St	-7	24-18	L		N Mexico	-16	56-14	W		at Navy	-10	19-14	L		Navy	-15	27-13	L	
at Notre Dame	+21	20-17	W		Citadel	NL	17-3	-		Navy	-14	49-7	W		Utah	-4	15-21	L		at Wyoming	-14	51-26	W	
Hawaii	-35	34-7	L		at Navy	-1	10-7	W		at Tulsa	-11	42-21	W		at BYU	+7	20-27	W		New Mexico	-11	23-29	L	
Colorado St	-11	41-42	L		Fresno St	-12	17-20	L		SMU	-20	31-7	W		Army	-15	28-0	W		at Notre Dame	+13	31-34	W	
at Army	-3	7-23	L		at San Jose St	-15	22-25	L		at Army	-13	35-7	W		UNLV	-25	35-16	L		at Army	-7	41-27	W	
at Fresno St	-10	44-38	L		at Hawaii	-11	34-27	L		at Wyoming	-6	10-3	W		at Colorado St	+2	21-41	L		Colorado St	+3	44-40	W	
at San Diego St	+1	23-28	L		Army	-14	24-0	W		Rice	-22	22-16	L		at New Mexico	-11	28-33	L		San Diego St	-9	45-24	W	

NEW MEXICO LOBOS



DE Brian Johnson's 9.5 sacks helped the Lobos have their best defense since 1982.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Sean Stein started the final 7 games and was productive. Last season Long signed two top-notch JUCO's to compete with Stein at the QB position and he saw the writing on the wall prior to the year and quit the team after losing his job. Jeremy Denson (PS#9JC) has 4.5 speed and a powerful arm. Unfortunately, he did not have the benefit of a spring practice when he enrolled and in the fall his progress was slowed by a no contact rule for QB's. He did not catch on to the Lobos' offensive schemes and struggled in his first two starts, hitting just 11 of 32 for 105 yards and lost his starting job. He then tore his MCL and was able to get a medical redshirt. He broke his right hand over the holidays and was not 100% in the spring (completing 54%) and lost ground on the starting spot. After losing out on the starting job this spring, Denson decided to transfer to Florida A&M. Rudy Caamano (6-1 190 Jr) started the final 10 in 2000. He threw for 1,270 yards (55.7%) with an 11-7 ratio while also rushing for 322 yards. He passed for just 106 ypg and only completed 45% in the last 4 games. In JUCO in 1998 he had a 19-4 ratio while throwing for 2,100 yards. During the spring he completed 67% and solidified his hold on the top job. Casey Kelly (6-3 180 So) is probably the most accurate of the QB candidates and played in 5 games last year with 3 pass attempts. He was drafted by the Colorado Rockies as a pitcher and is athletic with the strongest arm of the QB's. He hit 62% in the spring. Jeff Grady (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#119 and absorbed some of the offense while redshirting. Ken Stokpa was PS#43 but has not climbed past 3rd string in his tenure here. He did have a strong spring and could battle for the #3 spot after running the scout team last year. This group is a lot more experienced than it was heading into last year and OC Dan Dodd is putting an emphasis on passing the ball, so look for much improved numbers especially if the athletically gifted Denson battles back to win the job.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Lobos returned their top 2 backs in Holmon Wiggins and Jarrod Baxter and those two combined for 1,286 yards in 2000 and now have combined for over 2,500 yards in their careers. Baxter was the star down the stretch in 1999, gaining the majority of his 434 yards in the final 5 games. Wiggins had 727 yards (4.0) and also added 392 yards on PR's last year to lead the team. Baxter is more of a power back and had 559 yards (4.1). He has won the Beefmaster (top lifter) Award in his weight class for 2 straight years and was hobbled by a sprained ankle the second half of 2000. Both can play FB or TB. They lose FB Ted Jacenda who was the #3 rusher and led the team in rec's with 28. Javier Hanson has the best speed out of the backfield and is Wiggins' backup. I list the rest of the two deep below. Adrian Boyd (6-0 175 So) was PS#183 and Quincy Wright (5-10 185) was PS#214 and they combined for 28 yards last year. They also signed a PARADE AA in Dontrell Moore who could play immediately!! With basically everyone back this unit should continue to improve, especially in the second year of the new offense.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Lobos lost their top 2 WR's but did have big TE Jonathan Burrough returning. This year they must replace 4 of their top 6 receivers although the top WR had just 22 catches. Gone are Rob Caston (10 sts, 22 rec, 13.7), Burrough (9 sts, 10 rec, 3 yr str) and WR Larry Davis (4.31 speed, 10 rec, 15.0). The top returnee is Kirk Robbins, who had 16 rec's (14.0) last year and he has been a part-time starter during his career. I list the two deep below and this is not an overwhelming group. They brought in a couple of JUCO's and I project Brunker claiming a starting job after joining the team in spring. Derrick Shepherd (6-1 181) had 31 catches (25.4) at JC in 2000 and will be in for the fall. Last year their top receiver among the wideouts had 15 so they may be in a little better shape although they are weaker at TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Lobos had to replace 3 starters but had 5 players back with starting experience. JUCO Jeremy Sorenson, who was PS#45TE in '95, won one of the starting jobs. OT Jon Samuelson earned the top grade of the OL in 7 of 12 games and led the team with 97 knockdown blk's. He is the only loss. Four starters are back and 9 of the top 10 and the unit was very healthy all of last year. I list the 2 deep below which includes some solid rFr. This is the most experienced the Lobos' line has been in a few years and they should be more comfortable with the blocking schemes in their second year of the new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos had 50 sks and the top rush D in the Mt West last year, allowing only 93.7 ypg rushing in MWC play. That speaks well for the D-line and the defensive front 7 overall. Last year the Lobos had to replace just one starter from the front wall due to graduation. They moved OLB Jeff Macrea to DE and he started all year. Two key backups were JUCO's and combined for 41 tkl and 9 flt here in 1999 but were lost to academics prior to the year so 3 of the top 6 had to be replaced. This year 2 players depart in Macrea (11 sts, 41 tkl, 4.5 sk, 5 flt) and NT Henry Stephens (12 sts, 46 tkl, 4 sk, 2 flt, HM MWC). They return their star DE Brian Johnson. He walked-on as a 195 lb RB but last year was up to 6-3 280 and was 1st Team MWC leading the conference with 9.5 sks. I list the 2 deep below and 4 of the top 6 are back but only 2 have starting experience. They move in another LB in Antonio Manning who I list in the 2 deep below and backup DJ Renteria may be the best pure athlete on the D-line. They also bring in a couple of JUCO's this year in Hebrews Josue (5-11 280 Jr) who had 11.5 sks last year and Dan Kegler (6-3 260 So) with 13 sks in 2000, but they will not enroll until the fall. As long as Johnson stays healthy and is as productive as last season, this DL is in good shape again.

LINEBACKERS - I know the Lobos play a 3-3-5 scheme but I'll list 4 DB's and discuss the 'Lobo' position with the LB's. Last year they had to replace Brian Urlacher who was a 1st round DC of CHI and an unusual combination of size & speed plus 2 other starters. This year they lose Mike Barnett (12 sts, 1st TM MWC, 83 tkl, 8 sk, 9 flt), David Mauer (11 sts, HM MWC, 82 tkl, 9.5 flt) and LOBO Rantie Harper (8 sts, HM MWC, 71 tkl, 3 flt). I list the 2 deep below and all 4 first stringers have starting experience including 2 full-timers. With the loss of the top 3 tacklers, this unit looks weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Lobos finished as high as #13 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 1997 under Franchione but had to replace 4 starters in Long's first year and fell to #78. They had 3 starters back in 1999 but finished #81, allowing 55.3% with a 20-7 ratio. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups but then returning starter Desmar Black played in just 2 games despite all-conf potential and Rantie Harper moved to the LOBO position. Despite that fact, NM led the MWC in pass efficiency defense and in fact ranked #24 in my rankings, allowing 50.9% with a 12-15 ratio. SS Brandon Ratcliff was Co-Freshman of the Year in the MWC and the #3 tackler with 7.5 flt and 5 pbu. While 3 of the top 4 CB's return, they lose their top cover CB in Walter Bernard (11 sts, 3 int's, 9 pbu, HM MWC). This year's top cover CB is Stephen Persley. With Gerhardt moving to the LOBO position, they have 4 players returning with starting experience but 2 full-time returning starters at DB. I list the 2 deep below and if Black were to return to good graces, the unit would get a big boost, plus Long has brought in 3 JUCO transfers. Basically this group looks to be in about the same shape as it was last year but it will be tough to match 2000's productivity.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When Franchione roamed the sidelines here this unit was strong, finishing in the upper half of my rankings from 1995-'97. Long struggled in this area in his first 2 years here as the unit ranked just #110 and #104. In 1999 things got so bad in FG kicking (they hit just 5 of 14 FG's) that they stopped attempting them in the final 2 games. Prior to the year their Special Teams Coach, Jeff Conway, said the unit was much improved and he proved to be prophetic as they finished a super #14 in my special teams rankings. The first area of improvement was in FG's where they signed JUCO K Vladimir Boromozin. He hit 10 of 15 here with a long of 49. P Cort Moffitt started as a true frosh in 1999 with a 37.0 average but had just a net of 31.4 but showed what a year of experience could do as he improved his punting average to 39.7 with a net of 35.5. The Lobos, after not blocking a punt the previous 21 games heading into last year, blocked a school record 5 last season. With the

NEW MEXICO 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Holmon Wiggins	180	780	53	727	5	4.0					
Jarrod Baxter	138	570	11	559	4	4.1					
Ted Jacenda	40	210	9	201	2	5.0					
Javier Hanson	47	201	13	188	3	4.0					
Rudy Caamano	109	322	236	86	1	0.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Rudy Caamano	192	107	55.7	1270	11	7					
Jeremy Denson	32	11	34.4	105	0	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ted Jacenda	28	257	9.2	2	25						
Rob Caston	22	301	13.7	1	39						
Kirk Robbins	16	224	14.0	1	43						
Dwight Counter	13	147	11.3	1	25						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Cort Moffitt	86	3411	39.7	—	35.5	0	20				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
V. Boromozin	6-7	1-2	3-5	0-1	10-15	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	FL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	FL	PBU	INT
Mike Barnett	83	8	9	1	0	Charles Moss	53	1	4	1	0
David Mauer	82	4.5	5	4	1	Scott Gerhardt	53	0	1	5	2
Rantie Harper	71	0	3	5	1	Henry Stephens	46	4	2	5	0
Br. Ratcliff	71	4.5	3	5	0	Jeff Macrea	41	4.5	5	3	0
M. Konte	63	1	2	1	1	Walter Bernard	40	0	0	9	3
Brian Johnson	60	9.5	2	1	2	Steve Persley	39	0	1	12	2
Gary Davis	59	2	3	0	1	Terrell Golden	35	2.5	0	2	2
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Holmon Wiggins	46	392	8.5	0	Larry Davis	13	335	25.8	0		

improved defense, the team also set individual records for punt returns and PR yardage. Holmon Wiggins also set records with PR's and PR yardage, averaging 8.5. They lose their top KR Larry Davis who led the Mt West Conf in KR's with a 25.8 average and had 18 tkl's on coverage and 1 blocked punt. They'll miss his 4.31 speed. They also must replace long snapper Joe Maese (#6DC of BAL) who Long said was the best collegiate deep snapper he had ever seen. He wants to find a new kickoff man as Moffitt took over those chores in the 2H of 2000 and his punting dropped off. Overall the Lobos have everyone back with the exception of Davis and Maese. I like the talent here but it may be tough for them to improve with the loss of 2 stars.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Lobos had just 3 winning seasons the last 16 years with their best year coming in 1997 when they went 9-2 during the regular season. Dennis Franchione left and ex-star QB Rocky Long took over as the head man but with just 7 returning starters and implementing new schemes on both sides of the ball, they stumbled to a 3-9 record. In his 2nd year, Long said the team was not a contender for the MWC title (unusual for a head coach) and they improved one game to 4-7. Last year he called them a contender and coming into the season they were my second most improved team in the MWC. They did have 4 road games in conference play but improved again up to 5-7. Last year they started out 0-3 against 3 future bowl teams but won 5 of the next 6 before losing the last 3, costing them a winning season. Three of their 4 losses in MWC play were by 3, 1 and 4 points, losing to UNLV with 18 left and having a 16-0 halftime edge against San Diego St holding them to -17 yards in the 1H and they also led Oregon St, the Fiesta Bowl champ, in the 4Q. The Lobos led the 2H in nine different games. The one blowout loss was in LaVell Edwards' final home game where I doubt any team could have won. Last year's squad had just 4 fifth year seniors on it. The MWC media picked NM last in the conference (I had them 6th) so they did better than expected. This is the first time in Long's tenure that the coaching staff remains intact. Defense is what got them there as they had the best defense in the MWC vs the run, vs the pass, the most sacks and their overall best defense since 1982 when Joe Lee Dunn was the DC. The offense & special teams gave up 5 TD's so the defense only allowed 17.8 ppg and their swarming unit saw many different players making tackles with Barnett leading the team at 83, the lowest total since 1970 when they began keeping records. They must replace their top 3 tacklers from last year. They lose six starters on the defensive side of the ball and may be a step weaker this year. Offensively they figure to be more potent and will incorporate more passing into the offense. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and now have an experienced QB, NM also gets 4 home games in MWC this year, where they are adding

5,700 seats. While they have proven that they can play with the big boys, two things keep me from calling them a contender in the MWC. First of all, they were +8 in turnovers last year, which means they were fortunate and that luck may not hold true this season. Additionally, last year they had very few injuries. In the 10th week of the season the injury report read "none." The Lobos have a chance to make noise and improve on their record for the 4th straight year. If the Lobos maintain the same luck they had last year they have a shot at their first winning season in the Long era but that is a big "IF."

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB Dontrell Moore 5-11 203 PS#97
WR Michael Brunker 6-2 175 PS#135JC
OL Danny Perez 6-3 300 PS#218JC
WR Tony Frazier 5-6 180 PS#239
OL Jorge Enriquez 6-4 274 PS#283
QB Hank Baskett 6-4 205 PS#190
DB David Crockett 5-10 175 PS#304JC
OL Calvin McDonald 6-4 340 PS#312JC
RB Brandon Barnes 5-10 220 PS#319
QB Kyle Kristick 6-3 217 PS#206
RB Aaron Brack 5-11 196 PS#329
DB Marcus Parker 6-3 250 PS#332
DB Gabriel Fulghry 5-10 175 PS#422
DB Brandon Gregory 5-9 172 PS#452JC
OL Daniel Kegler 6-3 260 PS#466JC

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB RUDY CAAMANO JR. 6-1 190 10 starts last year, 1270 yds (56%) 11-7 ratio, 322 rush. Casey Kelly (6-3 190 So) 3 passes last year. Ken Stokpa (6-2 205 Sr) PS#151DC.
RB HOLMON WIGGINS SR. 6-0 210 4 sts in 99, 601 yds (4.4), 6 sts in 2000, 727 yds (4.0), HM MWC. Javier Hanson (6-1 198 Sr) JC trans ly, 5 sts, 188 yds (4.0), 6 rec ly.
FB JARROD BAXTER SR. 6-1 250 PS#326RB. 8 sts in 98, 190 yds (5.0), 8 sts in 99, 434 yds (5.2), 7 sts ly, 559 yds (4.1). Landrick Brody (5-11 240 rFr). Sulayman Konte (6-0 245 Sr).
WR Michael Brunker Jr. 6-2 175 PS#135JC. 6 rec, 1263 yds. Joe Manning (6-0 180 Jr) PS#200RB. 13 rec, 122 yds in 99. Justin Mobley (6-2 200 Jr) PS#101QB. 88 passes in 99 w/ 19 rushes, 89 yds.
WR Kirk Robbins Sr. 5-11 185 PS#201. 16 rec for 224 yds LY in 12 gms. Dwight Counter (6-2 180 So) #4 rec LY with 13 grabs in 12 gms. Jake Farrell (6-4 200 Jr) 2 starts last year.
TE Joseph Fiola Jr. 6-3 270 LS who moved from OL in spg. Bryan Penley (6-2 235 So) PS#109 10 gms on spec tms ly. Mike Augustyniak (6-5 247 rFr) PS#151DC.
C RASHAD MCCLURE JR. 6-3 295 9 sts, 660 snaps in 99, 1st rFr to start S/88, 12 sts ly, 83 KD's 755 snaps. Justin Colburn (6-4 275 So) 48 snaps in 2 gms, 4 KD's. Nate Hembree (6-5 280 rFr).
RG JASON LENZMEIER SO. 6-5 305 62 knockdowns in 12 games last year with 7 starts. Claude Terrell (6-3 320 rFr) PS#335. Calvin McDonald (6-4 340 Jr) was PS#312JC.
LG JEREMY SORENSON SR. 6-4 290 PS#45TE. 2 yr Mormon mission. 2nd TM All Conf at JC in 99. 12 sts here ly at LG. 81 KD's. Brian Choi (6-5 315 Jr) PS#113. 19 plays as rFr. 59 plays, 4 KD's ly.
RT JON OLIVER SR. 6-6 280 5 sts, 9 gms as So. 5 sts at RG ly, 34 KD's, 388 snaps in 8 gms, 2LT. Stephen Fahrner (6-5 295 rFr) PS#435OL missed spg w/ini. Nate Hembree (6-5 280 rFr).
LT B.J. LONG SR. 6-5 300 11 starts last year with 45 knockdowns, 675 snaps, 3 letters. Eric May (6-6 320 Jr) 9 knockdowns ly, 93 snaps in 4 gms, 1LT, good feet.
K VLADIMIR BOROMOZIN SR. 5-10 175 14 of 18 FG's at JC in 1999. PS#128JUCO. Hit 10 of 15 FG's here last year with a long of 49, 1 miss from 50+, 1 blk'd. Also hit 21 of 25 xp's.

DE Adrian Terry Jr. 6-1 255 Def Scout MVP in '98. 8 tkl's as rFr, 20 tkl's 1.5 sks, 1 st LY. Antonio Manning (6-2 255 Sr) PS#112LB in '97. 12 sks at JC in 99, 2 tkl's 1 sk in 7 gms at LB here LY.
NT Tony Mazotti Sr. 6-4 290 14 sks at JC in 99, 89 plays, 11 tkl's, 1 flt in 11 gms here LY. Guillermo Morrison (6-3 265 So) 37 VL Def Scout MVP in 99. 3 tkl's, 2 FR, 4 gms as rFr.
DE BRIAN JOHNSON SR. 6-3 280 Added 85 lbs since enrolling. 60 tkl's LY in sks in MWC. "Beefmaster." D.J. Renteria (6-3 270 So) PS#255, 10 tkl's, 3 sks and 84 snaps.
OLB Charles Moss Jr. 6-0 225 PS#161, 8 tkl's in 6 gms as rFr. 3 tkl's, 53 tkl's, 5 flt, 391 snaps. Shannon Kincaid (6-2 225 So) PS#304DB 12 gms, 6 tkl's, 2 flt. "Beefmaster" LY.
MLB MOHAMMED KONTE SR. 6-2 225 2 sts at SS as rFr, 7 tkl's. Std L/R at MLB in '00. 63 tkl's, 3 flt, 1 int. Domingo Villarruel (6-3 220 rFr) PS#279. Frank Rodgers (6-2 230 rFr) PS#341.
OLB Gary Davis Sr. 6-0 230 PS#525JC in 99. 4.6 spd, 3 tkl's here in '00, #7 VL 59.5 tkl's. Fastest LB. Amos Wilson (6-2 230 Sr) had 11 tkl's, 2 flt in 99 as JUCO trans, reds LY.
LB05 SCOTT GERHARDT SR. 6-0 185 2 sts in '98, 26 tkl's, 1 int, 2 sts at SS in '99, 26 tkl's, 3 flt, 11 sts (3 @ LOBO, 8 @ SS) last year 53 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu. Kevin Walton (6-0 193 rFr).
CB STEPHEN PERSLEY SR. 5-9 175 PS#94, 17 tkl's as true, 5 sts in 99, 32 tkl's, 1 int, 6 pbu, 11 sts ly, 2nd TM MWC, 39 tkl's, 2 int, 12 pbu. Joe Henderson (5-11 185 rFr). Brandon Gregory is JC.
CB Dante Childress Sr. 5-8 185 PS#288J, 97 JC in 98. RS here in 99. Fastest CB LY, 13 tkl's, 12 gms. David Crockett (5-10 175 Jr) PS#304JC, 4 int, 12 pbu at JC. Curtis Flakes rFr.
SS BRANDON RATCLIFF SO. 6-0 200 10 sts as rFr, 71 tkl's, 4.5 sks, 3 flt, MWC Co-Fresh of Year. David Hall (5-10 185 Jr) JC. Ricky Davis (6-1 180 Sr) JC trans, 3 tkl's, 10 gms ly.
FS Terrell Golden So. 5-10 195 5 sts as rFr, 35 tkl's, 2 int, 2 pbu, 2.5 flt. Edwin Garrett (5-9 180 Sr) PS#119, 1 st, 4 tkl's ly. Desmar Black (5-9 185 Jr) 11 sts, 62 tkl's, 5 flt in 99.
P CORT MOFFITT JR. 6-3 236 PS#59K. 60 punts as true, 37.0 avg & net of 31.4, 86 punts ly & solid improvement. 39.7 avg & team net of 35.5. HM MWC, 20 inside the 20.

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The SU winner is 37-7 ATS the last 4 years in Lobo games.
NM is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 lined season openers.
New Mexico is 8-5 ATS in home finales.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	UTEP	G												
Sep. 8	at Texas Tech	A												
Sep. 15	New Mexico St	G												
Sep. 22	at Baylor	G												
Sep. 29	at Utah	G												
Oct. 6	at Wyoming	G												
Oct. 13	BYU	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Air Force (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at San Diego St	G												
Nov. 10	UNLV	G												
Nov. 17	Colorado St	G												
Nov. 24														

The home team is 7-4 ATS in this series but 0-3 the last 3 years.
New Mexico is 6-3 ATS their last 9 lined Albuquerque openers.
NM's only game on art turf LY was vs TT; the result was a 3-24 loss.
Lobos are 18-11 ATS as an away dog since 1993.
NMSU played in the Big West & was 3-8 SU & 6-5 ATS in 2000.
New Mexico is 7-4-1 ATS vs their instate rival.
Might apply: Lobos are 6-11 ATS their last 17 as a road favorite.
Could apply here: NM is 3-7 ATS L3Y off a SU win, but 3-1 LY.
New Mexico is 1-5 ATS the last 6 meetings with the Utes.
Lobos are 15-5 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
NM is 20-13 ATS their last 33 October games.
Back in '98, NM had 3 B2B AG's & failed to win SU or ATS in all 3.
Might apply here: NM is 20-13 ATS last 33 as a HD since 1989.
New Mexico has covered 7 of 12 vs the Cougars.
Lobos have covered 5 of the last 6 vs the Falcons.
New Mexico is 7-1 ATS after a bye week.
The Lobos are 10-4 ATS the last 14 vs the Aztecs.
The underdog is 10-1 (8 straight) ATS & the visitor is 8-2 ATS in this series.
Lobos are 12-16 ATS in November since 1992.
New Mexico is 2-4 SU but 2-0 ATS vs UNLV since 1980.
NM is 14-4-1 ATS in the 2nd of back to back home games (altitude).
The favorite is 2-5 ATS in their last 7 overall meetings.

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (37,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	4-7	6-5	9-3	3-9	4-7	5-7	36-45
ATS	6-6	4-6	7-3	9-3	2-9	5-5	7-4	40-36
Home Fav	0-3	1-2	3-0	5-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	11-10
Home Dog	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	7-9
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	6-6
Away Dog	4-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	0-3	3-1	4-2	16-11
Favorite	1-3	1-3	4-2	8-1	1-4	1-2	1-1	17-16
Dog	5-3	3-3	3-1	1-2	1-5	4-3	6-3	23-20
Grass	4-5	4-5	6-2	8-2	1-9	4-4	7-3	34-30
Artificial	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	6-6
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-3	2-6	4-3	5-2	30-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-2	2-0	3-0	0-3	1-2	2-2	10-11
Off SU Win	2-2	2-2	2-2	7-2	0-3	0-3	3-1	16-15
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-4	4-1	1-1	2-6	4-2	4-2	21-19

Coch: ROCKY LONG (Career 12-23)

Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

4th Year at New Mexico	2-4	Home Favorite
12-23 Straight Up	4-5	Home Underdog
14-18 Vs The Spread	1-3	Away Favorite
10-10 Off A S/U Loss	7-6	Away Underdog
11-11 Vs Conference	3-7	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
43	Sun	NL	SW Texas	0-7	-
45	Sun	NL	Denver	34-24	-
46	Harbor	NL	Montana St	13-13	-
61	Aviation	NL	W Michigan	28-12	-
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20	W

NEW MEXICO (5-7) MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 44 (25,17,2)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)



NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS
6*	19.1	15	148	3.2	119	51.9	14.0	+8	2000	6	20.8	17	115	3.2
7*	21.8	19	143	3.6	202	53.5	15.8	+2	1999	7	27.1	19	165	4.2
5*	22.8	19	139	3.6	228	53.3	16.1	-10	1998	2	33.1	21	173	4.3
5	31.1	20	201	4.5	194	57.0	12.7	+7	1997	7	21.1	19	161	4.0
7*	30.1	22	245	4.9	191	60.6	14.5	+10	1996	7	25.5	21	166	4.2
5	23.3	22	216	4.6	202	57.1	18.0	-1	1995	8	27.6	24	188	4.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas Tech	13	52-115	2.2	6-18	52	3	13	24-69	2.9	21-47	186	4	-2
Boise St	15	44-156	3.5	12-26	122	4	16	35-139	4.0	17-34	168	3	-2
Oregon St	8	31-42	1.4	12-21	130	2	16	49-222	4.5	12-28	78	5	-2
at N Mexico St	12	47-137	2.9	6-16	31	4	20	42-185	4.4	10-27	185	3	+3
N Arizona	20	55-186	3.4	12-15	162	1	20	27-113	4.2	19-39	268	4	+1
Wyoming	27	64-308	4.8	11-16	121	1	12	27-47	1.7	17-26	209	6	+2
at Colorado St	14	37-73	2.0	16-22	203	6	20	34-39	1.1	21-36	252	5	+1
at Air Force	18	55-251	4.6	10-17	170	1	18	38-145	3.8	15-27	153	4	+3
Utah	13	53-161	3.0	6-12	39	2	11	27-60	2.2	13-31	185	4	+2
San Diego St	16	42-114	2.7	14-29	154	1	15	37-35	0.9	12-24	148	7	0
at UNLV	9	43-143	3.3	4-11	61	1	16	46-181	3.9	13-21	148	5	+2
at BYU	14	33-90	2.7	11-28	178	1	22	45-149	3.3	21-35	349	0	0
TOTALS	179	556-1776	3.2	120-231	1423	27	199	431-1384	3.2	191-375	2329	50	+8
AVERAGES	14.9	46-148	3.2	10-19	119	2.3	16.6	36-115	3.2	16-31	194	4.2	0.7

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico St	-9	28-7	W
N Arizona	-13	49-33	W
UCF	NL	17-7	-
at BYU	+13'	14-17	W
TCU	-3'	27-7	W
at Rice	-5'	21-38	L
San Diego St	+6'	42-48	W
at SMU	-2	31-52	L
at Tulsa	+1	34-23	W
Utah	+1	24-31	L
UTEP	-20'	44-17	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	-8'	33-10	W
New Mexico St	-23	61-24	W
at UTEP	-16'	38-20	W
at Utah St	-1'	25-22	W
SMU	-6	22-15	W
at San Diego St	+4	36-21	W
Rice	-1'	23-35	L
at Utah	+2'	10-15	L
at TCU	-8	40-10	W
BYU	-3'	38-28	W
Tulsa	-14	51-13	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	38-9	-
Utah St	-12	39-36	L
at New Mexico St	-18	27-28	L
at San Jose St	-7	20-37	L
at Air Force	+16'	14-56	L
UTEP	-4'	19-22	L
San Diego St	+5	33-36	W
at Hawaii	-6	30-20	W
Fresno St	+5'	20-28	L
at BYU	+16	21-46	L
Utah	+11	7-41	L
at UCF	+21	6-38	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UTEP	+4'	10-13	W
New Mexico St	-6'	28-35	L
N Arizona	NL	45-14	-
at Boise St	-3	9-20	L
at San Diego St	+15	24-21	W
BYU	+16'	7-31	L
UNLV	-8'	27-6	W
Colorado St	+7	22-36	L
at Utah	+12	7-52	L
at Wyoming	+17	28-42	W
Air Force	+11	33-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+16'	3-24	L
Boise St	+1'	14-31	L
Oregon St	+9'	20-28	W
at New Mexico St	+4	16-13	W
N Arizona	NL	35-28	-
Wyoming	+3	45-10	W
at Colorado St	+18'	14-17	W
at Air Force	+11'	29-23	W
Utah	-1'	10-3	W
San Diego St	-5'	16-17	L
at UNLV	+8	14-18	W
at BYU	+6	13-37	L

WYOMING COWBOYS



SS Al Rich needs only 71 tackles in 2001 to move into Wyoming's career top 10 list.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Jay Stoner entered his 4th year as a starter and his 5th year at Wyoming, but it was the 5th different offensive system he was forced to learn. Stoner had been making steady improvement but was bothered by injuries and threw for just 1,552 yards (62.2%) with a 10-12 ratio in his 9 starts and he was HM MWC. Stoner finished as #2 on Wyoming's career passing list. Backup QB Matt Swanson started 2 games at WR and rFr Casey Bramlet played in 5, attempting 57 passes. Both Swanson and Bramlet were out midseason and Brandon Neill got in 2 starts and threw for 92 yards, rushed for 86, and played in 8 games. Neill transferred to Montana after the season. By the end of the season Bramlet (PS#164) who Koenning says has a cannon for an arm (comparable to John Elway), took over the 2nd string job. He was very impressive in the season finale vs Col St and is the heir apparent. For the season he completed just 42.1%, throwing for 288 yards with a 1-1 ratio. Swanson will return after surgery on his throwing shoulder in the offseason which caused him to miss spring practice. This year Koenning signed 3 QB's including Bramlet's brother who will compete for the 2nd & 3rd string jobs (see Top Newcomers). Despite the loss of a 4 year starter as mentioned, this group was banged up last year and I have high expectations for Casey Bramlet.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cowboys used a RB by committee in 1999 with their leading rusher having just 451 yards. Last year the top 4 rushers departed and then the projected starting RB, Aaron Frude (PS#326), tore his ACL. That forced Koenning to move talented SS Al Rich to the starting RB spot. Rich rushed for 35 yards in the season opener but then was lost for the year with a wrist injury and redshirted. Nate Scott emerged with a 192 yard game vs C Mich and finished with 645 yards and an impressive 5.9 ypc. Scott had rushed for 868 yards (6.4) at JUCO in '98 and has 4.5 speed. Derek Armah (5-10 193 So) was PS#255WR and started 7 games as a true frosh with 515 yards but only a 3.5 ypc. Koenning said at the end of last year that Scott and Armah would be looking over their shoulders at Kit Bradshaw (6-1 193 rFr) PS#475RB. He rushed for 2,205 yards with a 12.4 ypc as a senior in HS, although he was listed as a DB in spring. Travis Short (5-10 167 Sr) was a JUCO return specialist that moved to TB when Rich was injured but saw action mostly on KR's before being lost for the year with a concussion. Darth Tesinsky (6-0 238 Sr) had 5 starts at FB last year and 140 total yards but is coming off his 5th knee surgery. Marcus Ford (6-1 220 Sr) was PS#440 and had 9 total yards in 4 games. This group is in much better shape, has added some solid talent and is far more experienced than it was heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - When Joe Tiller was at the controls of the offense this unit always had a star. From 1991-1996 the Cowboys led the NCAA in receiving yards for four of the six years and someone was ranked in the top 3 in all 6. Last year they had to replace all of their top WR's and were very

inexperienced as their top 2 receivers were redshirt freshmen. This year the only loss is TE Arlen Smith who started 7 games and had 1 rec. Ryan McGuffey and Malcolm Floyd both broke WY frosh receiving records which is impressive because Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA's career record for receptions. In fact, McGuffey ended up leading the MWC in receptions. I list the two deep below and you can clearly tell that this is a far more experienced group and I look for big time improvement. Keep your eyes on Sean Bowman who was PS#58 and redshirted last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Cowboys had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and ended up with 3 rFr starting on the offensive front. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but used 4 different offensive line combinations. By the time the SD St game came, the entire team was banged up. The core of Irvin, Goldberg and Kellerman (sounds like a law firm) gives Wyoming a solid foundation on the offensive front for the next 2 years as all 3 return and Goldberg made 2nd Team MWC. This year they must replace G Pat Hutchinson (10 sts), LG Jay Dirks (2 sts) and backup RT Nate Reimers. Four OL did miss most of spring due to injury and Koenning only ran 4 tackling days (allowed 8) to prevent further injuries. I list the 2 deep below and 5 players return with starting experience plus Koenning has 4 rFr and a JUCO to plug in. They averaged just 3.0 ypc rushing and allowed 44 sacks last year and I look for good sized improvement in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In a banged up season no unit was hit harder for the Cowboys than the defensive front. In fact at one point they had 5 players out and were forced to start 233 pound Jon Aimore at NG. NG Jeff Boyle got in just 7 starts missing 4 games midseason with a sprained MCL. DT Daniel Gibson (a projected starter) missed the year with a broken foot, and DT Damon Roark started the first 4 before being lost for the season. Also injured were backups Brandon Jones, Louis Horton and Kendrick Rawls who combined for 10 tackles in limited time due to injuries. This year they must replace Boyle, DT Hirsch (8 sts, 44 tkl) and their star BAN Patrick Chukwurah (#5DC of MIN) who led the MWC in tfl with 19, amassed 100 tackles and was the team's Defensive MVP. Four players return with starting experience and they get back last year's 2 JUCO's (Gibson and Roark) plus add super JUCO Josh Rollins who had 13 sacks and 15 tfl at JUCO in 2000. They also add some solid true frosh signees and despite the loss of talents like Chukwurah and Boyle, as long as this group stays healthy, it can only be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Cowboys had to replace 2 starters last year due to graduation but returned 7 of the top 9, including 3 players with starting experience. Unfortunately starting WLB Leo Caires made only 2 starts before being injured for the season and starting MLB White also was lost after 2 games. This year they once again lose 2 starters in SLB Adrian Hill (10 sts, 39 tkl) and WLB Kwabena Pehra (11 sts, 11 tkl, HM MWC). They also moved SLB Tim Glynn to BANDIT. They get White and Caires back as well as 2 other players that have starting experience and an SEC transfer in Jeremy Davis (6-1 245 So, PS#108) from Kentucky. This group won't be comparable to Penn St's or Texas A&M's LB corps but has added talent and despite the loss of 2 starters, should be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Former coach Dana Dimel cut his teeth in coaching as a DB coach at Kansas St and had some solid secondaries in his tenure here, including a #4 finish in my pass defense rankings in 1997. They finished #79 in his final year and last year had to replace 3 starters and another player with 2 starts. They then moved their lone returning starter, Al Rich, to RB where he was immediately injured and lost for the season. The majority of Wyoming's secondary was playing in the JC ranks in 1999. This year the only losses are CB Sidney Lewis (25 tkl) and CB Mark Sheller (11 tkl). Lewis was suspended after starting the first six games of 2000. Not only do 5 players who started last year return, but Al Rich returns to the secondary and they add Vanderbilt transfer Gary Wright, some talented rFr and the return of John Livingston who missed last year with knee surgery. The Cowboys finished #111 in my pass defense rankings last year, allowing 60.1% with a 16-5 ratio, but this year it looks like one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wyoming usually has an excellent punter thanks in part to the high altitude and has had many strong finishes in my special teams rankings including #7 and #19 in the last 6 years. In 1998 they were #38 and in 1999 #33, but last year had an unusually low finish at #90. Part of the reason was P Tom Waring who on the surface looked to have an outstanding season with a 42.4 average but Koenning complained about the lack of hang time and he had just a 32.9 net. He said he would sign a P this year on scholarship to correct that problem and did so. They lose super K Aaron Eling who hit 10 of 14 FG's with a long of 52 and Eling was also exceptional

WYOMING 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Nate Scott	110	685	40	645	5	5.9					
Derek Armah	149	562	47	515	0	3.5					
Brett Ralph	4	57	0	57	1	14.2					
Darth Tesinsky	12	56	0	56	1	4.7					
Al Rich	13	39	4	35	0	2.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Jay Stoner	275	171	62.2	1552	10	12					
Casey Bramlet	57	24	42.1	288	1	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ryan McGuffey	63	696	11.0	4	43						
Malcom Floyd	43	360	8.4	1	23						
Brock Ralph	30	425	14.2	3	55						
Brett Ralph	22	235	10.7	2	72						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Tom Waring	59	2502	42.4	10	32.9	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Aaron Elling	3-3	2-2	3-6	2-3	10-14	52					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAY					
K. Peprah	115	1	3	0	0	J. Jones	45	0	3	0	0
P. Chukwurah	100	7	12	0	0	B. Casavan	44	3	3	0	0
L. James	84	0	4	5	0	P. Hirsch	44	0	1	0	0
T. Gottschalk	75	0	5	1	0	A. Hill	39	0	1	0	0
D. Abram	57	1	0	3	1	J. Boyle	29	3	2	0	0
J. Finn	49	0	1	7	2	T. Glynn	29	0	0	0	0
E. Lee	45	0	0	12	2	S. Lewis	25	1	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
R. McGuffey	17	135	7.9	0	Travis Short	15	256	17.1	0		

on KO's. That was a good part of the reason WY led the MWC in KR defense allowing just 14.5 pcr return. He will be missed. Their top KR and PR's are both back but they were poor on KR's and I look for a good sized improvement in that area. While the Cowboys must replace both K's I can still see improvement in the rankings provided the new punter lives up to his potential but I do look for less accuracy on FG's.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I called for Wyoming to finish last in the MWC as it was clearly a rebuilding year and in fact I called for their first losing season in 8 years. The Cowboys, hampered by injuries and inexperience, lost 10 games in a season for the first time since the school started playing football in 1893. The Cowboys only had 8 returning starters last year which was among the lowest in the NCAA. One of Vic Koenning's goals this year is to be the most improved team and if you check out my Most Improved Teams list for 2001 (see page 13), you'll see that Wyoming comes in as the third most improved team in the country. One thing they have going for them this year is the fact that last year they were -10 in turnovers so make sure you check out page 277. The season did not go as planned last year and after the loss at SD St Koenning himself called them "the worst team I've ever been associated with." He later said they were the smaller team every week and that they were going to hit the weight room in the offseason. This is a Wyoming program that went to 4 bowl games from 1987 to 1993, but hasn't been to a bowl since. Seven freshmen started last year but this year the roster will feature 23 seniors. On offense, they averaged just 15.5 ppg in 2000, their weakest total in over a decade. With 8 starters back on that side of the ball and more stability at the all important QB position the production should increase. They will be much more potent. Defensively, they allowed 35.7 ppg and while they must replace 5 starters, I like the talent coming back including 2 players who missed most of last year in FS Al Rich and MLB Herman White as well as some solid transfers. They have 19 of the top 25 tacklers back on that side of the ball and will be much tougher. Last year they not only went 0-7 in conference play, their average loss was by 25 ppg. While a winning season may be out of the question, I think they'll be far more competitive, especially in league play and a 3 or 4 win season would show them making steady progress.

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QB Matt Belshe 6-2 213 PS#51
DL Drew Severn 6-2 265 PS#111
DL Josh Rollins 6-3 255 PS#78JC
OL Derek Matson 6-4 290 PS#201
DL Zach Morris 6-2 255 PS#207
OL Brandon Avery 6-5 260 PS#203
RB C.R. Davis 6-1 180 PS#235
TE Dan Fisher 6-6 255 PS#108
QB Casey Bramlet 6-4 195 PS#204
WR Chad White 6-3 196 PS#281
OL Henry Randle 6-4 230 PS#453JC
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2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Casey Bramlet So. 6-0 203 PS#164. Cannon for an arm. 5 gms as rFr, 288 yds (42%), 1-1 ratio. **Matt Swanson** (6-2 200 Jr) PS#170. 2 sts, 3 yrs, 1100 yds (55%) 7-8 ratio. 6-1 193 PS#225JC. 2 starts here ly, 645 yds, 5.9 ypc, 14 rec (8.1). **Derek Armah** (5-10 193 So) PS#255. 7 sts, 515 yds (3.5), 8 rec (7.0) as true. **WR MALCOLM FLOYD SO.** 6-6 206 7 starts as rFr, #2 w/43 rec (8.4) 4.5 speed and great size. Off MIP. **Leonard Jones** (5-9 154 So) was PS#191. Sean Brennan (6-1 211 Jr). **WR RYAN MCGUFFEY SO.** 6-1 196 PS#170. 11 sts as rFr, #1 in MWC w/63 rec (11.0), set UW frosh record. **Dustin Ralph** (5-10 180 Jr) orig at BYU in 1997, 2 year mission. **WR BROCK RALPH JR.** 6-3 182. Track champ in HS in Canada. 8 rec (7.1) in 99. 11 sts ly, 30 (14.2). **Sean Bowman** (6-2 200 rFr) was PS#58WR and redshirted ly. **TE Kolby Drube So.** 6-3 220 PS#230. 1 start, 8 games as true, 5 rec (8.0). Joe Anderson (6-3 232 So) PS#251DL. 4 tkl last year. **Eric Haley** (6-4 235 So) PS#173WR. **C MIKE IRVIN JR.** 6-3 280 10 sts as rFr (2 at C, 8 at LG), 44 knockdowns. 11 sts at C in 2000. **Trenton Franz** (6-3 250 rFr) PS#314. 3 games as a true frosh but still RS. **RG Rano Sasa So.** 6-2 317 PS#435OL. 5 starts at RG as true. **Anthony Stannard** (6-2 278 Jr) was PS#339DL. 12 games, 2 years here. **Derek Matson** is PS#201OL. **LG ROB KELLERMAN JR.** 6-6 291 11 starts as rFr, 5 at RG, 6 at RT, 43 pancakes, 65 knockdowns. 10 sts ly (5 at LT, 5 at LG). **Henry Randle** (6-3 281 So) PS#453JUCO. **RT ADAM GOLDBERG JR.** 6-7 315 PS#348OL. 11 sts at LT in 99, 63 knockdowns. 11 sts at RG ly, 2nd Team MWC. **Kyle Huseby** (6-6 265 rFr) PS#435. Tim Riley (6-2 265 rFr). **LT BILL BULLERT SR.** 6-2 293 JUCO transfer in 1999 & RS. Started 6 games here last year. 1 letter. **Doug Gavid** (6-6 261 rFr) PS#464DL. **Er Wolf** (6-5 280 rFr) PS#435. **K Jarvis Wallum So.** 5-11 195 #2 kicker in 1999 but redshirted. #2 kicker ly & gave Eling competition. **Scott Parker** PS#76K. Hit 21 of 27 FG's in HS. Will enroll in 2002.

DE JOSH ROLLINS JR. 6-3 259 PS#78JC. 13 tkl, 15 tfl at JC in 2000. **Brandon Casavan** (6-5 254 Jr) 8 sts ly, 44 tkl, 3 sks, 3 tfl. **Garry Gottfredson** (6-3 251 So) PS#400LB in 97. **DT Daniel Gibson III Sr.** 6-4 295 PS#355JC. Proj'd starter ly but inj'd. **Damon Roark** (6-3 280 Sr) PS#450JC ly. 4 sts, 3 tkl until broken ankle. **Casey Adams** (6-5 246 So) PS#256DL. **NG CHAD BEUHLER JR.** 6-2 257 PS#451JC. 5 starts at NG here last year, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. **Tam Pruitt** (6-3 279 Jr) PS#340. 5 tkl as true, OG last year. **Drew Severn** is PS#111DL. **BAN Tim Glynn Sr.** 6-4 240 QB in high school. TE here in '98. 14 tkl, 1 pbu in 99. 2 sts at SLB ly, 29 tkl. **Jon Aimore** (6-4 233 Jr) 16 tkl, 2 tfl ly. **Anthony Jones** (6-5 240 Jr). **SLB Matt Klotz Sr.** 6-1 202 14 tkl in '98. 30 tkl, 2 tfl in '99. 25 tkl ly. **John Wilson** (6-3 234 Jr) 23 tkl. **Pete Merrill** (6-1 193 Sr) PS#209WR. 1 st at FS, 25 tkl last year. **MLB HERMAN WHITE JR.** 6-0 217 PS#84LB. 26 tkl as true. 28 tkl in 99. 2 tfl, 25 tkl ly in J & RS. **Tyler Gottschalk** (6-4 219 So) 2 sts, #4 w/75 tkl, 5 tfl as true. **Jeremy Davis** PS#108, UK trans. **WLB Jason Jones Jr.** 5-11 212 PS#180JC. 14 tkl, 27 tfl at JC in 2 yrs. 5 sts here ly at MLB, 45 tkl, 3 tfl. **Leo Caires** (6-1 218 Sr) 1 st, 30 tkl, 5 tfl in '99. 2 sts, 21 tkl tfl in J ly. **CB DAHAWN ABRAM SR.** 6-4 203 PS#181JC. 10 sts here ly (6 at FS, 4 at CB) 57 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Gary Wright** (5-9 158 Jr) PS#187, Vandy signee. **Ryan Calahan** (5-10 184 So) 1 st, 10 tkl ly. **CB ERIC LEE SR.** 5-11 175 PS#262JC. 11 sts here ly, 45 tkl, 2 int, 12 pbu. **Roderick Jackson** (5-11 164 So) PS#290WR, 9 tkl as true. **Kit Bradshaw** (6-1 193 Jr) PS#475RB. **SS LAMAR JAMES SR.** 5-11 197 JUCO. 11 sts at SS ly, 84 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 pbu, HMMWC. **John Livingston** (6-2 202 So) 4 x 400m relay in high school. **Tom Vincent** (6-2 188 Jr) was PS#291. **FS AL RICH SR.** 5-11 200 3 sts as true, 2 int, 28 tkl, 9 sts. 1st TM MWC, 74 tkl, 2 int in '98. 75 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu, 11 sts in 99. **Illy, Jacques Finn** (6-3 188 So) 4 sts as rFr, 49 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **P Matt Swanson Sr.** 6-2 200 PS#170QB. 39.1 avg in HS. Had 10 punts here ly, 35.2 avg. **Aaron Gadeken** (6-5 221 So). **Scott Parker** PS#76K. 39.7 avg in HS ly, will enroll in 2002.

WYOMING COWBOYS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cowboys are 5-9 ATS in the first of back to back away games since 1988.
Cowboys are 4-10 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WY Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	V S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sept. 1	Furman	G													
Sept. 6	Texas A&M (Thurs)	G													
Sept. 15	at Kansas	A													
Sept. 22	at Utah St	G													
Sept. 29	Colorado St	G													
Oct. 6	New Mexico (HC)	G													
Oct. 13	at Air Force	G													
Oct. 20	at Utah	G													
Oct. 27	UNLV	G													
Nov. 3															
Nov. 10	BYU	G													
Nov. 17	at San Diego St	G													
Nov. 24															

Furman was 9-3 SU in the Southern Conference last year. Cowboys are 8-0 SU in "NL" games since 1988.

UW is 2-5 the ATS last 2 years in non-conference play. Wyoming is 3-9 ATS since 1989 in their first lined game.

This is the Cowboys 1st game on artificial turf since 1998. Wyoming is 18-8 ATS their last 26 tries as an away dog.

USU actually leads this series 35-20-4 SU, but have not met S/78. Might apply: UW is 6-20, 4-15 & 1-9 ATS as an away favorite.

Wyoming is 11-21 ATS last 32 conference games. The visiting team is 8-1 ATS in the last 9 meetings.

UW is 0-6 ATS last 6 in their second straight home game. Cowboys are 5-11 ATS their last 16 October home games.

Combined avg was 15.7 ppg L3Y prior to 2000 where 77 pts were scored. The favorite is 10-4 ATS in the last 14 series meetings.

Wyoming is 2-6 ATS their L/8 vs the Utes & the home team is 0-4 ATS the L/4. Wyoming trails in this series 30-42-1 SU vs the Utah Utes.

The dog is 5-0 ATS in the last 5 series meetings. Wyoming is 3-2 SU but 1-4 ATS vs the Rebels.

Wyoming is 5-1 ATS vs BYU since 1991. Cowboys are 6-10 ATS in November the last 5 years.

Wyoming is 4-11 ATS in their final road game. The home team is 4-2 ATS last 6 series meetings.

STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (33,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	6-5	10-2	7-6	8-3	7-4	1-10	45-36
ATS	6-5	7-4	6-6	6-7	5-5	4-6	4-7	38-40
Home Fav	3-2	4-1	4-2	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	18-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-4
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-3	1-4	1-2	0-2	0-1	4-13
Away Dog	3-3	2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-2	15-8
Favorite	3-2	5-2	5-5	4-7	3-4	1-5	1-3	22-28
Dog	3-3	2-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	3-1	3-4	16-12
Grass	4-3	6-3	5-5	4-7	5-3	4-6	4-7	32-34
Artificial	2-2	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	6-6
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	6-3	2-6	3-5	3-4	3-4	27-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	0-3	4-1	2-0	1-2	1-3	11-12
Off SU Win	1-4	4-1	6-4	2-5	4-4	3-4	0-1	20-23
Off SU Loss	4-1	3-2	0-1	3-2	1-1	1-1	4-5	16-13

Coach: VIC KOENNING (Career 1-10)
Koenning's records AT WYOMING

2nd Year at Wyoming	1-2	Home Favorite
1-10 Straight Up	0-2	Home Underdog
4-7 Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
4-5 Off A S/U Loss	3-2	Away Underdog
3-4 Vs Conference	1-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
76	Fiesta	+20	Oklahoma	7-41	L
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa	19-20	W
88	Holiday	+2'	Oklahoma St	14-62	L
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17	W
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St	17-52	L

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
Idaho	-17	40-38 L	at Ohio St	+30	10-24 W	Montana St	NL	17-9 -	at Tennessee	+24	17-42 L	at Auburn	+12'	21-35 L
at Iowa St	-4'	41-38 L	at Iowa St	-14'	56-10 W	at Georgia	+19'	9-16 W	Weber St	NL	41-16 -	at Texas A&M	+14	3-51 L
Hawaii	-21	66-0 W	at Hawaii	-11	35-6 W	Louisiana Tech	-7'	31-19 W	at Air Force	+9	10-7 W	C Michigan	-13	31-10 W
Air Force	-2	22-19 W	San Jose St	-29	30-10 L	Utah	-8'	27-24 L	Idaho	-9'	28-13 W	Nevada	-16'	28-35 L
at UNLV	-30'	33-21 L	at Colorado	+14'	19-20 W	SMU	-9'	12-7 L	UNLV	-24'	32-35 L	at New Mexico	-3	10-45 L
at San Jose St	-22'	45-22 W	at Nevada	-8	34-30 L	at UNLV	-21	28-25 L	at UL Monroe	-22'	38-20 L	San Diego St	-3'	0-34 L
W Michigan	-28	42-28 L	Colorado St	-2	7-14 L	Rice	-7'	34-24 W	Colorado St	-2'	13-24 L	Air Force	+14'	26-51 L
Fresno St	-14	42-21 W	at SMU	-6	17-22 L	at TCU	-3'	34-27 W	at Utah	+8	43-29 W	at UNLV	+20'	23-42 W
SMU	-14'	59-17 W	San Diego St	-14	41-17 W	at Colorado St	+6'	27-19 W	BYU	+7	31-17 W	at BYU	+18	7-19 W
at San Diego St	+2	24-28 L	UNLV	-19'	35-23 L	Air Force	+6	3-10 L	New Mexico	-17	42-28 L	Utah	+14'	0-34 L
at Colorado St	-2	25-24 L	at Air Force	-2'	3-14 L	at Tulsa	-10'	0-35 L	at San Diego St	-1'	7-39 L	at Colorado St	+29	13-37 W

WYOMING (1-10) MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8 **Returning: 44 (22,22,0)**
DEFENSE: 6 **Lost: 23 (10,11,2)**

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WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE EAST 10 YEARS DEFENSE																	
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF YPP	
4*	15.5	18	106	3.0	190	57.4	19.2	-10	2000	3	35.7	20	183	4.3	218	60.1	11.2
6*	27.5	22	148	3.6	250	58.7	14.5	+2	1999	7	24.5	20	158	3.9	241	53.2	16.3
7*	20.2	19	126	3.3	226	56.7	17.4	+7	1998	5	19.5	19	182	4.4	185	52.5	18.8
3	24.8	20	151	3.9	217	48.7	14.9	+8	1997	6	17.5	18	147	3.6	181	45.2	18.8
10*	38.7	26	140	4.0	359	61.5	12.9	+2	1996	8	23.7	23	139	3.6	300	61.6	12.7
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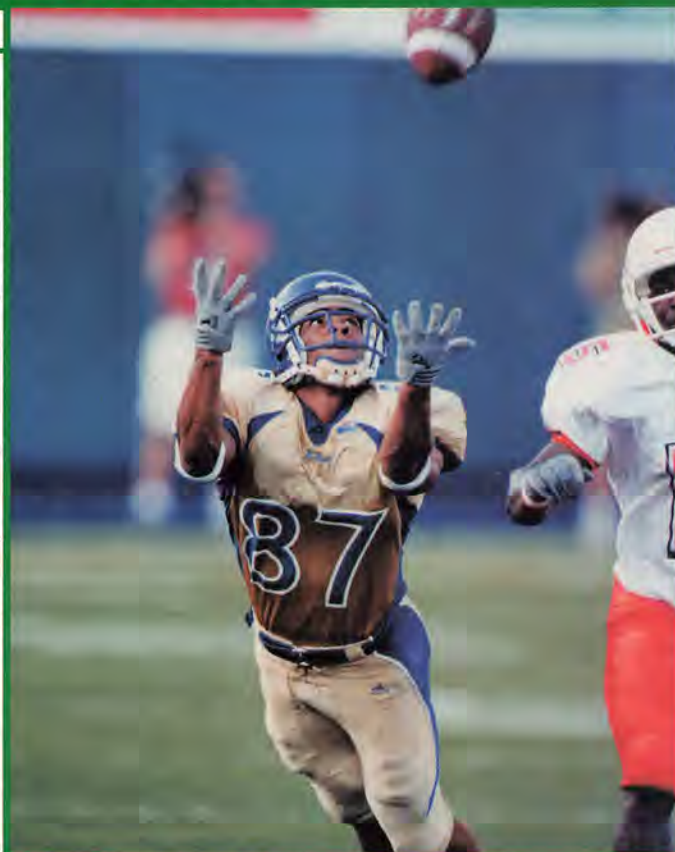
OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Auburn	15	27-29	1.1	20-36	213	4	19	45-177	3.9	12-21	266	3		+1
at Texas A&M	14	42-83	2.0	17-32	130	4	23	37-191	5.2	16-25	299	1		-1
C Michigan	20	55-321	5.8	5-17	47	2	17	31-43	1.4	18-36	240	5		+1
Nevada	25	34-176	5.2	26-45	259	2	19	34-169	5.0	16-28	195	2		-3
at New Mexico	12	27-47	1.7	17-26	209	7	27	64-308	4.8	11-16	121	1		-3
San Diego St	10	30-26	0.9	20-30	158	5	21	42-117	2.8	19-27	317	1		-1
Air Force	24	29-82	2.8	28-41	339	4	32	71-432	6.1	8-14	193	0		0
at UNLV	24	43-128	3.0	28-42	237	6	17	35-193	5.5	9-15	175	0		+1
at BYU	18	36-68	1.9	19-30	169	5	18	40-128	3.2	22-34	225	1		-1
Utah	15	34-63	1.9	15-36	186	7	16	41-183	4.5	7-16	146	0		-2
at Colorado St	15	38-146	3.8	15-31	144	2	15	33-74	2.2	17-26	216	3		-2
TOTALS	192	395-1169	3.0	210-366	2091	48	224	473-2015	4.3	155-258	2393	17		-10
AVERAGES	17.5	36-106	3.0	19-33	190	4.4	20.4	43-183	4.3	14-23	218	1.5		-0.9

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 WAC TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB David Neill, Nevada	Luke McCown, La Tech	Timmy Chang, Hawaii
RB Deonce Whitaker, SJS	Herman Ho-Ching, Nevada	Chris Porter, UTEP
WR Donald Shoals, Tulsa	Bernard Berrian, Fresno	Rodney Wright, Fresno
WR Ashley Lelie, Hawaii	Rashied Davis, SJS	Johnnie Freeman, SMU
WR Lee Mays, UTEP	Nate Burleson, Nevada	Jeb Putzier, Boise St
TE Joey Knapp, UTEP	John Hampton, SMU	Jeremy Johnson, FSU
C Rodney Michael, FSU	Aaron Sandoval, Rice	Bruno Contreras, SJS
G Chris Fe'esago, San Jose	Vince Manuwai, Hawaii	Lawrence Norman, UTEP
G Ryan Smith, Rice	Joel Tautuaa, San Jose	James McCarthy, SMU
T Kevin Shaffer, Tulsa	Tim Provost, San Jose	Joey Slaten, SMU
T Joe Schey, Fresno St	Matt Hill, Boise St	Damian Laverne, LT
DL Alan Harper, Fresno St	Warrie Birdwell, SMU	Jamie Nichols, La Tech
DL Isaak Sopoaga, Hawaii	Larry Brown, Rice	Karmul High, UTEP
DL Lute Croy, SMU	Mike Iosua, Hawaii	B.J. Ferguson, Rice
DL Kevin Aldridge, SMU	Bobby Hammer, Boise	Drew McLaughlin, TUL
LB Vic Vilorio, SMU	Chris Brown, Hawaii	Jorge Cordova, NEV
LB Dan Dawson, Rice	Chauncey Ako, Boise	Camar Jackson, UTEP
LB Justin Johnson, Fresno	Michael Dulaney, Tulsa	Pisa Tinoisamoa, Hawaii
CB Weldon Cooks, UTEP	Crance Clemons, UTEP	Tierre Sams, Fresno
CB Kevin Garrett, SMU	C.J. Scott, Tulsa	Alex Wallace, SJS
SS Quintin Mikell, Boise St	Vernon Fox, Fresno	Nate Jackson, Hawaii
FS Anthony Limbrick, FSU	Ronald Hardiman, Nevada	D.J. Walker, UTEP
K Nick Calaycay, Boise St	Derek Crabtree, Rice	Josh Scobee, La Tech
P Travis Hale, Rice	Casey Lipscomb, Tulsa	Greg Kleidon, Hawaii
KR David Mikell, Boise St	Johnnie Freeman, SMU	Jamar Julien, San Jose
PR Donald Shoals, Tulsa	Chris Cunningham, SMU	Bernard Berrian, Fresno



Tulsa WR Donald Shoals grabbed 80 rec (14.9) leading the WAC in rec yds per game.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 WAC FORECAST

1. Fresno St - Pat Hill inherited a team that relied on JUCO transfers to stay at the top each year but he went to recruiting strictly freshmen. That made them a very young team for his first few years but he still has guided them to a bowl in each of the last 2 seasons. This is his best and deepest team yet. I have 7 sets of power ratings and ALL 7 say they are the strongest team in the WAC for 2001. They have won 15 straight home games and provided their tough non-conference slate does not beat them up too badly (like last year) they will be the prohibitive favorites to grab the WAC crown.

2. Hawaii - In 1999, I rated the Warriors my Most Improved Team in the country and they went from 0-12 to 8-4, the largest turnaround in NCAA history. Last year I called for a rebuilding year and they plummeted to 3-9. This year they have an amazing NINE home games and somehow landed 5 WAC home games and they already have a large home edge due to travel. QB Chang (PS#21) started as a true frosh and should be vastly improved this year. The defense, which was hit hard by injuries, can only be better. Teams 2 through 5 are toss-ups, so when in doubt go with the team that has the most favorable schedule.

3. Tulsa - Keith Burns was part of the Arkansas turnaround and has the Hurricanes believing a similar transformation is in store here. Last year he only had 8 starters to work with but has a much more veteran team this year led by solid QB Josh Blankenship. Their defense should also be improved with 8 starters back. I do 7 different sets of power ratings and two have Tulsa as the #2 team in the league. Their schedule is not easy but if the team can avoid some of the injuries they suffered last year, they have a solid shot at a bowl bid this year.

4. Rice - Rice was decimated by injuries at the QB position and on the defensive line which are probably the worst places to get hit. They slumped to a 3-8 finish but after having just 11 seniors on last year's team, they have an amazing 29 this year including 26 fifth year seniors!!!! This is Hatfield's best team here. That means they have a legitimate shot at the league title and will make a dramatic turnaround record-wise. Ranking teams 2-5 in the league is very tough and I feel Rice has a legitimate shot at ending their 39 year bowl drought.

5. SMU - In such a tightly packed league teams that are able to stay healthy could determine who ends up in bowl games. SMU has some very powerful factors in their favor in the WAC race this year. First of all, they have the best defense in the WAC and that makes them a serious contender. Last year they were -13 in turnovers which means they are likely to be more fortunate this year (see "Turnovers=Turnaround" pg 277). They lose just 8 lettermen from last year's squad which is the fewest in the league. Now, if Cavan can just get off to a good start for the first time in his five years and if the offense improves as expected, they are just a home upset of Fresno away from contending for the WAC title, and last year they almost beat the Bulldogs on the road.

6. UTEP - The Miners surprised me last year and actually led the WAC heading into their final game but finished the season in disappointing fashion with a pair of losses. They lose only 13 lettermen but those losses were big ones including QB Rocky Perez. They are the only team to avoid Fresno which should help with their WAC record and they are developing a large home field advantage due to increased attendance. The WAC is a much

improved league and they are one of the least improved teams in it, but if a solid QB emerges, they could still make some noise and move into the upper half of the standings.

7. Nevada - The Wolfpack was an easy pick for the basement of the WAC last year as I was surprised they even won a conference game. That team was in a MAJOR rebuilding year with just 5 returning starters and going through a coaching change. This year they are the 2nd most improved team in the country (see page 13 for full list) and will be much more formidable than the team that lost 10 games by 14 points or more last year. QB David Neill makes my First Team All WAC list and they used a ton of freshmen last year (they have 31 scholarship soph's) so they are bigger, stronger, faster and now have experience. They are much more competitive this year but unfortunately do face a tough schedule.

8. Louisiana Tech - Last year Tech played 6 teams that were not from a major conference and this year have 0 on the slate so it is a clear step up in strength of schedule. LT was in a rebuilding year last season but QB McCown (PS #36) guided them to a strong finish after taking over the starting duties at midseason as a true frosh! They were -17 in turnovers last year which makes them a prime contender for a turnaround this year! They have my #3 rated offense in the league and have a shot at winning all 4 home games so they could easily move up the standings in their first year in the league.

9. Boise State - Boise showed they can compete in this league when they beat UTEP in the bowl game. I do 7 sets of power ratings and one has them as the 3rd most talented team in the league while another has them #10. The following factors determined the Broncos low ranking for me. They are taking a big step up in terms of strength of schedule (Big West foes were weaker); they have to break in a new head coach and coaching staff (almost all the assistants followed Koetter to Arizona St); have the lowest amount of returning starters in the league (10); and they benefitted from +10 turnovers last year. They also lose their star QB Bart Hendricks who will be tough to replace. They should still be very competitive but this looks like a rebuilding year.

10. San Jose State - If Deonce Whitaker is able to return for his 6th season (95% chance) then the Spartans will feature perhaps the league's best offense as they have a big veteran O-line, Whitaker, a veteran QB and solid WR corps. Unfortunately, they also have my #10 rated defense in the league which should make their games very exciting!! Coach Baldwin got frustrated over not getting a contract extension despite being bowl eligible last year and left. New Coach Fitz Hill is solid but the first year of a new coach is generally a learning experience and they actually have FIVE WAC road games (the most in the league). They could surprise but I had to peg someone last in a league that is much stronger overall in 2001.

WAC Notes: The defending WAC champ TCU is now in the Conference USA so hope springs eternal among all 10 teams during the offseason. They add two teams to the league in Boise St and Louisiana Tech and both are solid and deserving of the promotion. The WAC is probably the most improved conference in the country as they have 7 teams that rank in my Top 27 Most Improved Teams!!! That should make for a wide open race for the upper division and whichever team stays the healthiest has the best shot. Fresno is the most talented team in the league this year and will likely be the prohibitive favorite for the title, but this is a quality league this year with many solid teams.



Boise St K Nick Calaycay led the NCAA in FG% hitting 16-17 in 2000.



Rice LB Dan Dawson led the team with 88 tkls, 9 pbu & 7 ints last year.



Nevada QB David Neill makes my 1st Tm WAC QB with a veteran OL this year.



Fresno St DT Alan Harper has been a 1st Tm All WAC selection the last 2 years.

2000 WAC CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Deonce Whitaker, SJSU	10	224	1577	7.0	15	157.7
Brock Forsey, Boise St	10	197	914	4.6	9	91.4
Kris Briggs, SMU	12	231	828	3.6	3	69.0
Ken Bohanon, Tulsa	12	202	802	4.0	10	66.8
Chris Porter, UTEP	11	142	681	4.8	5	61.9
James Fenderson, UH	11	113	651	5.8	7	59.2
John Simon, La Tech	12	109	565	5.2	0	47.1

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Bart Hendricks, Boise	347	210	60.5	8	3364	9.7	35	170.6
Rocky Perez, UTEP	338	200	59.2	6	2661	7.9	26	147.1
David Carr, Fresno St	316	194	61.4	11	2338	7.4	18	135.4
Luke McCown, La Tech	369	244	66.1	15	2544	6.9	21	134.7
Marcus Arroyo, SJSU	326	166	50.9	10	2334	7.2	15	120.1
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	469	245	52.2	19	3041	6.5	19	112.0
David Neill, Nevada	353	179	50.7	12	2334	6.6	13	111.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT/PG	CT/AVG
Lee Mays, UTEP	11	70	1098	15	99.8	6.36	15.7
Donald Shoals, Tulsa	12	80	1195	5	99.6	6.67	14.9
Ashely Lelie, Hawaii	12	74	1110	11	92.5	6.17	15.0
James Jordan, La Tech	12	109	1003	4	83.6	9.10	9.2
Nate Burleson, Nevada	12	57	921	8	76.8	4.75	16.2
Lou Fanucchi, Boise	11	40	796	8	72.4	3.64	19.9
Brian Natkin, UTEP	11	64	787	4	71.5	5.82	12.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSH	PASS	TOT	YDS	YDSPG
Bart Hendricks, Boise	11	85	269	347	3364	330.3
Luke McCown, La Tech	8	55	-29	369	2544	314.4
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	10	23	-43	469	3041	299.8
Rocky Perez, UTEP	11	74	82	338	2661	249.4
David Neill, Nevada	11	103	131	353	2334	246.5
David Carr, Fresno St	11	65	80	316	2338	241.8
Josh Blankenship, UT	12	81	-19	379	2507	248.8

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jeff Edwards, Boise St	11	47	1975	42.0
Travis Hale, Rice	11	54	2256	41.8
Glen Beard, UTEP	11	54	2229	41.3
Colin Vadheim, SMU	12	67	2717	40.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
David Mikell, Boise St	16	459	1	0	28.7
Johnnie Freeman, SMU	16	377	0	0	23.6
Jamar Julien, San Jose	22	501	0	0	22.8

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Donald Shoals, Tulsa	17	266	2	0	15.6
Bernard Berrian, Fresno	15	158	1	0	10.5
Chris Cunningham, SMU	21	200	0	0	9.5

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nick Calaycay, Boise St	11	15	16	93.8	46
Ricky Bishop, UTEP	11	13	18	72.2	48
Eric Hannum, Hawaii	12	10	14	71.4	42
Chris Earnest, Tulsa	12	12	17	70.6	47

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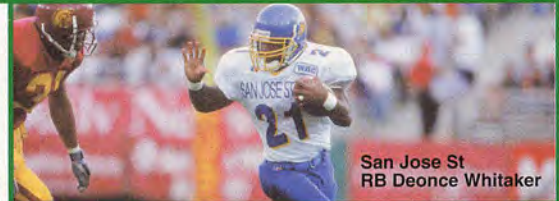
	G	UA	YDS	TOT	AVG
Vic Viloria, SMU	12	75	55	130	10.8
Bobby Gray, La Tech	11	86	29	115	10.5
Trey Merkins, UTEP	11	70	42	112	10.2
Josh Parry, San Jose St	12	57	65	122	10.2
Jacob Espiau, Hawaii	12	77	44	121	10.1
Travis Seaton, San Jose	12	62	54	116	9.7

SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
M Holloway, UTEP	11	72	16
Orlando Huff, Fresno	10	55	69
Shaunard Harts, Boise	7	49	14
Markus Pratt, SMU	6	43	66
Jeff Copp, Boise St	6	37	57
Bryce McGill, Fresno	6	35	42

TFL

	G	NO	YDS
Orlando Huff, Fresno	10	55	69
M Holloway, UTEP	11	72	16
Alan Harper, Fresno	14	51	51
Shaunard Harts, Boise	13	66	66
Markus Pratt, SMU	13	57	57
Trey Merkins, UTEP	13	42	42



San Jose St RB Deonce Whitaker

2000 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St	-	-	-	-	9	2	494	251
UTEP	7	1	283	167	8	3	355	298
Fresno St	6	2	235	144	7	4	283	214
San Jose St	5	3	250	240	7	5	374	357
Tulsa	4	4	155	165	5	7	240	283
Rice	2	6	186	215	3	8	237	322
Louisiana Tech	-	-	-	-	3	9	317	396
Hawaii	2	6	197	276	3	9	294	399
SMU	2	6	118	248	3	9	181	352
Nevada	1	7	144	317	2	10	207	464

1999 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Fresno St	5	2	226	141	8	4	397	265
Hawaii	5	2	214	161	8	4	348	332
TCU	5	2	245	123	7	4	334	199
Rice	4	3	198	161	5	6	237	261
SMU	3	3	107	113	4	6	193	235
UTEP	3	4	183	235	5	7	306	389
San Jose St	1	5	120	268	3	7	258	402
Tulsa	1	6	129	220	2	9	230	386

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS



QB David Carr, who has 4.67 speed, threw for 2,729 yards with a 23-12 ratio in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Fresno has produced some very fine QB's through the years including Trent Diller and Billy Volek, the duo that preceded David Carr. Carr was so impressive running the scout team in 1999 that their DC said that he was the best QB they faced the entire year. Last year Carr was the only offensive player to start all 12 games as all of the other positions suffered through heavy injuries, limiting his effectiveness. He was outstanding at home, completing 67.2% with a 10-2 ratio and has NFL size, arm strength and speed. Even though his WR's were banged up last year he finished #20 in the NCAA in pass efficiency and #37 in total offense as he threw for 2,729 yards (61.9%) with a 23-12 ratio. With the team close to 100% healthy in the bowl, he threw for 391 yards and 5 TD's. Overall the last 2 years FSU QB's have a 56-15 ratio. Carr should be one of the WAC's top QB's this year and will benefit from a more veteran (and hopefully) healthier supporting cast. Jeff Grady (6-2 195 Jr) was the backup last year and got in 20 pass attempts. Hill would like to redshirt him. Paul Pinegar (6-5 200 rFr) has good size and was PS#158 and may have been rated higher except a thumb injury curtailed his senior season. Nathan Ray (6-1 190 rFr) was PS#194 and was the Scout Tm MVP last year. I look for Carr's numbers to be vastly improved this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Hill usually does a good job here as they had 1,000 yard rushers in 1997 & '98 despite not having top-notch talent. In 1999 Derrick Ward and Paris Gaines combined for 1,568 yards rushing but Ward was dismissed from the team prior to last spring and then after rejoining the team in the fall was injured and participated in just 7 games. Gaines was banged up all year and the leading rusher turned out to be Josh Levi who had just 397 yards (4.3). Gaines rushed for 693 yards (4.6) in 1999 but tore his ACL in the bowl and was never 100% rushing for 375 yards (3.9). Hopefully he'll recapture his 1999 form in which he showed breakaway speed. Ward is a power back with speed and had 216 yards (4.3) in just 7 games. Also in the mix is Therrian Fontenot (6-0 180 So) who was PS#347 and a PQ last year. When they use a FB Tim Osborn (6-2 220 Jr), who is a solid blocker, gets the call. Last season was definitely an off year for the RB production and it was due almost entirely to injuries, not only of the RB's but also the O-line. With basically everyone back and some added talent, I look for much stronger production in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year Fresno returned their top 2 WR's but both missed spring practice and they also had to replace their solid TE. Injuries hurt the unit during the season as Rodney Wright, who led the team with 74 rec's in 1999, played in just 6 games due to injury and had 38 rec's (12.3). In their second to last game of the season, the WR corps was so banged up that the Bulldogs had just one

healthy scholarship WR available for the 2H of the game and went mostly to a rush attack. Bernard Berrian ended up leading the team in rec's and has good size (6-2 190). He had four 100 yard games in the last six and was 2nd Tm WAC in place of Wright who was 1st Tm WAC in '99. Charles Smith, who had 56 rec's in 1999, saw his production drop to 36 last year (15.6). Marque Davis (PS#102) would have taken Wright's place and had 4 receptions after 2 games but he too was injured and lost for the year. TE Jeremy Johnson made HM WAC as a rFr and should bulk up to become a bigger threat at TE. After the injuries suffered last year and the fact that everyone returns, this unit should be vastly improved and potentially has three 1st or 2nd Team All-WAC performers in their ranks.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 FSU had a young, injury plagued group, but they still managed to pave the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while only allowing 13 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation but had 4 players back with starting experience. Injuries hurt them again in 2000 as they had 9 different starting combinations on the front. Two year starter RT Kevin Jordan only allowed 2 sacks in his career but he departs after earning 2nd Team WAC honors. Also gone this year are RG Mike Stovall (7 sts, 2 yr st'r), G Ahmad Bhatti (8 sts) and backup OL Mike Painchaud. With the addition of super JUCO Victor Taifane and his 6-5 335 lb frame this fall, it looks like Fresno will have 5 starters that weigh 300 lbs or more, making this their biggest line in school history. Last year's front allowed 25 sacks and they only averaged 3.6 ypc but with this year's group being more experienced and getting a solid addition, I look for an improved front this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU has had a tough defense the last couple of years and last season returned 3 starters along the defensive front plus a 1998 starter. However, they lost a starter and a backup prior to the season due to injuries. They allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing with 36 sacks as a team. This year the only losses are NT Thabiti Lockhart (8 sts, 50 tkls, 4 sks, 2nd Tm WAC) and DE Jajuan Huddleston (6 tkls, 1 st). Their top DL, Alan Harper, is back after having 8 sacks and 28 tfl the last 2 years earning 1st Team WAC honors in both. FSU feels he is a contender for WAC Defensive Player of the Year. Overall 6 players return with starting experience and while I'm not wild about the depth of this unit, there is some good talent available. They have proven to be very adept at defending both the rush and pressuring the QB and will continue to do so this year. Once again this will be one of the WAC's top DL's.

LINEBACKERS - This is the area of most concern for the Bulldogs. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 9 starts but had a pair of 1st Team All WAC performers back in OLB Orlando Huff and MLB Tim Skipper. Those 2 did not disappoint as Huff became the first defensive player to win the team's MVP Award since 1989 while leading the WAC in tfl with 17 and he was #2 in sacks. Tim Skipper was small in stature but big in heart and leaves as the school's #2 all-time leading tackler. They were the top 2 tacklers last year with Huff (#4 DC of SEA) earning 1st Team WAC honors and Skipper 2nd Team. Also departing this year are OLB Giachino Chiaramonte (12 sts, 64 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 yr st'r) and backup LB Matt Fisher (8 tkls). They get one big addition in Justin Johnson, who started 5 at OLB and 6 at DE in 1999 but missed last year due to shoulder surgery. Hill calls him "our biggest impact player on defense since I've been here." Johnson is faster than Huff but not as physical. I list the 2 deep below and the coaching staff thinks they will do a good job this year but clearly with the loss of 3 starters including 2 all conference performers, this unit is not as strong this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs ranked #59 in my pass D rankings in 1997 despite having to replace 4 players who combined for 27 starts. Hill thought it was the strength of the team in '98 and they rose to #36. In 1999 they had to replace 2 starters including a #3 draft pick and dropped to #53. Last year they had to replace 2 players who started 11 games but lost 1st Team WAC FS Anthony Limbrick after just one game so basically they had 2 starters returning. FSU finished #37, allowing 52.4% with a solid 11-13 ratio. This year they are in great shape. The only losses are CB Dante Marsh (12 sts, 2nd Tm WAC, 73 tkls, 3 int), FS Terence Brown (1 st, 26 tkls), CB Lawrence Deck (2 sts, 29 tkls) and CB Marcellus Armstrong (3 sts, 11 tkls). While the majority of their CB's depart, they have 3 safeties who have earned all WAC mentions and I look for Devon Banks to move from FS to CB this year. Bryce McGill is listed as a backup yet was #3 in the WAC with 6 sacks and earned HM WAC honors despite starting just 2 games. Tierre Sams has 10.46 speed in the 100m, which makes him the fastest on the team and he holds down one CB spot. Limbrick's return is a huge plus as he is the DB with the most NFL potential. This looks like the WAC's best secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength for FSU, with their lowest finish in my special teams rankings the last 5 years being 36th. They block a lot of kicks by design and under Hill have had 26 blocked kicks

FRESNO ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Josh Levi	92	411	14	397	2	4.3					
Paris Gaines	95	393	18	375	1	3.9					
James Tillman	56	222	5	217	0	3.9					
Derrick Ward	50	229	13	216	4	4.3					
David Carr	74	257	174	83	4	1.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
David Carr	349	216	61.9	2729	23	12					
Jeff Grady	20	10	50.0	159	2	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Bernard Berrian	43	705	16.4	6	71						
Rodney Wright	38	466	12.3	2	51						
Charles Smith	36	560	15.6	6	50						
Jeremy Johnson	27	285	10.6	2	29						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Jason Simpson	67	2544	38.0	-	35.4	0	18				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Asen Asparuhov	3-3	4-7	2-6	0-0	9-16	43					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT
Tim Skipper	107	0	8	4	1	Alan Harper	56	3	13	0	0
Orlando Huff	105	10	7	2	0	Thabiti Lockhart	50	4	3	2	0
Dante Marsh	73	1	6	4	3	J. Stewart	44	2	1	0	0
Bryce McGill	70	6	3	3	1	Tierre Sams	40	0	1	5	4
Vernon Fox	68	3	5	4	0	Nick Burley	40	2	7	1	0
G. Chiaramonte	64	2	7	3	0	Jake Probst	38	2	7	1	0
Devon Banks	62	0	1	2	0	Marc Dailey	29	0	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
B. Berrian	15	158	10.5	1	R. Wright	13	279	21.5	0		

including 11 punts. They do lose special teams MVP and kick blocking specialist Terence Brown. They brought in a JUCO punter last year in Jason Simpson who averaged just 38.0 ypp but punted 18 punts inside the 20 and had a solid net of 35.4. I look for him to improve in his senior season. Asen Asparuhov, their K, hit only 9 of 16 FG's and was just 2 of 6 from 40+ so they can only get better on FG's. Top PR Bernard Berrian is back after averaging 10.5 and Charles Smith averaged 16.4 on 7 returns so they are in good shape there. The top KR, Rodney Wright, is back and played just 6 games last year. They did hold opponents to 19.1 on KR's and kickoff man Brett Visintainer (PS#32) was just a true freshman last year. Overall Fresno finished #30 in my special teams rankings last year and will contend for a Top 25 spot this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU now has a 15 game home winning streak (3rd best in the NCAA) and are very tough in Bulldog Stadium. They set an attendance record last year at home as they packed in 100.8% of their seating capacity. The "Red Wave" (their fans) has expanded every season & FSU has averaged over 33,000 fans per game every year since 1985. When Pat Hill took over this team he decided to build it the right way, with freshmen, which meant going through some growing pains as the team had relied on JUCO's for years. They were a very young team in his first 3 seasons but he still managed to get them to a bowl game and an 8-5 record in his 3rd year. Last year he finally had a veteran group and they made it to their 2nd straight bowl. During the regular season 3 of their 4 losses came to ranked teams in Ohio St, UCLA and TCU. While they have 15 starters returning, which is the same amount they had last year, this is Hill's best team yet, provided they can stay healthier than they did in 2000. Last year only one offensive player started every game and the offense dropped from 31.8 ppg to 26.4 because their RB's, WR's and OL's were very banged up during the year. They had only 2 senior starters on that side of the ball and an inexperienced QB. Naturally this year 9 starters return and I rate their offense 2nd best in the league. They had my #1 rated defense in the WAC last year, but lose the services of DC Coyle who was hired by the Cincinnati Bengals. Coyle was replaced by LB coach Dan Brown who will continue to employ Coyle's defensive schemes. Overall they have my #2 rated defense in the WAC this year and also the #2 rated special teams, which means talent-wise they are the cream of the crop in the conference. They have 3 brutal games to open the season and if they can stay healthy through that stretch they should grab their first WAC title under Hill. I have 7 sets of power ratings and Fresno comes up #1 in the conference in all 7 and they are the clear frontrunner in an improved WAC in 2001.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DAVID CARR SR. 6-3 225 PS#102, 228 yds (54%) 1-1 ratio in 98. Super yr on scout tm in 99. 4.67 spd, 390 bench. #20 pass eff in 2000, 12 sts, 2729 yds (62%) 23-12 ratio.

RB DERRICK WARD JR. 6-0 230 4 starts as rFr, 875 yds (6.0), 2 starts ly (inj) 216 yds (4.3). Paris Gaines (6-1 225 Sr) PS#259, 11 starts, 693 yds (4.6), 37 rec in 99.

WR RODNEY WRIGHT SR. 5-9 175 PS#131, 6 rec as true. 11 sts in 99, 1st Tm WAC, 74 rec (14.4), 6 sts ly (inj), 38 rec (12.3). David Shabaglian (6-0 185 Sr) 11 rec (9.6) ly.

WR BERNARD BERRIAN JR. 6-2 190 PS#179, 1 st as true, 6 rec (9.7), 7 starts in 2000, #1 w/43 rec (16.4), 2nd Tm WAC, Marque Davis (6-0 190 So) PS#102, 4 rec tfl in ly.

WR CHARLES SMITH SR. 5-9 175 PS#151, 56 rec (11.7) in 99, 294 return yds, 36 rec ly (15.6), 265 return yards. HM WAC L2Y. Deandre Gilbert (5-10 180 So) 9 rec (14.0) ly.

TE JEREMY JOHNSON SO. 6-4 205 PS#104TE, 11 sts as rFr in 2000, HM WAC, 27 rec (10.6), added. Alec Greco (6-3 230 So) 10 starts at HB, 13 rec (10.8) as rFr.

C RODNEY MICHAEL JR. 6-4 300 11 starts as rFr, big & mobile for C. 11 starts in 2000, HM WAC, Wrestler in HS. Keith McKnight (6-4 315 Jr) PS#339, lettered last year.

RG FITU TU'UA SO. 6-5 310 PS#266OL in 1999. Enrolled ly & 7 starts as true frosh (4 at RG, 3 at LG). Missed spring. DeJon Kelly (6-1 295 Jr) 10 games in 2 years.

LG Russell Harding Jr. 6-2 300 1 start in 1997 at DL, 2 tackles. RS in 1998. Injured in 1999. 6 starts at LG in 2000, Ian Harper (6-3 295 So) lettered as rFr, run blocker.

RT Victor Taifane Jr. 6-5 335 PS#77JUCO, in for fall. Is biggest OL here. Patrick Faiane (6-0 285 Jr) PS#286LB, 1 tk, 1 tfl as DL in 1999. Lettered on OL last year.

LT JOE SCHEY JR. 6-6 315 PS#389OL, 3 sts at LT as rFr, then broke his foot. 11 starts in 2000, HM WAC, Antonio Sanchez (6-5 300 So) PS#194, 2nd string last year.

K Asen Asparuhov Sr. 6-5 215 Hit 9 of 16 FG's in 2000 with long of 43. Only 2 of 6 from 40+.

DE JAKE PROBST SR. 6-2 240 PS#336, 6 sts as true, 29 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 sts in '98, 25 tkls. RS in 99. 11 sts ly, 38 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl, 5 hurries. Claude Sanders (6-3 215 Fr) PS#269.

NG JASON STEWART JR. 6-1 260 PS#232DL, 35 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr, 8 starts, 44 tkls, 2 sks last year. Grant Harrington (5-11 260 Sr), 1 start as rFr, 5 tfl, 4 starts last year, 13 tkls, 2 tfl.

DT ALAN HARPER SR. 6-2 285 7 starts as rFr, 43 tkls, 3 tfl, 13 sts in '99, 80 tkls, 5 tkls, 11 tfls, 11 starts ly, 56 tkls, 3 sks, 13 tfl ly, 1st Tm WAC L2Y. Fai Satele (6-1 270 Fr) PS#139DL.

DE Nicholas Burley Jr. 6-4 240 PS#275DL, 32 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, in 99, 4 sts ly, 40 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl, 13 hurries. HM WAC L2Y. Clarence Denning (6-3 250 So) 11 tkls, 1 sks as true.

OLB JUSTIN JOHNSON SR. 6-3 220 16 tkls, 4 sks as true. 11 sts in 98, 50 tkls, 4 sks, 11 sts in 99 (5 at OLB, 6 at DE), 49 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl, in ly. Sam Williams (6-5 240 Jr) 24 tkls, 2 sks, 2Y.

MLB Marc Dailey So. 6-1 230 29 tkls as rFr, 2 tfl in 9 gms incl 7 tfls vs Ohio St. Terrance Hampton (6-1 220 Sr) PS#160DL in 99. JUCO. 2 tkls ly. Justy Sicily (6-2 235 Fr) PS#124.

DL Maurice Rodriguez Sr. 6-2 240 1 start at OLB in 99, 22 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl, 16 tkls ly, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Jamal Jones (6-0 220 rFr) PS#232DL. David Adamo (6-2 235 rFr) PS#227LB.

CB TIERRE SAMS SR. 5-9 175 10.46 in 100m. 16 tkls as rFr, 25 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu in 99, 7 sts ly, 40 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu, HM WAC. Juan Bautista (5-7 185 So) 14 tkls, 2 pbu last year.

CB DEVON BANKS SR. 5-11 190 2 sts in 1999, 31 tkls, 1 sk, 8 starts as FS ly, 62 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Kendall Edwards (5-11 185 So) PS#120, 13 tkls, 1 sack, 1 int as a true frosh.

SS VERNON FOX SR. 5-10 200 13 sts in 99, #1 w/103tkls, 7 tfl, 12 sts ly, 1st Tm WAC, 68 tkls, 8 tfl. Bryce McGill (5-11 195 So) PS#233, 70 tkls, 6 sks, 2 sts, HM WAC as rFr.

FS ANTHONY LIMBRICK SR. 6-1 205 PS#77, Top DB here. 14 tkls, 3 pbu in 98, 10 sts in 99, 1st Tm WAC, 78 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 1 st ly (inj). Dee Meza (5-9 175 So) 12 tkls as JUCO.

P JASON SIMPSON SR. 6-1 185 PS#188JC, 41.8 average 32 rec (16.9) at JUCO in 1999, 67 punts here in 2000, 38.0 average, 18 inside the 20. Solid net of 35.4, 2 rec (8.0).

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The home team is 5-0-1 SU, 4-2 ATS in the UTEP series.
Bulldogs are 4-7 ATS in the 1st of back to back home games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R S	A R T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 25	at Colorado	G												
Sep. 1	Oregon St	G												
Sep. 8	at Wisconsin	A												
Sep. 15	Utah St	G												
Sep. 22	at Tulsa	A												
Sep. 29	Louisiana Tech	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	at Colorado St	G												
Oct. 20	Boise St (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at Hawaii	A												
Nov. 3	Rice	G												
Nov. 10	at SMU	G												
Nov. 17	at Nevada	A												
Nov. 24	San Jose St	G												

This is the inaugural Jim Thorpe Classic. FSU is 2-5 ATS in season openers. Including bowls, FSU is 0-4 SU vs Colorado, 1-2 ATS last 3.

FSU is 9-3 ATS the last 12 years in their 1st lined home game. Bulldogs are 8-3 ATS their last 11 vs Pac 10 schools.

FSU is 7-16 ATS on artificial turf since 1988.

Fresno St is 15-22 ATS their last 37 times as an away dog.

Should apply here: FSU is 14-6 ATS under Hill after a SU loss. Dogs came into 2001 w/an 11-3 ATS mark in their L/14 sandwiched HG's.

FSU is 2-0 SU & the home team is 2-0 ATS in this short series. Dogs won 28-14 as a 14' pt fav on this field in '99 but TU had a 22-14 FD edge.

Red Wave have helped FSU compile a 24-16 ATS mark L/40 HG's prior to 2001. FSU won 48-14 as a 5' pt HF in the last series meeting on 1/3/92.

The SU winner is 5-1 ATS in this series since 1992, FSU 2-4 SU. Fresno St is 16-21 ATS in October since 1992.

Pending earlier results, Hill has guided FSU to a 6-3 ATS mark as a HFL2Y. Only recent meeting came in 1996. FSU won 41-7 as a 19 pt HF.

Could apply: FSU is 8-13 ATS their last 21 as a conference dog. The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 series meetings.

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Bulldogs are 3-8 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games. The road team is 0-2 SU & FSU is 0-2 ATS in this short series.

FSU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS their last 6 road finales.

FSU came into 2001 with a 2-10 ATS mark their L/12 as an AF.

Bulldogs are 9-1 SU L/10 but only 3-4 ATS L/7 vs the Spartans. Fresno St is 5-0 ATS (3-2 SU) vs other Sunshine St teams over the L2Y.

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7-1	5-7	4-7	6-6	5-6	8-4	7-4	40-41-1
ATS	5-6	4-8	5-6	6-6	6-5	6-5	5-6	37-42
Home Fav	2-1	3-2	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-1	3-2	16-12
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	7-3
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1	2-9
Away Dog	2-2	1-4	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-1	2-3	12-18
Favorite	2-3	3-3	2-2	2-4	3-2	3-4	3-3	18-21
Dog	3-3	1-5	3-4	4-2	3-3	3-1	2-3	19-21
Grass	4-4	4-7	5-5	5-4	4-5	6-2	5-4	33-31
Artificial	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-3	0-2	4-11
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-4	3-5	24-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	13-11
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-4	2-4	12-23
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-4	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-1	22-15

Coach: PAT HILL (Career 26-22)
Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

5th Year at Fresno State	9-8	Home Favorite
26-22 Straight Up	4-0	Home Underdog
23-22 Vs The Spread	2-5	Away Favorite
14-6 Off A S/U Loss	8-9	Away Underdog
15-16 Vs Conference	8-6	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	Raisin	-15	Bowling Green	21-28	L
92	Freedom	+8	USC	24-7	W
93	Aloha	+7	Colorado	30-41	L
99	Las Vegas	+4	Utah	16-17	W
00	Silicon Valley	-1	Air Force	34-37	L

FRESNO ST (7-5) WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 43 (20,19,4)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)



FRESNO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																			
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL			RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF			
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP			
7	26.4	18	122	3.6	241	60.3	13.7	0	2000	8	20.9	21	157	3.6	206	52.4	17.3		
6*	31.8	19	169	4.5	214	64.9	12.1	+5	1999	6	21.7	21	143	3.5	252	54.0	18.2		
6*	24.1	17	154	4.0	204	57.4	14.8	+10	1998	7	20.5	20	159	3.6	197	54.6	17.4		
7	26.5	18	152	3.9	168	55.8	12.1	+13	1997	6	24.0	21	176	4.1	199	57.6	15.6		
7*	24.3	24	171	4.2	255	59.8	17.5	-20	1996	8	31.3	23	183	4.5	233	57.9	13.3		
8*	30.9	24	166	4.3	290	57.2	14.8	-5	1995	5	32.3	24	220	4.9	247	54.0	14.5		

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
at Ohio St	22	27-87	3.2	31-51	285	1	22	50-223	4.5	11-20	166	5	-5
at UCLA	12	23-26	1.1	20-33	249	2	18	48-135	2.8	17-33	135	5	-1
California	20	30-64	2.1	24-41	325	2	14	35-108	3.1	16-36	197	3	0
at Rice	22	34-179	5.3	20-31	220	0	24	58-306	5.3	4-13	61	1	-2
Nevada	17	40-125	3.1	11-21	201	1	23	29-61	2.1	29-49	341	4	+3
at UTEP	14	31-93	3.0	14-31	142	5	22	44-157	3.6	20-29	212	2	0
Tulsa	17	37-199	5.4	17-24	252	1	26	32-78	2.4	30-55	352	5	+3
Hawaii	24	42-209	5.0	23-31	257	0	23	27-138	5.1	26-44	297	0	+1
at TCU	13	30-41	1.4	15-31	183	4	15	62-217	3.5	7-15	78	4	-3
SMU	13	41-181	4.4	14-18	139	2	23	43-151	3.5	19-36	190	3	+2
at San Jose St	21	52-199	3.8	15-25	244	3	14	29-38	1.3	18-45	242	2	+4
Air Force (Bowl)	18	22-59	2.7	22-38	391	4	28	65-267	4.1	12-24	204	1	-2
TOTALS	213	409-1462	3.6	226-375	2888	25	252	522-1879	3.6	209-399	2475	35	0
AVERAGES	17.8	34-122	3.6	19-31	241	2.1	21.0	44-157	3.6	17-33	206	2.9	0.0

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	+7	27-30	W
at Auburn	+16	0-62	L
at Utah	+9	17-45	L
Hawaii	-19	20-0	W
San Jose St	-20	28-18	L
at Wyoming	+14	21-42	L
at UNLV	-16	34-23	L
Boise St	-19	41-7	W
Colorado St	+3	20-42	L
Air Force	+10	38-44	W
at San Diego St	+14	21-31	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	-29	35-7	L
Baylor	-1	35-37	L
at Oklahoma St	+8	0-35	L
at Oregon	+19	40-43	W
Utah	+10	27-13	W
at Hawaii	-11	16-28	L
at Air Force	+12	20-17	W
UNLV	-11	46-28	W
at San Jose St	-8	53-12	W
at Colorado St	+16	3-41	L
San Diego St	-3	19-20	L
Wyoming	+6	24-7	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+21	21-29	W
at Texas Tech	+13	28-34	W
Nevada	-13	24-27	L
BYU	+7	31-21	W
at TCU	+1	10-21	L
at Utah	+7	16-24	L
UTEP	-10	32-6	W
at N Mexico	-5	28-20	W
at San Diego St	+1	0-10	L
Hawaii	-27	51-12	W
San Jose St	-14	24-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	34-6	-
at Oregon St	+3	23-46	L
at UCLA	+21	21-35	W
at Nevada	+1	49-24	W
TCU	-4	26-19	W
Colorado St	+3	44-13	W
at SMU	-14	14-24	L
UTEP	-10	24-23	L
at Tulsa	-14	28-14	L
Rice	-2	47-18	W
at Hawaii	-3	24-31	L
San Jose St	-16	63-12	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+18	10-43	L
at UCLA	+14	21-24	W
California	-3	17-7	W
at Rice	-8	27-24	L
Nevada	-24	58-21	W
at UTEP	+3	13-23	L
Tulsa	-18	34-12	W
Hawaii	-26	45-27	L
at TCU	+13	7-24	L
SMU	-18	14-7	L
at San Jose St	+1	37-6	W

HAWAII WARRIORS



OT Ryan Santos

The Warriors will have one of the WAC's best OL's this season.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Dan Robinson threw for 2,155 yards (46%) with an 11-12 ratio but in the first year of June Jones' offense, he threw for 4,119 yards (52.2%) with a 28-19 ratio. He graduated last year. The QB position was up for grabs not only in the spring but also in August with 5 QB's contending for top honors. Jared Flint (6-5 207 Jr) was PS#76 in 1997 and was a JUCO transfer last year with 4.6 speed. He had rotator cuff surgery prior to the year which had him redshirt and took him out of the race although he was #1 after the spring. Kevin Gilbride (6-3 209 Jr) was PS#87 and is a BYU transfer. He got in 2 passes in 3 games. Mike Harrison (6-1 206 Jr) was PS#157. He was the only QB with experience coming into last year throwing for 91 yards as a true frosh but did not play in 2000 and elected to go to a JC. Shawn Withy-Allen (6-4 215 Jr) was PS#172. Nick Rolovich (6-1 193 Sr) was PS#37JC and had a 22-4 ratio in JC in 1999. He won the starter's job at the beginning of the year but did not live up to expectations, including a 6 of 28 performance vs UTEP and lost his job. Rolovich finished with 815 yards (46.3%) with a 6-4 ratio. The fan favorite was UH's rare VHT signee Timmy Chang (PS#21) from St Louis School in Honolulu. Chang started 9 games as a true frosh and threw for 3,041 yards (52.2%) with a 19-19 ratio and was the WAC Frosh of the Year. He missed the Fresno St game due to injury and Rolovich started but Chang regained his starting job for the final 4. I look for big things out of Chang and this unit is much more experienced and should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 UH surprisingly lost their top back prior to the start of the season as he decided to transfer but Avion Weaver and Afatia Thompson combined for 1,167 yards and solid 5.5 and 4.8 ypc respectively. Last year both were back and the unit appeared in great shape but Weaver was injured early and finished with just 116 yards (3.9). Thompson was also injured and in 4 starts had just 102 yards rushing and 59 receiving. Both applied for extra years of eligibility. However, their returns appear doubtful. For the final part of the season, James Fenderson took charge. He started the final 7 and topped 100 yards in 3 straight at one point including 107 vs TCU in his first start. He finished with 651 yards and a solid 5.8 ypc and earned 2nd Team WAC honors, but he also departed. They signed true frosh Pesea Fiasue PS#156 who, like Chang, is a St Louis alum and very familiar with the run and shoot offense. He will battle Thero Mitchell (5-10 207 Jr) who had 79 yards rushing (7.2). Also in the mix are Ken Witherspoon (6-1 228 Jr) who was PS#192QB, Jonathan Kauka (6-0 211 Sr) as well as Chad Kapanui (6-0 226 Jr) who was PS #158QB. This group looks a notch weaker and less experienced.

RECEIVERS - June Jones made quite a statement last year when he said that he had his fastest group of WR's he's ever had including the NFL! Hawaii uses 4 WR's and no FB or TE. In Jones' first year of the system this group was very inexperienced. Last year they had to replace their leading WR who was 1st Team WAC but had everyone else back. The unit got off to a slow start and had lots of dropped passes early but emerged as the season went on. Ashley Lelie (6-3 178) led the team in rec's and was 2nd Tm WAC and #3 in the WAC overall in rec's. The good news this year is that all 4 starters return as do the majority of their backups. The biggest loss was WR Davey DeLaura who had just 9 rec (12.4). They also get transfer Tafari Uso (6-0 183 Sr) who had 16 rec's (14.8) at Stanford in 1999. I list a talented too deep below. Not listed but in the mix are Isaac Rodriguez (5-8 182 Jr) who was PS #230 and Mark Tate (6-1 212 Jr) who has good size and 4.4 speed. With everyone back and the added talent, this unit clearly looks like one of the WAC's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - When June Jones arrived he had the benefit of 7 players on the offensive front with starting experience including a pair of NFL caliber tackles and the offense averaged 28.5 ppg. Last year they had to replace 4 starters due to graduation including both NFL caliber OT's. They only allowed 24 sacks on 617 pass attempts in 1999 but surprisingly with the young front last year, gave up just 10 sacks but only averaged just 3.7 ypc rushing. This year 4 starters return and 5 players with starting experience and the group boasts good size. The only losses are RT Kylan Forney (11 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 48 pancakes, #7 DC of ATL) and OT Chris Pinkney (3 sts til inj). I list the 2 deep below and this group looks to be one of the WAC's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When the new regime arrived in 1999 the DL was bereft of quality talent but somehow allowed just 4.0 ypc and the team had 38 sacks. Last year they were in much better shape with size and depth at DT and only had to replace two starters and one backup. This year they lose DE Steve Dietschy (1 st, 21 tkl), DT Doug Sims (2 sts, 31 tkl, 357 lbs) and DT Miles Garner (6 sts, 28 tkl, 2 tfl). Also DE's Joseph Correia and Chris Brown have been moved to LB. Those 5 players combined for 23 starts so it's almost like losing 2 starters. However, three players return who started 6 or more games last year and they add some solid redshirt frosh who I list in the 2 deep below. This group has good size and if Sopoaga gets half of the sacks he did at JUCO, he could be in for a big season. Last year they allowed 4.3 ypc and the team recorded just 20 sacks but DE Joseph Correia missed the last 10 games and DT Iosua missed 4 with a shoulder injury. They actually ran out of DT's against SMU and had to move DE's in for that game. This year's unit has better depth and some solid additions and should be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Warriors had to replace two starters including a #3 draft pick but had 3 players returning with some starting experience. This year they lose Anthony Smith (9 sts, 64 tkl, 3 tfl), Rinda Brooks (10 sts, 108 tkl, 8 tfl, HM WAC), Robert Kemfort (8 sts, 77 tkl, 2 sks, HM WAC) and Joaquin Avila (11 tkl). They do bring in DE's Chris Brown and Joseph Correia who combined for 14 starts last year. Brown has NFL potential with 4.6 speed and a 465 bench. Also Pisa Tinoisamoa is an HT (PS#68RB) who started 5 games and could be ready to emerge. I list the 2 deep below and not included is Matt Wright (6-0 233 Sr) who was PS#210 and had 4 tkl's in '98, Isaiah Alameda (6-1 225 Jr) who was PS#289 and Lonnie Williams (6-0 204 Sr) who has 17 tkl's the last 3 years. This unit actually has a little more experience than it did last year and keep in mind that Liana (ex-QB) and Tinoisamoa (ex-RB) were both learning the position last year. Pisa moved to MLB in the last month and was called the team's best LB. With the addition of Brown, the LB corps looks stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Hawaii finished #39 in my pass D rankings in 1997 but after replacing 5 players in 1998 plummeted to #108. In 1999 they had six players back with starting experience and 5 incoming JUCO's and moved up to #78 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters including their top CB and one backup and finished #82 allowing 55.6% with an 18-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB Feiamaa Armstrong (9 sts, 61 tkl, 1 int), SS Dee Miller (4 sts, 39 tkl, 3 tfl), CB Shawndel Tucker (10 sts, 47 tkl, 7 pnt) and CB Tavish Campbell (2 tkl's). Basically the starting two safeties are back and they were #1 and #2 on the team in tackles and also combined for 15 pbu. They also add a couple of JUCO's and some talented rfr (see 2 deep). CB Hiram Peters actually started 5 games as a true frosh and last year one of the returning starters, Dee Miller, lost his job so this year's group looks just as experienced and could improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In their 0-12 season in 1998 UH had the worst special teams in the country and were poor in every element. June Jones came in and the unit showed significant improvement, moving up to #66 in 1999. Last year was more of the same as they finished #67 overall in my rankings. They

HAWAII 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
James Fenderson	113	683	32	651	7	5.8			
Avion Weaver	30	126	10	116	1	3.9			
Afatia Thompson	31	113	11	102	0	3.3			
Thero Mitchell	11	79	0	79	2	7.2			
Robert Grant	10	30	7	23	1	2.3			
PASSING	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Timmy Chang	469	245	52.2	3041	19	19			
Nick Rolovich	136	63	46.3	815	6	4			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Ashley Lelie	74	1110	15.0	11	55				
Justin Colbert	63	795	12.6	3	74				
Craig Stutzmann	54	682	12.6	5	47				
Channon Harris	36	530	14.7	3	58				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT0		
Mat McBriar	43	1647	38.3	-	35.3	0	10		
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
Eric Hannum	1-3	7-9	2-3	0-0	10-15	42			
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	FR			
J. Espiau	126	1	3	11	4	0			
N. Jackson	112	2	4	7	0	0			
Rinda Brooks	108	2	6	1	0	0			
R. Kemfort	77	2	0	4	0	0			
P. Tinoisamoa	74	4	6	5	0	0			
Anthony Smith	64	0	3	2	0	0			
F. Armstrong	61	0	2	3	1	0			
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
F. Armstrong	12	132	11.0	0	J. Garland	23	517	22.5	0

did get improved play out of K Eric Hannum who hit 10 of 15 FG's including 2 of 3 from 40+. His strong leg will be missed. Mat McBriar handled the punting duties and averaged 38.3 and will have to beat out Greg Kleidon (6-0 177 Jr, PS#37JC) who averaged 44.8 punting in JUCO in 1999 (redshirt last year). They must replace their top PR, Feiamaa Armstrong, who averaged a solid 11.0 and top KR Jamal Garland. Jones recruited a kicker last year in Justin Ayat (6-0 198 Jr) who was PS#75 and had FG's of 48 and 52 yards in high school. KO's is an area of concern for me but if they prove adequate in that department, they should rise in the rankings this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called Hawaii the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint me as they went from an 0-12 record to 9-4 with the largest single turnaround in NCAA history. In that 1999 season, they broke 32 school records and tied 3 and swept their road games for the first time since 1988. Last season I was not as high on the Warriors, as they had to replace 10 starters including their QB, 2 NFL caliber OT's, and faced a much tougher schedule. Last year the season did not start out well as they lost to a IAA team for the first time since 1976 and suffered some depth problems as 74.7% of von Appen's recruits from 1996-'98 were not on the team any longer. Also, in their bowl season they were practically injury free but last year were banged up. Timmy Chang took over the starting job as a true frosh QB after Hawaii's woeful start and the team rebounded for a 3 win season. Last year's offense had just 5 returning starters and this year they have an experienced QB and 9 starters back and should be much more potent. Defensively, the front 7 was decimated by injuries last year and they allowed 33.3 ppg. Provided they can stay healthier they should be much stronger in DC Kevin Lempa's second season. Head coach June Jones missed spring practices due to a severe auto accident suffered in the offseason but should be 100% by the fall. The Warriors have one of the top home edges in the country as teams must make a long trip to paradise to play them and sometimes find it tough to concentrate on the game. Hawaii was -8 in turnovers last year which almost qualified them for the Turnovers = Turnaround article (page 277). Hawaii has an amazing 9 home games this year, clearly the most in the NCAA, and that means they are ready to recapture the magic of June Jones' first season and contend for a WAC title.

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DL	Isaiah Sopoaga	6-4 290 PS#24JC
WR	Nate Ilaa	5-10 180 PS#77
LB	Ikaika Curnan	5-11 230 PS#90
RB	Pesea Fiasue	5-11 220 PS#156
RB	Mike Bass	5-6 165 PS#168
QB	Lamar Broadway	5-11 175 PS#140
DB	Jean Elise	5-9 170 PS#248JC
WR	Justin Faimealelei	6-1 205 PS#243
WR	Kila Kamakawiole	6-2 220 PS#244
QB	Jeff Rhode	6-5 200 PS#196
LB	Donny Faailili	6-1 240 PS#315JC
OL	Mike Holt	6-4 280 PS#36JC
DB	Cameron Hollingsworth	6-0 175 PS#333
DB	Leonard Peters	6-1 162 PS#402
OL	Brandon Eaton	6-4 290 PS#708

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB TIMMY CHANG SO. 6-1 190 PS#211 9 sts as true, 3041 yds (52%), 19-19 ratio, 25 yds rush. Nick Rolovich (6-1 193 Sr) PS#37JC. 3 sts here Jr, 815 yds (46%) 6-4 ratio.
RB Pesea Fiasue Jr. 5-11 220 PS#156. Thero Mitchell (5-10 207 Jr), 79 yds Jr, Chad Kapanui (6-0 226 Jr) PS#158QB, Ken Witherspoon (6-1 228 Jr) PS#192QB, Mike Bass PS#168.
WR CHANNON HARRIS SR. 5-8 153 4.28 speed. 12 starts in 1999, 61 rec (15.4), 12 starts last year, 36 rec (14.7). Britton Kominie (5-9 181 Jr) PS#230. Nate Ilaa is PS#77.
WR ASHLEY LELIE JR. 6-3 178 8 sts as Jr, 40 rec (14.0), 12 sts Jr, 2nd Tm WAC, 74 rec (15.0). Tafari Uso (6-0 183 Sr) PS#103. 21 rec at Stanford in 98 & 99, trans. Kanale George PS#229.
WR CRAIG STUTZMANN SR. 5-10 203 PS#213. 6 rec (12.3) as true, 13 sts in 99, HM WAC, 67 rec (10.6), 11 sts Jr, 54 rec (12.6). Gerald Welch (5-7 214 So) PS#107RB. 1 start Jr.
WR JUSTIN COLBERT JR. 5-6 155 PS#143. 1 st as true, 2 rec (3.5), 12 sts Jr, 63 rec (12.6). #2. Omar Bennett (6-1 180 Jr) PS#72 WR & orig signed with Cal. 7 TD's on KR's & PR's at JC.
C BRIAN SMITH SR. 6-1 276 Lettered as LS in 98, 11 gms as 2nd string in 99, 12 sts Jr, 12 declat'ers & 3 letters. Chad Kahale (6-1 295 Jr) PS#283, Lyle Castro PS#226 in 99.
RG VINCE MANUWAI JR. 6-2 296 PS#338. Lettered as rfr. 11 sts Jr, HM WAC & Jones says NFL potential. +47 lbs. Shayne Kajioka (6-3 323 So) PS#256, 2 sts in 2000.
LG MANLY KANOIA III SR. 6-5 314 Scout team as Jr. 13 sts, 10 declat'ers in 1999, 12 sts Jr. Sione Tafuna (6-0 295 Jr) 2nd string Jr. Phil Kauffman (6-0 269 Jr) PS#224.
RT URIAH MOENOA Jr. 6-3 335 PS#240QL in 1999. Enrolled in 2000 & redshirted. Mike Holt (6-5 300 Jr) is PS#336JC. Ryan Santos (6-4 296 Jr) is PS#225OL.
LT LUI FUATA JR. 6-3 305 2nd string as true & redshirted, 2nd string in 99, L9 starts at LT, 15 declat'ers Jr. Keola Loo (6-3 302 So), Jonathan Ekno (6-4 300 Jr) PS#202.
K JUSTIN AYAT Jr. 6-0 198 PS#75K in 2000 and redshirted. Hit FG's of 48 and 52 yds in high school & was 1st Team All Hawaii. Greg Kleidon is PS#37JC will compete.

DE ISAIAH SOPOAGA JR. 6-4 290 PS#24JUCO, 31 sks at JC in 2000. Wayne Hunter (6-5 286 So) PS#172DL & orig at Cal. Houston Ala (6-1 218 So) PS#163DL & 1 letter.
DT LUI FUGA JR. 6-2 305 2 starts in 1999, 24 tkl's, 3 tfl, 8 sts (shoulder inj) in 2000, 42 tkl's, 3 tfl, Will Jackson (6-2 281 Jr) PS#220. Hiram Travis (6-3 257 Jr) is JUCO.
DT MIKE IOSUA SR. 6-2 282 5 sts as TE, 3 rec as Jr, 9 sts, 36 tkl's, 7 tfl at DL in 99, 6 tkl's Jr til inj, 24 tkl's, 6 tfl. Top DL here. Lance Samusewa (5-11 304 So) 2 sts, 23 tkl's, 2 tfl.
DE LAANUI CORREA JR. 6-2 253 10 tkl's, 5 tfl at UNLV in 98, 9 sts here last year, 36 tkl's, 5 tfl. Colin Wills (6-1 244 So) PS#154DL. Travis LaBoy (6-3 259 Jr) orig at Utah St.
LB JOSEPH CORREIA SR. 6-2 246 PS#150DL & orig at Okla in '92, 3 sts here in '98, 24 tkl's, 10 sts in 99, 50 tkl's, 6 tfl. Kevin Jackson (6-4 246 So) 5 tkl's Jr, Ikaika Curnan (5-11 230, PS#90).
LB CHRIS BROWN JR. 6-1 256 8 tkl's, 3 tfl at DT as Jr, 12 sts at DE Jr, 45 tkl's, 5 tfl, 5 pbu, 4.6 speed, 465 bench. Watson Hoolihui (6-0 227 Jr) PS#290. Isaiah Alameda is PS#289.
LB PISA TINOISAMOA JR. 6-1 255 PS#68RB. 5 sts as Jr, 74 tkl's, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 5 pbu. Bronson Liana (6-1 224 Sr) 4 sts Jr, 20 tkl's. Donny Faailili (6-1 240 Jr) PS#315JC in for spring.
CB HYRUM PETERS SO. 5-8 182 PS#303DB. 5 starts as true, 49 tkl's, 3 pbu. Abraham Elimimian (5-10 175 Jr) PS#380. Lamar Broadway is PS#140QB and moves to DB.
CB JEAN ELISE JR. 5-9 170 PS#248JUCO, 4.45 speed. Gary Wright (5-10 191 So), 1 tkl in 7 games last year. Kelvin Millhouse (6-1 198 So) JUCO and RS here last year.
SS JACOB ESPIAU SR. 5-10 190 16 tkl's as Jr, 11 sts Jr, 4 tackler in WAC w/126, 4 tfl, 4 int, 11 pbu. David Gilmore (6-0 178 So), Robert Grant (6-0 211 Jr) 103 yds at RB in 98-00.
FS NATE JACKSON SR. 5-10 168 5 sts as true, 19 tkl's, 11 sts in 99, 74 tkl's, 4 tfl, 3 pbu, 9 sts Jr, 2nd Tm WAC, 112 tkl's, 4 tfl, 7 int, 4 pbu. Matt Manuma (6-1 210 Jr) PS#134QB.
P. MAT MCBRIAR SR. 6-1 189 43 punts in 2000. Greg Kleidon (6-0 177 Jr) PS#37JC, 44.8 avg at JC in 1999, reds here Jr. Dan Berryman (6-0 172 So) 22 punts, long 65.

HAWAII WARRIORS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Warriors are 14-8 ATS overall in 2 years under June Jones. UH is 9-14-1 ATS as a dog of 14 or more but 4-1 the last 2 years. Hawaii is 3-8 SU but 5-6 ATS L/11 reg season games vs the Big 10. This is the 16th straight year UH will play at least 12 games. Warriors are 15-23 ATS their last 37 on artificial turf.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	Montana (Maui)	G												To be played at War Memorial Stadium in Maui, home of the Hula Bowl, 20,000 capacity. Grizzlies went 13-2 SU LY & lost by 2 pts in the IAA Championship Game.
Sep. 15	at Nevada	A												Warriors are 2-4 ATS the last 6 years in their mainland opener. UH is 5-2 ATS in WAC road games under Jones.
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	Rice	A												Hawaii is 2-8 ATS the week after a bye. UH is 4-9-1 ATS as home chalk, but was 2-0 last year.
Oct. 6	at SMU	G												Warriors are 9-19-2 ATS in their last 30 lined October games. Hawaii is 9-18-1 ATS L/28 on natural grass but 4-0 ATS the L2Y.
Oct. 13	UTEP	A												Could apply here: UH is 15-21-2 (but 7-3 L2Y) ATS off a SU loss. Strange but true: UH is 27-19-3 (59%) at home after a road game.
Oct. 20	at Tulsa	A												Warriors are 3-6 ATS in their last 9 road finales. UH came into 2001 w/a 10-6 ATS mark the L2Y in WAC gms but 21-34-2 ATS the L7Y.
Oct. 27	Fresno St (HC)	A												The home team is 7-2 ATS in the last 9 series meetings. Hawaii is 8-3 ATSS/ '86 in the 1st gm of a 3 (+) game homestand.
Nov. 3	San Jose St	A												This is a strange scheduling situation for these 2 conf teams as this is the 2nd straight season that SJS has visited the Islands.
Nov. 10	Boise St	A												Hawaii is 7-1 ATS under Jones in the last 4 weeks of the season. Warriors have won & covered the only 2 previous series meetings.
Nov. 17	Miami (Oh)	A												Only 2 meetings vs MAC schools S/ '80. UH is 0-2 ATS, 1-1 SU. This is the 1st ever meeting between the Redhawks & Warriors.
Nov. 24	Air Force	A												Could apply here: UH was 29-20-1 ATS L/50 as a HD prior to 2001. Warriors are 8-4-1 ATS vs the Falcons since 1985.
Dec. 1	BYU	A												Hawaii is 8-3 their last 11 vs the Cougars. UH is 4-2 ATS the last 6 years in season finales, 3-1 last 4 years.

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8-1	4-8	2-10	3-9	0-12	8-4	3-9	23-60-1
ATS	4-7	4-7	4-7-1	5-6	2-9-1	7-4	7-4	33-44-2
Home Fav	0-4	1-0	1-2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	4-9-1
Home Dog	2-1	2-3	2-2	4-2	1-6	4-3	3-2	18-19
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	2-1	0-4	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	2-0	2-2	9-14-1
Favorite	0-5	2-0	1-2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-0	6-11-1
Dog	4-2	2-7	3-5	5-4	2-8-1	6-3	5-4	27-33-1
Grass	0-1	0-4	1-3	1-2	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	7-11-1
Artificial	4-6	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	1-8	5-4	5-4	26-33-1
vs Conf	2-6	3-6	2-5-1	3-5	1-6-1	5-2	4-4	20-34-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	2-2	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-0	13-10
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-1	0-0	5-3	2-1	11-11
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-3	3-5-1	3-5	2-8-1	2-0	5-3	20-28-2

Coach: JUNE JONES (Career 12-13)
Jones' records AT HAWAII

3rd Year at Hawaii	2-1	Home Favorite
12-13 Straight Up	7-5	Home Underdog
14-8 Vs The Spread	1-0	Away Favorite
7-3 Off A S/U Loss	4-2	Away Underdog
9-6 Vs Conference	5-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	Aloha	+7	Michigan St	13-33	L
92	Holiday	E	Illinois	27-17	W
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17	W

HAWAII (3-9)

CONFERENCE:
WAC



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47 (22,23,2)

Lost: 23 (10,11,2)

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
5	24.5	20	74	3.7	323	50.7	16.2	-8	2000	7	33.3	22	211	4.3	194	55.6	12.2
6*	28.5	21	89	3.6	324	51.9	14.5	+1	1999	8	26.8	21	185	4.0	196	57.5	14.2
7*	12.4	15	109	3.0	184	44.1	23.7	-10	1998	3	35.2	20	189	4.7	207	60.2	11.3
4	15.8	17	105	2.7	206	55.7	19.7	-9	1997	9	25.7	17	148	3.7	182	49.9	12.9
8*	13.4	14	136	3.5	120	50.7	19.1	-7	1996	8	36.1	22	233	5.2	179	54.3	11.4
7*	23.8	21	224	4.8	158	48.7	16.1	-4	1995	6	33.4	25	218	5.2	214	57.2	12.9

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SX	BY	TURN	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SX	BY	TURN
Portland St	23	20-53	2.7	28-57	367	3		-2	16	50-196	3.9	12-24	235	2		-2
at UTEP	15	25-53	2.1	15-50	211	0		+1	25	47-140	3.0	18-34	265	0		+1
Tulsa	20	18-31	1.7	31-48	313	2		-3	14	39-98	2.5	16-25	145	1		-3
at TCU	16	16-118	7.4	18-44	266	0		0	27	71-393	5.5	7-17	91	0		0
SMU	16	17-50	2.9	23-42	314	0		-1	17	47-126	2.7	16-27	145	5		-1
at Rice	15	9-10	1.1	25-48	227	1		-5	22	69-315	4.6	3-7	45	0		-5
San Jose St	29	20-74	3.7	38-74	492	0		-1	27	50-285	5.7	12-22	227	2		-1
at Fresno St	23	27-138	5.1	26-44	297	0		-1	24	42-209	5.0	23-31	257	0		-1
Nevada	21	29-155	5.3	24-45	283	2		0	23	32-41	1.3	27-51	337	5		0
Louisiana Tech	25	29-124	4.3	31-51	391	0		+1	16	20-32	1.6	28-47	255	4		+1
Wisconsin	23	14-42	3.0	24-56	361	1		+1	27	64-263	4.1	12-21	207	1		+1
UNLV	19	15-37	2.5	26-50	353	1		+2	26	62-431	7.0	10-25	124	0		+2
TOTALS	245	238-885	3.7	309-609	3875	10		-8	264	593-2529	4.3	184-331	2333	20		-8
AVERAGES	20.4	20-74	3.7	26-51	323	0.8		-0.7	22.0	49-211	4.3	15-28	194	1.7		-0.7

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston Coll	+13	21-24	W
Ohio Univ	-16	10-21	L
at Wyoming	+21	0-66	L
Boise St	-5	20-14	W
at Fresno St	+19	0-20	L
Colorado St	+13	16-28	W
at San Diego St	+31	8-56	L
UNLV	-10	38-28	T
at Air Force	+35	7-34	W
San Jose St	-5	17-38	L
BYU	+30	14-45	L
Wisconsin	+28	10-59	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	+12	17-3	W
CS Northridge	NL	34-21	-
Wyoming	+11	6-35	L
at UNLV	+3	15-25	L
at Colorado St	+30	0-63	L
Fresno St	+11	28-16	W
at BYU	+27	3-17	W
San Diego St	+6	3-10	L
Air Force	+11	27-34	W
at San Jose St	-1	14-38	L
NE Louisiana	-5	20-23	L
Notre Dame	+28	22-23	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+17	6-27	L
at Utah	+24	21-30	W
Arkansas St	-11	0-20	L
SMU	+7	0-28	L
at San Diego St	+22	13-35	T
BYU	+21	9-31	L
N Mexico	+6	20-30	L
at UNLV	+15	13-30	L
San Jose St	+7	17-45	L
at Fresno St	+27	12-51	L
Northwestern	+16	21-47	L
Michigan	+38	17-48	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC	+26	7-62	L
E Illinois	NL	31-27	-
Boise St	+6	34-19	W
at SMU	+14	20-0	W
UTEP	+5	33-3	W
Rice	+1	19-38	L
at Tulsa	-5	35-21	W
TCU	+4	14-34	L
at San Jose St	+2	62-41	W
Fresno St	+3	31-24	W
Navy	+3	48-41	W
Washington St	-5	14-22	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	20-45	-
at UTEP	+9	7-39	L
Tulsa	+3	14-24	L
at TCU	+38	21-41	W
SMU	-2	30-15	W
at Rice	+11	13-38	L
San Jose St	+6	48-57	L
at Fresno St	+28	27-45	W
Nevada	-14	37-17	W
Louisiana Tech	+1	27-10	W
Wisconsin	+19	18-34	W
UNLV	+7	32-34	W

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE



WR Donald Shoals reached #9 in the NCAA last year with 99.6 receiving yards per game.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Michael Wall won the starting QB job and started the first six games but went down to injury. True frosh Josh Blankenship was forced to start the final 5 games. Blankenship threw for 1,416 yards (51%) with a 7-15 ratio that year. While both returned last year Blankenship won the starter's job and had a bigger year, throwing for 2,507 yards (51.7%) with a 9-11 ratio and added 217 yards rushing. He returns for his junior season. James Kilian (6-3 205 rFr) was PS#105 and is mobile, rushing for 662 yards as a senior in HS, but he also threw for 43 TD's. They also add true frosh Tyler Gooch who is PS#99 and originally committed to Northwestern. While Wall's experience as a backup will be missed, Blankenship should have a stronger year and I like the talent behind him.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 the Hurricane's top back, John Mosley, rushed for 873 yards (5.5) but power back Ken Bohanon came on down the stretch, rushing for 299 yards (3.4) with most of those in the last few games. They had to replace Mosley last year and Bohanon took the starter's job. Unfortunately Tulsa struggled, as in 9 games they failed to top 100 yards rushing as a team. Bohanon did have 3 big games including 178 yards vs LT, another 92 vs Hawaii and 107 vs N Mex St and finished with 820 yards but averaged just 4.0 ypc. In the final 2 games true frosh RB Eric Richardson emerged. Richardson was bothered by a back injury early and played some at WR due to injuries. After rushing for just 17 yards on 11 carries in the first ten games, he had an incredible final 2 with 194 and 206 yard efforts and averaged 6.5 ypc rushing in those contests. Richardson also became Tulsa's first back to top 100 in two straight games since 1952. He and Bohanon each topped 100 yards vs San Jose St, the first TU duo here to do so since 1991. The good news is that both return and Bohanon may end up at FB. Donté Hart (5-11 192 So) was PS#310 and got in 1 start and had 171 yards rushing as a frosh. DJ Barnett (5-11 211 So) had 116 yards (3.3) as a true frosh but redshirted last year. They will also run in the two back set much more often this year. With basically everyone back and Richardson around for an entire season, I look for much better numbers from this unit in the 2nd year of Burns' system.

RECEIVERS - Last year Tulsa had to replace their 3 WR's from 1999 and then lost speedy Corey Brown to injury for its 2 games during the season. They also were expecting Illinois transfer Terrance Smalls to start but he never became academically eligible. Donald Shoals emerged and simply was #1 in the WAC in receptions per game and 9th in the

NCAA in ypg and was voted 1st Team WAC. He returns for his senior season. Corey Brown finished with 45 receptions (11.6) despite missing 3 games but he departs as does Andrew LeCrone who had 20 catches (14.8). Jarrod Roach is a soph who started 10 games at TE last year and was the #3 rec with 22. Everyone else is back. I list the two deep below and Burns signed 5 true frosh WR's this year. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year and looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Tulsa returned 3 starters to this unit but went from averaging 4.1 ypc down to 3.3 and from allowing 20 sacks to allowing 41. They had to replace 2 starters in 2000 but had 5 players returning with starting experience. However, they lost one projected starter prior to the season and then his replacement went down after 2 games to injury. The team averaged just 2.9 ypc and allowed 34 sacks in 2000. This year they must replace RG Steve Schiller (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and LG Steve Wiedowor (12 sts, 3 yr st'r). Four players return with starting experience and this is, of course, the second year of the new system. Burns also brings in a couple of HT true frosh that could contend for playing time (see Top Newcomers). Almost everyone is bigger thanks to a solid year in the weight room and adds an extra year of maturity. The Hurricane really struggled to establish the rush, especially early last year. It looks like this unit, although equal in experience, will probably have more success.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hurricane was horrible in this area in 1996 and 1997, allowing 5.5 and 5.8 ypc. They made strides in both 1998 and 1999, improving to 4.3 and 4.4 ypc rushing allowed but failed to get much pressure on opposing QB's with just 17 and 15 sacks. Last year it looked like Tulsa had a veteran unit, as they had to replace just one starter and had 9 lettermen returning. Two of those lettermen missed the year due to injuries and surprisingly the defense took a step back, allowing 5.1 ypc while only recording 12 sacks. It was a very small front with DT Da'Mond Robinson weighing just 249 lbs and he had 12 starts and 9.5 tfl. Also NG Jeff Hewitt, an 11 game starter from 1999, got in just 5 starts due to injury. They depart as does DE Chris Odom (10 sts, 7.5 tfl). I list the 2 deep below. Six players return with starting experience as do Mallory and Gray, both of whom missed last year. They bring in a JUCO transfer who adds size to the front which is actually a fairly deep unit. They also move in starting OLB Brad Hawkins to a DE spot. This group is a little bigger than last year and in the second year of the new system, should make significant progress.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tulsa switched to the 4-4 defense that Arkansas uses with the BANDIT and ROVER being the hybrid LB/DB positions. I list the BANDIT here with the LB's and the ROVER as a 4th DB. Last year they had to replace just one starter and one backup due to graduation but still struggled. This year they lose their top player in Ashon Farley (#1 tackler, 9 tfl, HM WAC) as well as backup BANDIT Chris Miller (1 st, 34 tfls) and OLB Brad Hawkins moves to DE. Harold Burgess moved to the BANDIT spot for the final 2 games last year after starting 8 at FS so they have 2 full-time starters returning to the unit. They are also very high on Michael Dulaney who is an Oklahoma transfer that had one start and 30 tackles as a true frosh at OU. He is the top athlete of this group. Including Dulaney, there are 7 players listed in the 2 deep below with starting experience. Jorma Bailey was in his first year at LB last year after moving from RB and should be stronger, and Philip Abode, who had 11 starts in 1997 and 1998 but missed last year with injury, now returns. Despite the loss of their top player, I'll call this unit stronger in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa ranked #80 in my pass D rankings in 1998 but despite having to replace just one starter, they fell to #112 in 1999. Last year they had to replace a #5 draft pick in the NFL who was 1st Team WAC as well as 2 others who combined for 2 starts. With 3 starters back they improved to #76, allowing 55.6% with a 19-10 ratio. This year practically everyone is back with the only losses being CB Sedrick Lusk (2 sts, 11 tfls) and CB Frankie Johnson (1 st, 3 tfls). They move Harold Burgess to BANDIT which is a hybrid DB/LB position so I'll once again call this unit having 3 starters back and 5 players with starting experience. Not only are they experienced, but they also got a pair of JUCO transfers in CB Don Gibson and SS Reginald Reese for the spring. Burns calls Gibson a great cover corner and Reese a top-notch safety and both should have an impact as could Matt Kraus (6-0 174 So), a transfer from Merrimack College. By the end of 2000, three true frosh took over starter's roles and Scott, Steptoe and Delonia should each be stronger with a year of seasoning. This group is even a little more experienced than last year, has added talent and should continue to improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dave Rader usually did a good job with this group as they ranked #48, #41 and #25 from 1996-98. In his final year not much

TULSA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Ken Bohanon	202	820	18	802	10	4.0					
Eric Richardson	72	432	24	408	3	5.7					
Donté Hart	78	206	35	171	3	2.2					
Josh Blankenship	81	217	236	-19	1	-0.2					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
J. Blankenship	379	196	51.7	2507	9	11					
Michael Wall	27	15	55.6	199	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Donald Shoals	80	1195	14.9	5	76						
Corey Brown	45	522	11.6	3	78						
Jarrod Roach	22	229	10.4	0	29						
Andrew LeCrone	20	295	14.8	1	49						
Darrell Wimberly	10	148	14.8	0	41						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Casey Lipscomb	64	2515	39.3	-	34.4	3					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Chris Earnest	2-3	6-7	4-7	0-0	12-17	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ashon Farley	115	1	8	3	0	CJ Scott	46	0	5	6	5
K. McCorry	78	0	1	4	1	Chris Odom	38	1.5	6	1	0
D. McLaughlin	62	2.5	8	0	0	Chris Miller	34	0	2	1	0
H. Burgess	60	0	1	7	1	Brett Butler	28	0	0	5	0
Chad Smith	55	1	4	1	0	Jeff Hewitt	22	0.5	2	0	0
Brad Hawkins	53	1	5	0	1	Sam Rayburn	21	0	3	0	0
D. Robinson	48	1.5	8	0	0	Jorma Bailey	18	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
D. Shoals	17	266	15.6	2	Jorma Bailey	12	198	16.5	0		

went right for the team including this area which finished #105 overall. That ranking did not even include their paltry FG kicking in which Chris Earnest hit just 3 of 9 with a long of 39. Earnest made tremendous strides last year hitting his first 9 FG's (giving him a school record 10 in a row before finally missing). He finished the year hitting 12 of 17 with a long of 47 and earned HM WAC honors. He returns for his senior season. P Casey Lipscomb was forced into action as a frosh in 1998 and averaged 38.0 and improved to 40.7 in 1999. Last year he slipped a little to 39.3 but maintained his 34.4 net. Donald Shoals is an outstanding PR and was the first Tulsa returnman to have 2 TD's in that area in one year since 1970. His 15.6 avg on PR's ranked him 10th in the NCAA and he returns. Tulsa allowed only 18.4 per KR and have their kickoff man back. Jorma Bailey was the top KR man but averaged just 16.5. Burns brings in JUCO Gibson who averaged 30.8 on KR's at JC and also blocked 2 kicks. Last year another JC transfer, Reese, had 4 blocked kicks at JC so you can tell where Burns' focus may be. Overall, Tulsa finished #61 last year and looks very solid in this category this season and may even flirt with top 20 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in 5 straight New Year's Day bowl games but have only gone to 5 bowl games total since 1964. Dave Rader took over in 1988 and guided the team to a pair of bowl games in his first 3 years but then from 1992-1999 failed to top 4 wins in a season and was replaced. Keith Burns, who helped the revival at Arkansas, came over and promised a bowl back in August. He had a team that had just 8 seniors and 7 true frosh started. Still, they managed to bag 5 wins in his inaugural season. Burns has the team excited and coaches usually make a big improvement in their 2nd season as the players are more familiar with their systems and they in turn with the players. Offensively Tulsa averaged just 20 ppg but have one of the league's top QB's, Josh Blankenship, back and hope that Eric Richardson can match his performance over the final 2 games of 2000 at RB. They also have some quality WR's led by Donald Shoals and a veteran O-line that will be much more potent. Jeff McInerney was the new DC last year and they held TCU to 88 yards below their average (actually outgained the Frogs 294-285) but also gave up 450 yards rushing vs N Mexico St. Overall they made dramatic strides, decreasing the ppg allowed from 35.1 in 1999 to 23.6 last year. Eight starters are back on that side of the ball and there should be continued improvement. I have 7 sets of power ratings and 2 of them actually show Tulsa as the #2 team in the league talent-wise. The Hurricane have had 9 consecutive losing seasons but I will call for that streak to end this year and list Tulsa as a contender in a much improved WAC conference.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JOSH BLANKENSHIP JR. 6-2 215 PS#53. Started L/S as true, 1416 yds (51%), 7-15 ratio, 139 rush, 12 sts ly. 2507 yds (52%), 9-11 ratio, 217 rush, James Kilian (6-3 205 rFr) PS#105.
RB ERIC RICHARDSON SO. 5-9 170 PS#358. 17 yds as true until final 2, 194 & 206 yds, 6.5 ypc! Ken Bohanon (6-1 241 Sr) PS#72LB, 430 yds in '98 & '99, 12 sts, 802 yds (4.0) ly.
WR Cole McInair rFr. 6-5 200 PS#123. 87 rec's, 20.4 average in HS. Brandon Birks (5-10 170 Jr) 1 start as rFr, 7 rec (11.9), 6 games. Clint Roundtree PS#207WR.
WR DONALD SHOALS SR. 5-10 175 JC trans. 5 sts, #3 w/30 rec here in '99, 11.3 1st tm WAC in '00, 80 rec (14.9), 12 sts, #1 in WAC in rec'yds. Jarrell Nixon (6-2 221 PS#287).
WR Darrell Wimberly So. 6-0 195 PS#221WR, 3 starts as true, 10 rec (14.8), added 25 lbs. Montese Culton (6-4 170 rFr) was PS#290. Jermaine Landrum is PS#175RB.
TE JARROD ROACH SO. 6-3 216 PS#298DB, 10 sts as rFr, 22 rec (10.4), moved from WR. Derrick Williams (6-2 205 rFr) PS#290WR, Josh Reed (6-5 240 rFr) was PS#145TE.
C ANTHONY TAYLOR JR. 6-1 272 Walk-on in '98. Added 11 lbs in '99, 10 starts at C last year, 1 letter. Rob Frederick (6-4 317 rFr) PS#435OL. Derek Warehime is PS#112.
RG Matt Black So. 6-2 304 PS#98OL, 12 games as 2nd string as true, added 19 lbs. Austin Chadwick (6-2 253 So) PS#145TE, 2 rec last year at TE & moves to OL.
LG Jason Daniluk Jr. 6-6 320 Squad member in '99. Started first 2 in 2000 but broke ankle, added 10 lbs. Tony Kalic (6-4 308 So) PS#110TE in '99, 12 gms as 2nd string ly.
RT JAKE STOETZNER JR. 6-6 306 7 gms as rFr, 1 start at LT, 12 starts at RT in 2000, added 10 lbs. Zack Newby (6-3 289 So) PS#175, played 2nd string as true, 7 games.
LT KEVIN SHAFFER SR. 6-5 290 PS#337DL, 6 games as true, 11 sts at RT in '99, 12 sts at LT ly. NFL potential. Tony Guined (6-7 256 rFr) PS#435, Victor Mercado PS#96.
K CHRIS EARNST SR. 6-2 209 3 of 5 FG's as true (1 of 3 xp's), 3 of 9 FG's in '99, long of 39. Hit 12 of 17 FG's in 2000, long of 47, 24 of 26 xp's, 10 straight FG's at one point.

DE BRAD HAWKINS JR. 6-3 230 PS#233LB, 10 sts in '99 at OLB, 52 tfls, 9 tfl, 8 sts ly, 53 tfls, 6 tfl. Sammy Umobong (6-3 240 So) PS#183, 10 tfls, 3 tfl ly. Jeremy Davis (6-1 250 So).
DT D'Wayne McIntosh Jr. 6-5 270 PS#280JC, 14 sts at JC last year. Josh Walker (6-4 240 rFr) PS#64LB, added 19 lbs. Matt Mallory (6-6 257 Jr) PS#95TE, 2 sts, 24 tfls in '99.
NG SAM RAYBURN SO. 6-3 290 PS#415, 2 kts as true, 6 sts ly, 21 tfls, 3 tfls, added 30 lbs. Justin Dixon (6-1 237 Sr) PS#299, 33 tfls, 6 tfl, 3 years. Lee Vick had 1 start, 12 tfls ly.
DE DREW MCLAUGHLIN SR. 6-3 225 15 tfls as rFr, 8 sts in '99, 31 tfls, 1 sk, 11 sts ly, #3 w/62 tfls, #1 w/10.5 tfl. Jason Collier (6-3 236 So) PS#139DL, Michael Ware (6-3 218 rFr) PS#367.
LB JORMA BAILEY SO. 6-0 180 DNQ in '99, 3 sts at LB as true, 18 tfls, 1 tfl. Phil Abode (6-1 190 Sr) 11 sts in '97-98, 84 tfls, 5 tfl, 7 tfls in '99. Inj ly. Rockie Young (5-7 171 Jr).
LB Michael Dulaney Jr. 6-2 218 PS#203, 1 st at Oklahoma as true, 30 tfls, 1 tfl. Jason Wiltshire (6-3 215 So) PS#140, 1 start, 14 tfls as true. Ryan Cook (6-3 215 Sr) PS#89DL.
BAN HAROLD BURGESS SR. 5-11 188 PS#169RB, 7 sts, 59 tfls in '98-99 in '99, 10 sts ly (8 at FS, 2 at BAN), 60 tfls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Chad Smith (5-11 189 So) PS#229, 9 sts, 55 tfls, 5 tfl ly.
CB C.J. SCOTT SO. 5-7 160 PS#192WR, 11 sts as true, 46 tfls, 5 tfl, 5 int, 6 pbu, HM WAC. Brett Butler (6-0 175 Jr) 8 sts at FS in '99, 3 int's, 39 tfls, 6 sts at CB ly, 1 pbu.
CB SHERMAN STEPTOE SO. 5-9 175 PS#380DB, 4 starts as true, 10 tfls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Don Gibson (5-10 185 Jr) 15 pbu, 30.8 KR average, 82 tfls at JUCO last year, in for spring.
RO KEITHAN MCCORRY JR. 6-0 177 PS#289, 10 starts at CB, 43 tfls, 3 tfl as rFr, 12 sts at ROV ly, #2 w/78 tfls, 4 pbu. Reginald Reese (5-11 185 Jr) 90 tfls, 7 tfl at JUCO ly, in for spring.
FS GEORGE DELONIA JR. 6-0 178 PS#380, Started last 4 as true, 15 tfls, Terrell Siegfried (5-9 160 Jr) has 2 tfls, 7 games, 2 years. Chris Benson (6-1 180 Fr) is PS#127DB.
P CASEY LIPSCOMB SR. 6-0 234 25 punts as rFr, 38.0 average, 61 punts in '99, 40.7 average & net of 34.4, 64 punts 2000, 39.3 average & net of 34.4, 13 were inside the 20.

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 DL Mark Holata 6-3 255 PS#168
 RB Jermaine Landrum 5-10 160 PS#175
 DL Brandon Lohr 6-1 245 PS#185
 WR Clint Roundtree 6-1 190 PS#207
 DE D'Wayne McIntosh 6-5 270 PS#280
 DB Jermaine Holata 6-3 255 PS#168
 LB Josh Dugan 5-11 215 PS#261
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tulsa has had 9 consecutive SU losing seasons.
UT is 2-18 SU, 5-15 ATS since 1989 in their 2nd straight away game.
Golden Hurricane are 1-4 ATS vs Colorado St since 1988.
Tulsa is 4-2 ATS their last 6 vs the Big East.
The road team is 4-1 SU & 3-2 ATS in the TCU matchup.

UT leads this series 5-0 SU with their last meeting back in '84. UT won 24-17.
Won't apply here but Tulsa is 3-11 ATS their last 14 tries as a HF.

Bonus: OU leads this series meeting 11-7-1 SU.

UT is 2-8 SU & 2-7 ATS since 1994 after a bye week.
Tulsa is 0-5-1 ATS their last 6 lined road openers.

Golden Hurricane are 21-31 ATS in their last 52 WAC contests.
Tulsa is 13-23 the last 5 years after a SU loss.

UT is 9-13 ATS since 1984 when traveling to a Texas school.
Pending the previous week, UT has dropped 28 of 39 conf gms SU.

UT leads this series 15-3 SU but lost 28-42 to NMSU last year.
Tulsa is 5-15 ATS in October the last 5 years.

UT is 3-1 ATS in their last 4 sandwiched road games.
Prior to the season the Hurricane were 5-19-1 ATS last 25 as a road dog.

Pending earlier results, Tulsa is 8-12 ATS L/20 sandwiched HG's.
The home team is 0-2 ATS the last 2 years.

Tulsa is 15-27-1 ATS as an underdog the last 5 years.
Pending earlier result w/OU, UT is 0-10 ATS their L/10 on grass.

Tulsa is 11-18 ATS in their last 29 November games.
Louisiana Tech is 4-1 SU vs the Golden Hurricane.

Have met each of the last 5 years & Tulsa is 1-4 SU & ATS.
Golden Hurricane are 2-10 ATS in their last 12 road finales.

SMU leads the all-time series 6-2 SU & 5-1 ATS.
Tulsa is 3-5 ATS since 1992 in their home finale.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Indiana St (Thurs)	A												
Sep. 8														
Sep. 15	at Oklahoma	G												
Sep. 22	Fresno St	A												
Sep. 29	at UTEP	A												
Oct. 6	N Mexico St (HC)	A												
Oct. 13	at Boise St	A												
Oct. 20	Hawaii	A												
Oct. 27	at San Jose St	G												
Nov. 3	Louisiana Tech	A												
Nov. 10	at Rice	A												
Nov. 17	SMU	A												
Nov. 24														

STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	4-7	2-9	4-7	2-9	5-7	24-54
ATS	5-4	5-5	4-7	4-6-1	3-7	2-8	7-5	30-42-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	2-7
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	13-11
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-3
Away Dog	4-1	2-2	1-3	2-3-1	0-4	1-4	1-4	11-21-1
Favorite	0-3	1-1	1-3	0-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	6-10
Dog	5-1	4-4	3-4	4-5-1	2-6	2-7	4-5	24-32-1
Grass	1-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	0-2	0-3	0-4	6-17
Artificial	4-3	3-3	3-5	2-3-1	3-5	2-5	7-1	24-25-1
vs Conf	2-3	0-0	2-6	4-4	2-6	2-5	5-3	17-27
vs Non-Conf	3-1	5-5	2-1	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	13-15-1
Off SU Win	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-2	3-1	10-12
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-2	2-4	3-5	2-5	2-6	4-3	19-27

Coach: KEITH BURNS (Career 5-7)
Burns' records AT TULSA

2nd Year at Tulsa	2-0	Home Favorite
5-7 Straight Up	3-1	Home Underdog
7-5 Vs The Spread	1-0	Away Favorite
4-3 Off A S/U Loss	1-4	Away Underdog
5-3 Vs Conference	2-2	Vs Non-Conf

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
64	Bluebonnet	NL	Mississippi	14-7	-
65	Bluebonnet	NL	Tennessee	6-27	-
76	Independence	NL	McNeese St	16-20	-
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27	W
91	Freedom	+2'	San Diego St	28-17	W

TULSA (5-7)

CONFERENCE:
WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 40 (17,20,3)
DEFENSE: 8 Lost: 15 (6,9,0)

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
5*	20.0	19	112	2.9	226	51.7	16.9	0	2000	8	23.6	19	210	5.1	176	55.6	16.4
5	20.9	18	114	3.3	203	55.0	15.2	-8	1999	6	35.1	21	188	4.4	225	61.3	11.8
6*	20.2	21	169	4.1	212	56.1	18.1	-6	1998	7	23.5	19	189	4.3	157	51.9	19.8
7	23.5	20	141	4.1	226	52.3	15.6	-19	1997	4	38.7	25	310	5.8	182	60.1	12.7
8*	22.3	21	175	4.1	209	45.9	17.2	-4	1996	6	30.3	21	264	5.5	176	48.2	14.6
8*	21.2	18	179	3.8	140	48.2	15.1	+10	1995	6	27.3	22	178	4.1	225	57.4	14.8

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Carolina	11	27-19	0.7	17-38	214	3	20	44-173	3.9	16-30	242	1	+1
Oklahoma St	21	30-62	2.1	28-49	373	2	16	38-247	6.5	11-20	166	0	-2
at Rice	10	36-73	3.0	10-27	194	2	21	62-335	5.4	6-21	82	2	+2
Louisiana Tech	21	44-168	3.8	14-28	141	1	21	42-196	4.7	14-24	141	1	+3
at Hawaii	14	39-98	2.5	16-25	145	1	20	18-31	1.7	31-48	313	2	+3
UTEP	14	26-6	0.2	19-36	237	4	21	49-264	5.4	17-23	204	2	-3
at N Mexico St	20	40-86	2.2	14-26	306	4	26	53-450	8.5	10-15	144	1	+1
TCU	18	39-72	1.8	18-39	222	5	15	46-223	4.8	7-12	62	1	-3
at Fresno St	26	32-78	2.4	30-55	352	5	17	37-199	5.4	17-24	252	1	-3
at SMU	21	38-85	2.2	19-36	227	5	16	39-177	4.5	14-19	157	0	+1
San Jose St	26	52-327	6.3	12-27	138	1	21	37-206	5.6	12-33	196	0	0
Nevada	22	54-273	5.1	14-22	157	1	10	24-17	0.7	13-33	153	1	0
TOTALS	224	457-1347	2.9	211-408	2706	34	224	489-2518	5.1	168-302	2112	12	0
AVERAGES	18.7	38-112	2.9	18-34	226	2.8	18.7	41-210	5.1	14-25	176	1.0	0.0

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-1	10-17	L	at Cincinnati	+10	24-34	T	SW Missouri St	NL	49-14	-	at N Carolina	+17'	9-30	L	at N Carolina	+17'	9-30	L
at Oklahoma St	+3	9-30	L	at Iowa	+26	16-54	L	Oklahoma St	+8'	35-20	W	Oklahoma St	+14	26-36	W	Oklahoma St	+14	26-36	W
Iowa	+18	27-20	W	Missouri	+5'	21-42	L	at W Virginia	+13	21-44	L	at Rice	+10	23-16	W	at Rice	+10	23-16	W
at Oklahoma	+9'	31-24	W	Rice	+10	24-42	L	San Diego St	-10	14-24	L	Louisiana Tech	-6'	22-10	W	Louisiana Tech	-6'	22-10	W
Colorado St	+1	20-14	W	UTEP	-13'	18-33	L	at Colorado St	+9'	7-34	L	at Hawaii	-3'	24-14	W	at Hawaii	-3'	24-14	W
BYU	+10	30-55	L	at TCU	+7'	33-22	W	at Rice	+3'	10-14	L	UTEP	+3	7-40	L	UTEP	+3	7-40	L
at Utah	+13'	19-45	L	at Colorado St	+23	8-44	L	Air Force	+11	21-42	L	at New Mexico St	+7'	28-42	L	at New Mexico St	+7'	28-42	L
New Mexico	-1	23-34	L	Utah	+10'	21-13	W	at UNLV	-3'	20-16	W	TCU	+27'	3-17	W	TCU	+27'	3-17	W
TCU	-5'	24-31	L	at BYU	+18	39-49	W	at SMU	+9'	3-33	L	at Fresno St	+18'	12-34	L	at Fresno St	+18'	12-34	L
at UTEP	-7	38-21	W	SMU	+7'	41-42	W	TCU	+5'	7-17	L	at SMU	+2'	20-24	W	at SMU	+2'	20-24	W
at Rice	+11	14-42	L	at New Mexico	+14'	13-51	L	Wyoming	+10'	35-0	W	San Jose St	+10	28-17	W	San Jose St	+10	28-17	W
												Nevada	-12'	38-3	W	Nevada	-12'	38-3	W

RICE OWLS



After an injury last season, NG BJ Forguson looks to earn 1st Team WAC honors.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Owls were very inexperienced at this position heading into last year as they had to replace their top 2 QB's and then were decimated by injuries throughout the year. In all, four different QB's played. Jeremy Hurd, who is the fastest QB, began the year as a starter but broke a finger in the opener and was not as effective the rest of the year as he suffered through a case of fumbleitis and played in just 6 games. He ended up rushing for 326 gross yards (5.2) while throwing for 129 (32%). Corey Evans replaced him and had 5 starts while playing in 8 games but vs TCU suffered a concussion and a broken kneecap which put him out for the rest of the year. He rushed for 473 yards (4.4) and passed for 271 (30%). Evans missed spring due to injury. Kyle Herm (5-8 175 So) played in 7 games before breaking his collarbone. He rushed for 136 yards (6.5) and passed for 47 (43%). Hurd is a member of the Rice track team, running the 4x400 relay while Corey Evans runs 100 meters in 10.38 so both have blazing speed. Also playing last year was Ben Wulf who took all of the snaps last spring at RB but was forced to move back to QB due to the injuries and got in 3 starts rushing for 235 yards (3.8) and passing for 449 (46%). He was the best passer here since Josh LaRocca but injuries shortened his season as well and now he departs. Rice passed a lot more this spring to try to open up the offense and also give the defense more looks against a passing offense. That should make them a little more effective in the passing game. Overall this unit has much more experience than it did heading into last year and can only be healthier. I look for much improved production out of this speedy group of QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Owls had 10 of their top 12 RB's returning although their leading rusher in 1999 was their QB. The leading returning RB, Leroy Bradley, had 503 yards (5.7) in 1999 but the offense became FB oriented last year with the top 2 RB rushers both being from that position. Jamie Tyler is back for his 4th season and has 24 career starts and rushed for 614 yards in 1998 and 738 the last 2 years (missed 4 in '99 with injury). Robbie Beck was the 2nd leading rusher with 358 yards (4.6) as a true frosh. I list the 2 deep below and Hatfield recruits a lot of speed at this position including PS#64 QB this year in Kevin Ford who could play right away. The only losses this year are Anthony Griffin (3 sts, 216 yards, 4.9) and Adrian Sadler (5 sts, 280 yards rush & rec). Once again, everyone else is back so this group should put up better numbers.

RECEIVERS - While the offense is not exactly becoming Air Hatfield, Rice has shown a dramatic increase in pass completions lately, going from 25 total receptions in 1997 to 38 in 1999 and 58 last year. In 2000 they had to

replace their top WR and TE but even with banged up QB's, surprisingly showed improvement. No Rice TE had caught a pass since 1997 but last year Manning and Thompson combined for 8 grabs as they are a little lighter than normal Rice TE's. Hatfield's top recruit last year was actually a WR in Gavin Boothe (PS#73) and he ended up leading the team in receptions with 18 and a solid 17.4 as a true frosh. All of the key players are back from this unit and with healthier QB's, the completion totals should continue to rise.

OFFENSIVE LINE - LT Rod Beavan set a Rice record for career starts with 47 and is the lone starting offensive lineman that the Owls must replace this season. The Owls must also replace backup OG Joe Davis. In 1998 for the first time in 2 years, Rice dropped below 5 yards per carry rushing to 4.5. They continued to drop in 1999 down to 4.3 despite having 3 starters returning. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and then lost a 3rd in C Aaron Sandoval prior to the season so they had just 2 returning. They dropped again, averaging just 4.1 ypc and allowing 21 sacks, which is a very high number for a team that does not throw the ball often. Four starters return plus Sandoval is back and he was a 2 year starter prior to his injury. Beavan's loss is a big one but this group is clearly more experienced and should fuel one of Rice's more potent offenses in recent times.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A big part of the reason Rice did not live up to my expectations last year was probably the injuries they suffered at the QB and DL positions. Last year they started with 14 DL's but towards the end of the year only had 5 healthy. The Owls only allowed 3.9 ypc rushing in 1999 and had 7 of their top 8 DL's back but lost their top DL in Judd Smith. BJ Forguson then went down to injury in Week 4 and only had 5 starts. This year the only losses are DE Jake Jackson (11 sts, 39 tkl, 10 tfl, Top DL Award) and DE Jarrett Erwin (4 sts, 13 tkl, 2 tfl). Thanks to last year's injuries 8 players return with starting experience and Forguson would have won the Top DL Award had he not been injured. He and Brown give Rice something unusual for an Owl group and that is large, dominating defensive tackles in the middle in a unit that traditionally struggles to provide size. Provided they do not run into the rash of injuries they did last year, this should be one of Rice's better D-lines in recent history.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Rice had to replace one starter and a backup with 2 starts. Dan Dawson was also coming off a broken leg which forced him to miss the last 2 games in 1999 and also missed spring of 2000 practices. Dawson simply rebounded and tied for the team's lead in tackles last year and also had 7 int's, 9 pbu and 9 tfl. The good news for Rice this year is not only is Dawson back but the top 6 LB's all return. This unit also has a couple of talented rF coming in like Terry Holley (6-2 190, PS#250QB), Gabe Howe (6-1 204, PS#400QB, 4.7 speed) and Jeremiah Ramer (6-2 229, PS#380LB, added 19 lbs). With everyone back and added talent, this should be one of Rice's strongest LB corps in recent years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Owl secondary does not get a lot of practice time against pass attacks (their offense runs the wishbone) as I've been mentioning for years. Rice finished in the 70's in my pass D rankings from 1996 to 1998 and dropped to #85 in 1999. Last year they had 3 starters returning, having to replace only 2 backups, and they managed to climb to their highest finish in 5 years at #60. They allowed 60.5% completions but only a 19-18 ratio and keep in mind they took on potent pass attacks like Michigan, Oklahoma, Hawaii and others. This year they must replace 2 starters in CB Josh McMillan (11 sts, 2 int, 9 pbu, 2 yr str) and SS Travis Ortega (4.38 spd, 11 sts, #3 tkl'r, 2 int, 7 pbu). As I mentioned in the QB section, one of the reasons Rice passed more in the spring was to give the secondary a better look at what they might see from their opponents. This year Hatfield has 4 rF to plug in and 6 of the top 8 return including Jason Hebert who was 2nd Team WAC in 1999. This has the makings of a decent secondary, but it will be tough to climb much higher in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hatfield usually places a priority on special teams and they had a pair of top 20 finishes in my rankings in 1995 & 96. Surprisingly the last 3 years, they've been below average with finishes at #78 in 1998, #94 in 1999 and #96 last year. LB Jeff Vanover was voted the top special teams player as a frosh and should help the coverage units even more. One area they really struggled in was KR defense in which they allowed 23.4 per return, failing to replace super KO man Scott Grimes. I look for improvement in that area. All of the top KR's and PR's are back and since they were below average last year, can only improve. P Travis Hale is back for his 3rd year and showed improvement, going from a 41.5 avg (32.4 team net) to a 41.8 avg and net of 34.5. Rice had averaged 22.6, 21.0, 20.3 and 20.8 in 4 years prior to last year on KR's but averaged a feeble 14.9 in 2000 and will definitely need to improve in that category. K Derek Crabtree was solid, hitting 8 of 12

RICE 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	TD	AVG
Jamie Tyler	95	402	2	400	5.4
Corey Evans	107	473	78	395	5.3
Robbie Beck	77	362	4	358	7.4
Jeremy Hurd	63	326	46	280	0.4
Leroy Bradley	47	224	4	220	1.7
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD
Ben Wulf	66	30	45.5	449	4
Corey Evans	57	17	29.8	271	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Gavin Boothe	18	313	17.4	3	32
Gilbert Okoronkwo	11	136	12.4	1	21
Brandon Manning	5	42	8.4	0	10
Adrian Sadler	4	156	39.0	1	68
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET
Travis Hale	54	2256	41.8	9	34.5
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL
Derek Crabtree	3-3	4-6	1-2	0-1	8-12
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TRF	PBU	INT
Dan Dawson	88	0	9	9	7
R. Pittman	88	0	9	3	1
Travis Ortega	77	0	5	7	2
Jason Hebert	67	0	1	3	2
Jeff Vanover	50	2	4	1	0
J.B. Thompson	48	0	4	0	0
Greg Gatlin	41	0	6	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kyle Herm	9	50	5.6	0	17
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sean White	22	359	16.3	0	10

FG's with a long of 42 one year after 8 of 9 in 1999. Brandon Skeen (6-1 185 So) was PS#68K and hit a 47 yard FG as a true frosh and could see action at both K and P. Skeen does have a powerful leg and should aid the KO area. This unit could easily move into the upper half of my rankings this year.



FB Jamie Tyler was Rice's leading rusher in 2000 and gained 4.2 ypc.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice is a small school in Div IA with only 46,000 alumni and only 2,800 undergraduate students and they must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium. 2000's average home attendance was 19,177. It's no wonder that despite consecutive 7-4 records in 1996 and 1997 this school did not get to a bowl (sparse following). In fact, they have not been to a bowl for 39 consecutive seasons. Rice was actually in contention for league championships for 4 straight years only to lose key games in November. Last year Rice appeared to be in solid shape but then saw its defensive line and QB positions annihilated by injuries and they limped to a poor 3-8 finish, their worst since 1995. They have been more like a Service Academy in the Hatfield era, graduating a large percentage of starters each year as he prefers to play seniors. Last year's squad had just 11 seniors while this year 27 seniors return including 23 fifth year seniors. Due to injuries, Rice players missed a total of 74 starts last year but they still almost upset Fresno St. This is by far Hatfield's most experienced team ever with 17 returning starters and 50 letterman back. I do 7 sets of power ratings at the start of the year and the Owls come up second best in the conference in 2 of them so this team is loaded. They have averaged 21 ppg in each of the last 3 years but should top that figure this year. They should also turn around their offensive ypc rushing which has gotten weaker 4 straight years as they have 9 starters back on that side of the ball and can only have better health at QB. They have unusual size on the defensive line, especially in the middle, and that unit will benefit from the experience they gained last year. Last season I actually called for Rice to make it to a bowl (oops) but I did not anticipate the injuries. This year I think the Owls have an excellent shot at not only a winning season, but ending the 40 year bowl drought.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JEREMY HURD SO. 5-10 160 PS#165, Rice 4x400 relay tm. 3 sts as rF (inj) 129 pass (32%), 326 rush. **Corey Evans** (5-11 170 Sr) PS#105, 10.38 in 100m, 271 yds (30%), 473 rush. **RHB LEROY BRADLEY SR.** 5-11 205 1 st as rF, 85 yds (5.7), 11 sts in 99, 503 yds (5.7). 8 sts ly, 220 yds (4.7). **Kevin Ford** is PS#64QB. **Don Pinkerton** (5-9 160 So) PS#197, 438 yds. **LHB VINCENT HAWKINS JR.** 5-6 175 1 st in 99, 95 yds (5.6), 4 sts ly, 196 yds (5.4). **Sean White** (5-6 180 Jr) 2 sts, 134 yds (4.5) in 2000. **Derek Gary** (6-0 204 Sr) 173 yds in 1999. **FB JAMIE TYLER SR.** 5-11 220 8 sts in 98, 614 yds (4.2), 6 sts in '99 (miss a f) 338 yds (4.1). 10 sts ly, 400 yds (4.2). **Robbie Beck** (5-11 212 So) 1 st as true, 358 yds (4.6). **WR GAVIN BOOHE SO.** 6-2 185 PS#73WR, 5 sts as true, #1 w/18 rec (17.4). **Gilbert Okoronkwo** (6-3 204 Sr) PS#178, 5 sts 3Y, 24 rec (13.4). **Matt Webber** (5-10 175 Sr) 2 sts ly. **TE BRANDON MANNING SR.** 6-4 245 3 starts in 98, 10 games in 99, 0 rec. 10 starts ly, 5 rec (8.4). **Travis Thompson** (6-2 240 Jr) 6 games in 1999, 2 starts ly, 3 rec (9.7). **C AARON SANDOVAL SR.** 6-2 295 PS#239, 11 games as rF, 10 sts as RT in '99, 11 sts at RT in 1999, inj. **Brandon Wallace** (6-1 262 Sr) Trinitiy trans. L/S starts at C in 2000. **RG RYAN SMITH SR.** 6-2 319 PS#56DL, 5 tkl in DL in '98, 7 games on OL in '99, 10 sts at RG in 2000 & added 19 lbs. **Ben Stephens** (6-2 290 So) PS#216, 6 sts at C as rF, 1 sts at LG in 2000. **Keith Meyer** (6-3 284 Jr) PS#78OL, 6 games as rF, 1 start at RG in 2000. **LT BILLY HARVIN SR.** 6-4 275 9 games as rF, 1 start at LT, 11 games in '99, 11 starts at RT in 2000. **Clint Crisp** (6-3 285 Jr) PS#350OL, 10 games in 2 years, 5.3 speed. **LT ANTHONY MOWRY SR.** 6-4 272 PS#68OL, Scout tm as rF, 3 games in 1999, 11 games as 2nd string last year & added 12 lbs. **Micha Meador** (6-3 304 rF) PS#435OL. **K DEREK CRABTREE SR.** 6-4 230 PS#42, 5 of 5 as rF, L41, Hit 8 of 9 FG's in '99, long of 41. Hit 8 of 12 FG's ly, L42, 1 miss from 50+. **Brandon Skeen** PS#68, 47 yd FG ly.

DE CLINT JOHNSON SR. 6-1 250 10 tkl as rF, 5 tfl in 99, 1 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl ly, Nick Sabula (6-2 215 Jr) PS#255, 7 tkl, 1 tfl ly. **ROSS LASSLEY** (6-3 258 So) PS#318, 12 tkl, 4 tfl ly. **DT LARRY BROWN SR.** 6-2 309 PS#108, 2 sts as true, 39 tkl in '98 & '99, 10 sts ly, 34 tkl, 3 tfl, not 100% all year. Added 19 lbs. **Lance Redmon** (6-2 279 So) PS#224DL, 2 sts, 8 tkl, 2 tfl. **NG BJ FORGUSON SR.** 6-3 290 PS#299, 21 tkl, 4 tfl as true, 11 sts in '99, HM WAC, 29 tkl, 9 tfl, 5 sts ly, 4 tfl (inj). **Isaac Allison** (6-3 270 Jr) 3 sts, 18 tkl, 3 tfl ly. **Paxton Corder** 1 st ly. **DE BRANDON GREEN JR.** 6-3 251 11 on DL w/37 tkl, 4 tfl as true, 6 sts ly, 37 tkl, 4 tfl. **sk, 4 tfl.** **Jonathan Chism** (6-3 250 So) PS#179, 12 tkl, 1 tfl as rF. **Danny Cestero** PS#253LB in 99. **SLB RASHARD PITTMAN SR.** 5-11 237 PS#201, 1 start in '99, 52 tkl, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 11 sts ly, #1 w/88 tkl, 9 tfl, 3 pbu, added 12 lbs. **Justin Engler** (6-2 214 Jr) PS#314DB, 37 tkl in 2000. **WLB JOE BOB THOMPSON SR.** 6-0 224 36 tkl as rF, 11 sts in '99, #2 w/73 tkl, 7 tfl, 7 sts ly, 48 tkl, 4 tfl. **Jeff Vanover** (5-11 205 So) PS#237QB, 4 sts, 50 tkl, 2 sks, 4 tfl as rF. **BLB DAN DAWSON SR.** 6-2 200 PS#87QB, 9 sts as rF, 81 tkl, 6 tfl, 9 starts in '99, 67 tkl, 9 tfl, (broken leg). 11 sts ly, #1 w/88 tkl, 9 tfl, 7 int, 9 pbu despite missing spring. **CB KENNY SMITH SR.** 5-7 170 1 start, 9 tkl in 98, 22 tkl, 2 pbu as backup in 99, 9 sts, 32 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Cliff Sparks** (5-9 189 rF) PS#176, 4.5 spd. **Rob McDaniel** (5-10 170 rF). **CB Greg Gatlin Jr.** 6-0 175 PS#242, 26 tkl, 1 int as rF, 2 sts in 2000, 41 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Ray Morris Barnes** (5-9 170 rF) PS#331RB, 4.41 speed. **Jason Benjamin** (5-7 155 So). **SS Patrick Dendy rF.** 6-0 170 PS#380, 4.4 speed. 15 tkl, 7 games as true. **Antwan Shell** (5-11 185 Jr) 10 tkl as rF, 1 int, 1 st ly, 20 tkl, 1 pbu. **Adam Herrin** is PS#220QB. **FS JASON HEBERT SR.** 6-0 192 PS#288LB, 47 tkl as rF, 2 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 2nd TM WAC, 83 tkl, 4 int, 2 tfl, 9 sts ly, 67 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu (inj). **John White** (5-11 170 So) 33 tkl, 1 st ly, P. **TRAVIS HALE JR.** 6-3 201 53 punts as true in 1999, solid 41.5 average & team net of 32.4. Improved in 2000 to average of 41.8, (17 inside the 20) and net of 34.5, 9 were 50+.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Kevin Ford 6-0 190 PS#64
TE Joe Wood 6-3 235 PS#77
QB Greg Henderson 5-11 195 PS#170
DL Jeremy Calahan 6-3 260 PS#291
DL Thomas Lott 5-7 165 PS#307
DL Rishone Evans 5-11 265 PS#328
QB Adam Herrin 6-1 190 PS#220
DL Thadys Pegues 6-1 210 PS#392
DL Pike Pickett 6-3 225 PS#393
QB Dustin Haynes 5-10 180 PS#379
QB Joe Moore 6-0 196 PS#380
RB Marcus Battle 5-11 170 PS#625
DB Michael Merrick 6-0 186 PS#662

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Owls are 12-3 ATS as a home dog under Hatfield.
Rice is 4-9 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1983.
Rice is 13-8 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1988, but 2-5 since 1997.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Houston	G												
Sep. 8	Duke	A												
Sep. 15	at Nebraska	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	at Hawaii	A												
Oct. 6	Boise St	A												
Oct. 13	at Navy	G												
Oct. 20	Nevada	A												
Oct. 27	at Louisiana Tech	G												
Nov. 3	at Fresno St	G												
Nov. 10	Tulsa (HC)	A												
Nov. 17	UTEP	A												
Nov. 24	at SMU	G												

The favorite is 8-2 ATS in the series w/Rice winning SU LY at Pick'em.
The Owls are 10-21 ATS (1-3 LY) on grass since 1992.

Owls have fallen from their perch as a HF with a 7-11-1 mark.
Rice is 2-4-1 ATS in their last 7 home openers.

Owls are 6-2 ATS their last 8 games prior to a bye.
Rice is 3-12 SU, but 10-5 ATS vs current Big 12 teams S/94.

Pending earlier results, Rice is 21-10-1 ATS L/32 on artificial turf.
Owls are 13-24 ATS as a road dog since '91 pending NU outcome.

Rice is 16-4 ATS their last 20 in October.
Owls really give a hoot at home with a 15-4 SU conf mark the L4Y.

Rice is 5-9 ATS the last 10 years in sandwiched away games.
Owls are 1-7 ATS vs Service Academies.

NU was 2-6 ATS & 1-7 SU LY vs WAC opp in their 1st yr in the conf.
LY Rice lost SU 28-34 as 10 pt favs to Nevada in their 1st ever meeting.

Pending earlier results, Rice is 20-11 ATS off a SU win the L7Y.
La Tech was 3-9 SU & 4-6 ATS last year as an Independent.

Owls are 5-10 ATS in their last 15 November road games.
Rice is 0-3 SU & ATS their last 3 trips to the state of California.

Tulsa is 9-13 ATS when travelling to a Texas school since 1984.
Owls have won & covered 4 of the last 5 years in this series.

The visitor has covered 3 of the last 4 meetings.
Owls are 5-8 ATS in their last 13 home finales.

Rice is 3-7 ATS in their last 10 away finales.
The visiting team is 6-4-1 ATS in this series since 1989.

STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	2-8-1	7-4	7-4	5-6	5-6	3-8	34-42-1
ATS	6-5	4-7	7-4	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	5-6	39-37-1
Home Fav	0-2	1-2	1-0	0-3	2-1-1	1-2	2-1	7-11-1
Home Dog	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	12-3
Away Fav	2-2	1-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	2-1	0-1	9-8
Away Dog	2-0	1-3	1-3	2-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	11-15
Favorite	2-4	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2-1	3-3	2-2	16-19-1
Dog	4-1	2-4	4-4	4-0	4-2	2-3	3-4	23-18
Grass	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-3	9-18
Artificial	6-3	3-6	6-1	4-3	3-1-1	4-2	4-3	30-19-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	6-2	3-5	5-2-1	4-3	3-5	28-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	11-13
Off SU Win	3-1	1-1	4-2	4-2	4-1	4-1	0-3	20-11
Off SU Loss	3-3	2-5	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	4-3	17-21

Coach: KEN HATFIELD (Career 147-104-4)
Hatfield's records AT RICE

8th Year at Rice	7-11-1	Home Favorite
34-42-1 Straight Up	12-3	Home Underdog
39-37-1 Vs The Spread	9-8	Away Favorite
17-21 Off A S/U Loss	11-15	Away Underdog
28-24-1 Vs Conference	11-13	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
49	Cotton	NL	N Carolina	27-13	-
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6	-
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20	-
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14	-
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33	-

RICE (3-8)

CONFERENCE:
WAC



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*

DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 50 (22,23,5)

Lost: 11 (6,5,0)

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	21.5	19	233	4.1	81	37.4	14.6	+9	2000	9	29.3	20	134	3.9	245	60.5	12.9
6*	21.5	18	258	4.3	55	39.6	14.5	+1	1999	4	23.7	18	125	3.9	214	61.2	14.4
5	21.4	17	257	4.5	61	37.9	14.9	+7	1998	9	23.4	20	187	4.7	195	57.2	16.4
9*	27.8	21	333	5.3	53	36.2	13.9	-1	1997	6	25.9	19	181	4.8	203	55.5	14.8
7	26.9	19	305	5.3	47	33.3	13.1	-2	1996	5	28.4	20	176	4.7	215	56.7	13.8
7*	19.5	17	223	4.4	108	47.2	16.9	-4	1995	9	25.8	18	176	4.1	178	54.8	13.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE											
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS
Houston	17	61-198	3.2	5-16	85	1	21	29-45	1.6	32-47	349
at Michigan	11	46-164	3.6	5-11	107	1	21	49-230	4.7	13-19	166
Tulsa	21	62-335	5.4	6-21	82	2	10	36-73	2.0	10-27	194
at Oklahoma	14	51-145	2.8	6-12	117	3	24	33-189	5.7	28-36	343
at San Jose St	22	63-191	3.0	8-16	107	7	23	31-121	3.9	26-42	373
Fresno St	24	58-306	5.3	4-13	61	1	22	34-179	5.3	20-31	220
Hawaii	22	69-315	4.6	3-7	45	0	15	9-10	1.1	25-48	227
at TCU	13	52-140	2.7	3-13	46	1	24	51-249	4.9	11-21	151
SMU	15	62-301	4.9	1-5	12	1	15	35-133	3.8	13-26	93
at UTEP	21	43-175	4.1	7-18	130	8	24	35-115	3.3	21-30	339
at Nevada	27	59-293	5.0	10-23	104	0	18	38-129	3.4	17-30	236
TOTALS	207	626-2563	4.1	58-155	896	25	217	380-1473	3.9	216-357	2691
AVERAGES	18.8	57-233	4.1	5-14	81	2.3	19.7	35-134	3.9	20-32	245

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+28	7-70	L
at Tulane	+5	21-14	W
Kansas St	+21	7-34	L
at Air Force	+16	17-45	L
New Mexico	+5	38-21	W
SMU	+1	35-17	W
at UTEP	-5	48-21	W
Utah	+5	51-10	W
at BYU	+12	0-49	L
at TCU	-3	30-17	W
Tulsa	-11	42-14	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Air Force	-7	12-41	L
at Tulane	-3	30-24	W
at Northwestern	+7	40-34	W
Texas	+11	31-38	W
at Tulsa	-10	42-24	W
BYU	+2	27-14	W
at New Mexico	+1	35-23	W
at SMU	-5	6-24	L
TCU	-21	38-19	L
at Utah	E	14-31	L
UTEP	-19	31-13	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-6	23-17	T
at Purdue	+13	19-21	W
at Northwestern	-5	14-23	L
at Texas	+6	21-59	L
at San Jose St	-6	17-20	L
Tulsa	-3	14-10	W
at Wyoming	+7	24-34	L
Colorado St	+10	35-23	W
at TCU	+2	14-12	W
UNLV	-15	38-16	W
at Air Force	+22	16-22	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2	3-28	L
at Michigan	+27	3-37	L
at Texas	+26	13-18	W
Navy	-7	20-17	L
at Tulsa	-5	20-10	W
at Hawaii	-1	38-19	W
San Jose St	-10	49-7	W
TCU	E	42-21	W
at SMU	-10	2-27	L
at Fresno St	+2	18-47	L
UTEP	-8	29-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	E	30-27	W
at Michigan	+27	7-38	L
Tulsa	-10	16-23	L
at Oklahoma	+33	14-42	W
at San Jose St	+6	16-29	L
Fresno St	+8	24-27	W
Hawaii	-11	38-13	W
at TCU	+23	0-37	L
SMU	-9	43-14	W
at UTEP	+13	21-38	L
at Nevada	-10	28-34	L

SMU MUSTANGS



LB Vic Vilorio led the conference with 130 tackles and earned 2nd TM WAC honors in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In Cavan's tenure he has had the tendency to alternate QB's and that was again the case last year. They returned Josh McCown who had 10 starts in 1999 and a 9-3 ratio in the final 5 games of that season. McCown was firmly entrenched as the starter over the first 5 games but had consecutive outings with 4 interceptions vs Houston and San Jose St which prompted Cavan to go with David Page, a JC transfer. Page was PS#116 and originally signed with California in 1998. In one game in JUCO in 1999 he had 570 yards passing. Page started the next 3 games and ended the year with 541 yards (57.7%) but threw 3 int's against Rice and McCown took over for the rest of the year. McCown finished with 1,969 yards (51%) but with a poor 9-16 ratio. McCown was pulled in the finale against TCU after hitting just 4 of 14 for 20 yards and elected to transfer in the offseason. Page will have to battle Kelan Luker (6-1 209 So) who was PS#75 and played 5 games as a true frosh in 1999, throwing for 270 yards (39.3%) with a 1-3 ratio. Luker redshirted last year and was #1 coming out of spring. This year Cavan signed Richard Bartel (PS#96) and Ashton Nixon (PS#186) but both will likely redshirt. Last year's QB's combined for a 13-22 ratio and despite the loss of McCown I look for better numbers out of this unit.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played his collegiate career here. From 1996 to 1998 SMU's rush attack averaged over 4 ypc and 175 ypg. In 1999 those numbers slipped to 119 ypg and 3.1 ypc. Last year they brought in a new system, going to the 1 back offense of Larry Kueck who came over from Mississippi. They had to replace their RB with the most carries from 1999 but returned 2 players who played well as frosh in Kris Briggs and Johnnie Freeman as they averaged 5.1 and 8.7 ypc. Freeman was moved to WR to take advantage of his 4.32 speed but did return to RB vs Tulane with a 102 yard outing and finished with 197 yards rushing (10.4). He will likely be exclusively at WR as he struggled learning the position and needs to spend a lot of time there to reach his potential. Briggs led the team in rushing in 1999 with 522 yards and after not starting the 1st two games last year improved on those numbers. He finished with 828 yards, however his 5.1 ypc of 1999 dropped to 3.6. The team average did not pick up last year as they had just 115.8 ypg and 3.2 ypc. Jason Pipkins (5-10 198 Sr) had 132 yards rushing

(3.0) while Keylon Kincade (5-11 200 So) had 58 yards (3.4) as a true frosh. Pipkins moved to WR in the spring. Derron Brown (5-10 202 rFr) was PS#166 and redshirted in 2000. Briggs was the 3rd leading rusher in the WAC last year despite the lower ypc. Basically everyone returns to this unit so they are more experienced than last year and have some added talent (see Top Newcomers) and I look for Briggs to bring his ypc back to the 1999 level.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 Mike Cavan signed a great class of WR's with 3 HT true frosh and 2 finished the season as starters. Last year practically everyone returned to this unit and this year they once again have everyone back. I list the two deep below. Chris Cunningham was PS#43WR and led the team in rec's in 1999 and missed out by 1 last year mainly because he was bothered by a knee injury all year. He had offseason surgery and is now 100%. The surprise of the 2000 season was TE John Hampton who had an excellent spring, started 10 games and was #1 receiver last year with 46 grabs (12.4). Johnnie Freeman moved over from RB and struggled with the position early in the year but improved as the season progressed, leading the team in receptions in 2 of the last 5 games. I look for big things from him as he has 4.32 speed and he is the team's deep threat. Cody Cardwell was 2nd on the team in rec's as a frosh but slipped last year to #6 with 24 as he missed the final 3 games with a broken hand or undoubtedly would have had more grabs. Billy Ford moved over from LB in the preseason and was the #5 receiver. Once again this unit is more experienced, has added talent, and hopefully better health and should be one of the WAC's better receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Mustangs had to replace 2 starters due to graduation last year but had 5 returnees with starting experience and rushed for 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. This year they once again lose 2 starters in C Rich Nichols (12 sts, 2 yr str) and RT Jeff Exleben (12 sts, 2 yr str, HM WAC). Also departing is backup OT Aaron Ladd. Seven of the top 10 return but this is not an overly deep unit with the 3rd string comprised mostly of true frosh whom Cavan wants to redshirt. RG Thornton Chandler started only 7 games because of injury last year while LG James McCarthy was HM WAC. It's not an overwhelming group but with 3 returning starters, could be stronger as long as they stay healthy.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Mustangs lost a 1st Team WAC DE last year but moved OLB Kevin Aldridge in and returned no less than 7 players with starting experience. Only 1 player on the front was a senior and that was DE/DT Chase Schavda who had 11 starts, 5.5 tfl and was 2nd Tm WAC. This year no less than six players return with starting experience and they have some promising youngsters to plug in. I list the 2 deep below. Cavan says almost every member of this unit got bigger and stronger during the offseason and this should be one of the better defensive lines in the WAC this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last season SMU had to replace their #1 tackler, switched their LB starter to OLB and lost a backup who had one start. They returned two players who combined to start 11 career games including their star, Vic Vilorio (PS#94), who missed the 1st half of the 1998 season and sat out all of the 1999 season for academic reasons. This spot is in good shape this year. Billy Jack Williams, who started the last six in place of Vilorio in 1999, missed the first eight games last year with a broken leg but started the final 3. Jarrian James started the last 5 games as a true frosh and both should be ready for huge seasons. Vilorio is back and simply led the WAC in tackles with 130 while earning 2nd Tm WAC honors. Corey Riley and Brian Bischoff combined to start 13 games last year and this unit goes 3 deep in talented players including six with starting experience. With everyone back, this looks like one of the best LB corps in the WAC this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SMU finished #47 in my pass D rankings in 1998 but had to replace their top 3 CB's in 1999 and slid to #93. Last year they had to replace both starting safeties but had 7 players return with starting experience. Frosh earned a good portion of the playing time as Jonas Rutledge, Leroy Price, Ruben Moody and Matt Rushbrook combined to start 29 games, and two of them were true frosh. This year everyone returns and if you look at the 2 deep below, you will see 9 players with starting experience and the addition of a couple of rFr. Kevin Garrett is one of the best CB's in the WAC. SMU finished #86 last year allowing 56.5% (241 ypg) with a 21-8 ratio. They should make a move up in the pass defense rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Mustangs usually do fairly well in this category, ranking #45, #25, #51, #65 and #48 from 1995-1999. Last year, however, they tumbled to a #99 ranking. Chris Cunningham was a super returner in high school and averaged 33.9 on KR's in 1999 earning 1st Tm WAC honors. He only averaged 18.9 on 19 returns last year (bothered by knee injury) while Johnnie Freeman averaged 23.6. I look for the KR's to be

SMU 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Kris Briggs	231	893	65	828	3	3.6					
Johnnie Freeman	19	209	12	197	2	10.4					
Josh McCown	78	338	163	175	3	2.2					
Jason Pipkins	44	146	14	132	0	3.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Josh McCown	331	169	51.1	1969	9	16					
David Page	104	60	57.7	541	4	6					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
John Hampton	46	572	12.4	4	29						
Chris Cunningham	45	444	9.9	1	36						
Kris Briggs	38	310	8.2	0	30						
Johnnie Freeman	32	399	12.5	5	38						
Billy Ford	28	310	11.1	2	44						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Colin Vadheim	67	2717	40.6	-	Tm(32.6)	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Jacob Crowley	4-4	4-7	2-10	0-0	10-21	43					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vic Vilorio	130	2	8	2	0	J. Rutledge	51	0	0	10	0
Kevin Garrett	76	0	3	12	1	Chris Post	49	1	3	2	0
B. Bischoff	74	0	4	1	0	C. Schavda	45	1.5	4	2	0
K. Aldridge	65	2.5	6	2	1	Lute Croy	44	2	7	0	0
Corey Riley	61	0	4	0	0	J. James	43	1	3	3	1
Leroy Price	58	0	2	2	0	W. Birdwell	41	4	3	1	0
M. Pratt	54	6	8	1	0	M. Rushbrook	39	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
C. Cunningham	21	200	9.5	0	C. Cunningham	19	359	18.9	0		

substantially improved with both players back. Cunningham led the team in PR's in each of the last 2 years, averaging 9.0 and 9.5. They must replace P Colin Vadheim who averaged 40.6 but the team had a net of only 32.6 as they had FIVE punts blocked. Punks in SMU games have become adventures, as they have now had 9 blocked, while blocking 6 over the past 3 years. Adam Walterscheid handles the KO's and had 13 touchbacks last season out of 44 kicks. He was the top P in the spring but two true frosh signees will battle him in the fall and one should win out. Jacob Crowley handled the FG's. He is a Texas A&M transfer but really struggled in his first full year here. He hit only 10 of 21 including just 2 of 10 from 40+ and I look for him to improve, but he will be pressed by the talented frosh as well. As long as a new P emerges, this unit has only one way to go and with dangerous returnmen I can see this unit getting back into the upper half of the rankings this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981 to 1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the Death Penalty hit them in 1987 and since then they have had just one winning season. The team was placed on a 2 year probation and had to cut 8 scholarships over the next 2 years. Last year SMU moved into the refurbished Gerald J. Ford Stadium and played in front of much larger crowds. They always get off to slow starts under Cavan who is now in his 5th year. In the 1H of the season under Cavan they are just 3-19 SU but over the 2H they have played much better ball, going 15-8. They nearly upset Fresno St at Fresno in the 2H of last season. Last year they were using their third offensive system in 3 years and struggled, averaging just 15.1 ppg. They finally have some stability as this will be the second year in Larry Kueck's one back set (the one he brought over from S Miss where he was OC from '97-'99). They have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and although their QB is inexperienced, I like the talent they have to work with and they should be much more potent. SMU is always tough defensively under the tutelage of DC Eric Schumann. They were #3 in the WAC in total defense in 2000 and had only 1 senior on last year's squad so naturally 21 of the top 22 defenders are back. Since the WAC's top defense (TCU) departs, and SMU has so many veteran players, I will rank them as the #1 rated defense in the WAC this year and that should make them a threat in conference play. The Mustangs have three big things going for them this year in the fact that they lose just 8 lettermen (lowest in the conference) and last year were -13 in turnovers (see Turnovers-Turnaround page 277) as well as having the #1 ranked defense. If Cavan can get this team to come out of the gates strong and finally get the offense to be productive, this group will be a clear contender for the WAC Title in 2001.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Kelan Luker So. 6-1 209 PS#75. 270 yds (39%) as true. RS ly. David Page (6-1 180 Jr) PS#116QB in '98, orig at Cal. JC in '99. 3 sts ly. 541 yds (58%), 4-6 ratio, 108 rush. 4.32 spd. 10 sts at WR ly. 32 rec (12.5), 197 yds rush (10.4). Cedric Vinson is PS#124QB.
WR CHRIS CUNNINGHAM JR. 5-8 186 PS#43. 6 sts as true, #1 w/39 rec (14.6) 461 return yds. 10 sts ly. 45 rec (9.9), 559 ret yds. Jason Pipkins (5-10 198 Sr) 4 sts at RB, 211 all pur yds ly.
WR CODY CARDWELL JR. 5-10 177 PS#86. 6 sts as true, 31 rec (15.1), 4 sts in 2000, 24 rec (11.2). Billy Ford (6-2 213 Jr) moved from LB ly. 7 sts at WR, 28 rec (11.1).
TE JOHN HAMPTON JR. 6-2 245 PS#149. 10 sts in 2000, 46 rec (12.4), #1 on team. HM WAC. Michael Brown (6-2 260 Sr) 5 sts as true, 6 sts in 1999, 13 career rec (12.2).
C Steve Reindl So. 6-3 274 DL in HS. 11 games as 2nd string C as rFr and added 14 lbs this year. Eric Neal (6-3 279 rFr). Brandon Luter (6-5 339 rFr) plays OG also.
RG THORNTON CHANDLER JR. 6-2 277 PS#99DL. 9 games at DT as true, 5 tkl's. 7 sts at RG in 2000, added 12 lbs. Kevin Guber (6-5 285 Sr) PS#379. 5 starts at RG in 2000.
LG JAMES MCCARTHY SR. 6-3 294 5 sts as rFr. 8 sts in '99 (inj) 4 at LT, 4 at RG. 12 sts at LG in 2000. HM WAC. Judson Davis (6-5 276 Jr) PS#195 in 1998, 2 years as backup.
RT Sterling Harris So. 6-6 295 PS#47OL in 1999, 10 games as 2nd string LG in 2000 and added 10 lbs. Townsend Hargis (6-4 254 rFr) PS#435OL in 2000 & redshirted.
LT JOEY SLATEN SR. 6-6 309 7 games as rFr. Added 30 lbs in '99, 5 sts at LG. 10 games. 12 sts at LT ly. one of biggest on team. Cory Fross (6-4 290 Sr) 2nd string LT ly.
K JACOB CROWLEY SR. 5-11 191 Texas A&M transfer. Hit 10 of 21 FG's in 2000 with long of 43 and only 2 of 10 from 40+. Chris McMurray is PS#17K. Russ Davis is PS#46.

DE KEVIN ALDRIDGE SR. 6-1 271 PS#49LB. 4 starts at OLB as true. 49 tkl's, 5 tfl. 7 starts in '99, 40 tkl's, 12 tfl's. 12 starts at DE in 2000, 65 tkl's, 8.5 tfl, HM WAC, added 21 lbs in spring.
DT WARRIE BIRDWELL JR. 6-4 272 PS#54DL. 2 starts as true, 23 tkl's, 2 tfl. Started L/5 ly. 41 tkl's, 4 sks, 3 tfl, HM WAC, added 22 lbs. John David Blagg (6-1 281 So) PS#89TE.
DT LUTE CROY JR. 6-2 309 PS#74DL. 10 sts as rFr, 28 tkl's, 3 tfl. 7 sts in 2000, 44 tkl's, 9 tfl. Added 14 lbs. Chris Post (6-3 270 Sr) 1 st, 2 tfl in '99, 5 sts ly. 49 tkl's, 4 tfl.
DE Markus Pratt Sr. 6-0 250 PS#335DL. 7 sts in '98 & '99, 6 sks, 43 tkl's, 7 sts ly. 54 tkl's, 6 sks, 8 tfl. Johnson Patman (6-2 240 Sr) 5 sts, 4 sks in '99, 1 st ly. 28 tkl's, 2 sks.
OLB JARRIAN JAMES SO. 6-0 205 PS#292DL. L/5 starts as true, 43 tkl's, 4 tfl. Corey Riley (6-0 234 Sr) PS#239. 6 sts, 61 tkl's, 4 tfl ly. Justin Williams (5-11 200 Jr) 3 sts, 45 tkl's as true.
MLB VIC VILORIO JR. 5-10 237 5 sts as true, 43 tkl's, RS in '99, 12 sts ly. #1 in WAC w/130 tkl's, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC. D.D. Lee (6-1 238 rFr) PS#192. Devonnic Johnson (5-11 220 Jr).
OLB BILLY JACK WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 200 6 sts as rFr, 26 tkl's. Missed 8 ly. L/3 sts, 10 tkl's. Khalid Beard (6-1 215 Jr) PS#106, 12 tkl's ly. Brian Bischoff (6-0 214 So) 7 sts ly. 74 tkl's, 4 tfl.
CB JONAS RUTLEDGE SO. 5-10 174 PS#385. 11 sts as rFr, 51 tkl's, 10 pbu. Brent Briggs (6-0 173 Jr) PS#179, 1 st, 23 tkl's, 2 yrs. James Orr (5-10 177 Jr) 8 sts, 61 tkl's, 9 pbu L/2Y.
CB KEVIN GARRETT JR. 5-10 196 10 sts in 100m. 10 starts as rFr, 81 tkl's, 4 pbu. 11 starts ly. 2nd Tm WAC. 76 tkl's, 1 int, 12 tfl's. Wesley Medlock (6-1 170 rFr) 4.5 speed.
SS LEROY PRICE SO. 6-1 205 PS#255. 8 sts as rFr, 58 tkl's, 4 tfl. Tommy Dorsey (5-9 202 Sr) 2 sts in '99. 6 tkl's, 36 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu. Rico Harris (6-2 212 rFr) PS#104.
FS RUBEN MOODLEY SO. 6-0 186 PS#380. 4 sts as true. 34 tkl's, 2 int, 5 pbu. Matt Rushbrook (5-10 175 So) PS#290WR. 6 sts as true, 39 tkl's. Shane O'Neill (5-9 195 Sr) 5 sts 2Y.
P Adam Walterscheid Sr. 5-11 191 PS#55K. KO's L/3Y, 5 of 11 on FG's in '98 & '99. Chris McMurray is PS#17K, 40.7 avg in HS. 48 yd FG. Russ Davis, 41.6 avg in HS, 52 yd FG.

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WR Jay Taylor 6-3 180 PS#145
K Cedric Vinson 5-11 190 PS#124
QB Chris McMurray 6-0 170 PS#17K
RB Matt Terry 5-10 190 PS#244
QB Ashton Nixon 6-2 201 PS#186
OL Scott Davis 6-3 280 PS#304
LB Brad Kieschnick 6-3 275 PS#306
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Mustangs are 3-19 SU in the 1H of the season under Cavan. SMU is 15-8 SU (but 2-4 LY) in the 2H of the season under Cavan. Ponies are 5-11 ATS their last 16 vs current Big 12 teams. Mustangs are 1-11-1 ATS as a double digit home favorite since '84. SMU is 6-14-1 SU all-time vs the ACC.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SMU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Louisiana Tech	G												
Sep. 8	TCU	G												
Sep. 15	at N Carolina	G												
Sep. 22	NC State	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Hawaii	G												
Oct. 13	at San Jose St	G												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	UTEP (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at Nevada	A												
Nov. 10	Fresno St	G												
Nov. 17	at Tulsa	A												
Nov. 24	Rice	G												

Could apply: SMU is 8-19 ATS in their L/27 favorite roles, but 7-4 L3Y. SMU is 6-12-1 in conf road games since joining the WAC.

Ponies have expressed themselves with a 12-7 ATS home mark vs WAC schools S/96. SMU is 10-6 ATS as a home dog over the last 5 seasons.

Only the 3rd meeting with an ACC team S/94. The home team is 2-0 ATS. Ponies are 3-8 ATS the L3Y vs non-WAC competition.

Pending earlier results, SMU is 6-15-1 ATS their L/22 as an underdog. Should apply: Mustangs are 7-3 ATS their L/10 as a non-conf HD.

Ponies are 4-11 ATS (2-1 LY) as a HF in the post Death Penalty era. SMU is 22-33 ATS in October over the last 17 seasons.

Mustangs are 5-14-1 ATS as an away dog since 1996. Could apply: SMU came into 2001 w/an 8-14 ATS mark off their L/22 SU wins.

Pending the 10/6 result, SMU has covered 5 of 8 the week after a bye. Mustangs are 5-0 SU, 3-1 ATS in their L/5 Homecoming games.

SMU is 10-6 SU in their L/16 November games, 7-8 ATS in that span. Ponies are 7-17-1 ATS on artificial turf S/1994, 1-6 the L/2Y.

Pending earlier results, SMU is 6-11 ATS their L/17 sandwiched HG's. Mention this ad & deduct \$15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package.

Southern Methodist is 7-2 ATS in their last 9 road finales. Mustangs are 5-1 both SU & ATS in the last 6 series meetings.

SMU is 0-7 ATS in their last 7 lined home finales. Ponies came into 2001 w/a 6-20-2 ATS mark their L/28 as home chalk.

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-9-1	1-10	5-6	6-5	5-7	4-6	3-9	25-52-1
ATS	4-7	4-7	5-6	5-6	5-6-1	3-6	5-7	31-45-1
Home Fav	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	4-10
Home Dog	1-1	1-4	3-0	4-0	0-3	2-1	1-2	12-11
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	4-4
Away Dog	3-4	3-2	1-3	1-2	1-2-1	0-4	2-3	11-20-1
Favorite	0-2	0-1	1-3	0-4	4-1	1-1	2-2	8-14
Dog	4-5	4-6	4-3	5-2	1-5-1	2-5	3-5	23-31-1
Grass	1-0	3-5	4-5	5-5	4-6	2-3	5-4	24-28
Artificial	3-7	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0-1	1-3	0-3	7-17-1
vs Conf	2-5	2-5	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-3	3-5	22-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	0-3	2-2	9-16
Off SU Win	0-1	0-1	2-2	2-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	8-14
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-6	2-4	3-1	4-3	1-4	3-5	19-28

SMU (3-9)

CONFERENCE:
WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8 Returning: **42 (16,23,3)**
DEFENSE: 10 Lost: **8 (5,1,2)**

LETTERMEN:



SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
7*	15.1	19	116	3.2	209	52.5	21.5	-13	2000	7	29.3	18	138	3.9
6*	19.3	16	119	3.1	179	51.0	15.4	-4	1999	5	23.5	19	114	3.0
8	18.8	16	166	4.0	139	51.8	16.2	-3	1998	6	20.7	15	138	3.4
6*	22.5	16	200	4.5	111	46.7	13.9	+14	1997	6	21.6	18	144	3.5
8*	22.4	18	160	4.0	185	51.5	15.4	+3	1996	8	24.3	22	197	4.1
5*	12.0	15	87	2.6	193	52.8	23.4	-12	1995	7	32.0	23	266	5.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kansas	16	44-151	3.4	14-25	164	1	18	32-81	2.5	16-42	210	0	+2
at UTEP	22	25-77	3.1	22-45	420	4	20	46-204	4.4	13-19	206	4	-2
at NC State	19	51-101	2.0	15-31	75	10	12	25-66	2.6	18-29	331	1	-2
Tulane	20	28-116	4.1	27-49	264	1	22	26-104	4.0	35-53	392	1	-1
at Houston	21	18-52	2.9	28-58	326	2	20	33-67	2.0	28-47	338	3	-4
San Jose St	26	38-136	3.6	25-54	324	2	15	38-200	5.3	10-25	167	2	-3
at Hawaii	17	47-126	2.7	16-27	145	5	16	17-50	2.9	23-42	314	0	+1
Nevada	24	36-143	4.0	25-35	233	1	17	23-19	0.8	22-39	306	2	+4
at Rice	15	35-133	3.8	13-26	93	0	15	62-301	4.9	1-5	12	1	-4
Tulsa	16	39-177	4.5	14-19	157	0	21	38-76	2.0	19-36	227	5	-1
at Fresno St	23	43-151	3.5	19-36	190	3	13	41-181	4.4	14-18	139	2	-2
TCU	10	32-27	0.8	11-31	119	3	21	48-307	6.4	13-20	251	0	-1
TOTALS	229	436-1390	3.2	229-436	2510	32	210	429-1656	3.9	212-375	2893	21	-13
AVERAGES	19.1	36-116	3.2	19-36	209	2.7	17.5	36-138	3.9	18-31	241	1.8	-1.1

Coach: MIKE CAVAN (Career 85-76-2)
Cavan's records AT SMU

5th Year at SMU	4-5	Home Favorite
18-27 Straight Up	7-6	Home Underdog
18-25-1 Vs The Spread	3-3	Away Favorite
11-13 Off A S/U Loss	4-11-1	Away Underdog
14-15-1 Vs Conference	4-10	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Bluebonnet	NL	Oklahoma	28-27	-
80	Holiday	-1	BYU	45-46	L
82	Cotton	E	Pittsburgh	7-3	W
83	Sun	-4	Alabama	7-28	L
84	Aloha	+1	Notre Dame	27-20	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	+1	17-10	W	at Mississippi	+5	15-23	L	at Rice	+6	17-23	T	Arkansas	+14	0-26	L	Kansas	+4	31-17	W
at Arkansas	+12	23-10	W	Arkansas	+6	31-9	W	Tulane	+7	21-31	L	at Tulane	+3	19-53	L	at UTEP	-2	20-37	L
Utah	+5	17-21	W	Navy	E	16-46	L	at Arkansas	+9	17-44	L	Hawaii	-14	0-20	L	at NC State	-9	0-41	L
at Navy	+1	17-19	L	BYU	+11	16-19	W	Mississippi	+5	41-48	L	at Kansas	+8	9-27	L	Tulane	-1	17-29	L
at BYU	+14	3-31	L	at New Mexico	+6	15-22	L	at Hawaii	-7	28-0	W	at UTEP	+9	28-42	L	at Houston	+10	15-17	W
Missouri	-2	26-27	L	at Utah	+8	20-19	W	at Wyoming	+9	7-12	W	Fresno St	+14	24-14	W	San Jose St	+2	10-35	L
at Rice	-1	17-35	L	Wyoming	+6	22-17	W	TCU	-3	10-6	W	at San Jose St	Cancelled		at Hawaii	+2	15-30	L	
New Mexico	+2	52-31	W	Rice	+5	24-6	W	UNLV	-21	10-7	L	Rice	+10	27-2	W	Nevada	-13	21-7	W
at Wyoming	+14	17-59	L	UTEP	-19	28-14	L	at Air Force	+20	7-31	L	Cal St N'ridge	NL	58-16	-	at Rice	+9	14-43	L
at UTEP	-7	30-0	W	at Tulsa	-7	42-41	L	Tulsa	-9	33-3	W	at Tulsa	-3	28-14	W	Tulsa	-2	24-20	W
TCU	-7	27-24	L	at TCU	-11	18-21	L	Colorado St	+3	10-32	L	at Tulsa	-3	28-14	W	at Fresno St	+18	7-14	W
								at Navy	-3	24-11	W	at TCU	+11	0-21	L	TCU	+23	7-62	L

UTEP MINERS



WR Lee Mays will catch the eye of NFL scouts this year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 the Miners used a QB rotation involving Jay Stuckey and Rocky Perez. Perez started 9 games but Stuckey threw for more yards and had a higher completion percentage as well as a 15-13 ratio. Perez threw for 1,198 yards (56.8%) with a 4-4 ratio that season. Last year, thanks to a tremendous receiving corps and having the job as his own, Rocky really blossomed. He threw for 2,862 yards (57.7%), the 3rd best total in school history, with an outstanding 27-7 ratio. He also added 219 gross yards on the ground. He was 8th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. UTEP was just 9-47 SU in the 56 games prior to Perez becoming a starter which makes his record of 13-13 that much more impressive and he clearly will be missed. Wesley Phillips (6-4 220 Sr) got in 4 pass attempts in 1999 and was the backup QB last year. He played in 5 games, throwing for 38 yards. Phillips also rushed for 17 yards and is ex-Buffalo Bills coach Wade's son. Gerrard Lunnion (6-5 210 So) was PS#203 and had the strongest arm on the team but was banged up last spring with a thumb injury and played in just 3 games with one pass attempt. Jon Schaper (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#178 and has good speed and strength. Perez had one of the most productive seasons ever for a UTEP QB and this year's group is much less experienced and clearly will be much weaker in terms of production.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year this unit appeared to be in bad shape heading into the year as they lost their two top RB's including a 5th round NFL DC (Paul Smith) who topped 1,000 yards and was 1st Tm WAC. They went to a RB by committee with 4 RB's averaging over five carries per game. FB Chris Porter was the team's leading rusher with 815 yards and had the best ypc of the team with 4.9. He had 134 yards in the bowl game. TB Sherman Austin, who also does some return work, rushed for 420 yards (4.0). Rovann Cleveland (PS#184) rushed for 317 yards (4.3) as a rFr. Departing RB Javier Sanchez, who was banged up during the year and played in just 9 games, rushed for 224 yards (3.8). The good news is the top 3 RB's are back and they add rFr John James who rushed for 2,276 yards his senior year in HS. This group is much more experienced than it was last year and should be even more productive.

RECEIVERS - The Miners had perhaps the most underrated group of receivers in the country last year with a couple of NFL prospects in Lee Mays and Allan Ray and 1st Tm AA TE Brian Natkin. They were the keys to the potent offense. This year they lose Natkin, who had 67 rec's (12.6) and #2 WR Ray, who had 31 rec's (10.7). Natkin leaves as the school's career receiving leader with 172 but Mays can top that this year. The return of Mays gives them a potential 1st round DC talent as he is big (6-3 190) with 4.4 speed and led the team with 78 rec's (15.4). Mays set a school record with 15 TD's. Joey Knapp moved from FB to TE and had 7 starts last year with 21 rec's (15.0). Nord says new TE Knapp is bigger and faster than Natkin. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Dirk Dillard (6-1 190 rFr) and Andre Acree (6-0 200 Sr). Naturally, with the loss of two of their top 3 receivers including the school's first ever consensus AA in Natkin, this unit is clearly weaker even with the return of another potential AA in Mays.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A big part of UTEP's offensive success last year was due to a veteran offensive line that returned 4 starters and the team

allowed just 24 sacks while averaging 3.6 ypc rushing despite inexperienced RB's. This year they must replace C Carey Clayton (12 sts, 3 yrst r, 2nd Tm WAC) and LG Jeff Seeton (12 sts, 3 yrst r, 1st Tm WAC). While those two both received the only All Conference honors on the line and were the top two OL's, this unit does have decent experience with 8 of the top 10 players back including 3 full-time starters. I list the two deep below and even with the losses, this group could be just as productive in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Miners have had one of the WAC's top defensive lines in each of the past few years. Last season they had to replace two starters and one backup and while this year they return 7 of the top 8, the one loss is a big one in DE Menson Holloway. Holloway (#6 DC of SF) had 12 starts last year and set a UTEP record with 13.5 sacks and also had 63 tackles. Five DT's return with starting experience and I list them below. They also return a lot of experience at DE but Holloway had the bulk of the team's 37 sacks and UTEP allowed 4.7 ypc rushing. I look for one of the other DE's to emerge (probably Karmul High) and step into Holloway's large shoes and with practically every-one back, this unit could be even stronger in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - For the fourth straight year the Miners have to replace 2 starters. Gone are MLB Trey Merkins (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 13.5 tfl) and SLB Derek Walker (11 sts, 63 tkls, 2 tfl). Three players return with starting experience and I list them in the 2 deep below but it would not surprise me to see Barry King (PS#108) emerge with one of the 3 starting spots. MLB Bubba Wiseman had 4 starts in 1999 while WLB Camar Jackson figures to be this year's star. Losing a player the caliber of Merkins is tough but this group looks to be in about the same shape as it was last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Miners finished a solid #58 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year returned 7 of the top 8 and they moved up to #29, allowing just 46.9% completions and a 16-15 ratio versus a fairly tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they only lose SS A.J. Sheppard (11 sts, 2 int, 9 pbu, 58 tkls). Both CB's return including Weldon Cooks (6-2 185), a good sized corner who led the WAC in pbu's. Crance Clemons, the other CB, was 1st Tm WAC. Also returning is FS DJ Walker who has 8 int's in two years and was 2nd Tm WAC last year. With practically everyone back this looks like one of the WAC's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has been an area of concern for the Miners the last couple of years. In 1999 they finished 115 out of 115 teams in Div IA and their opponents' average starting field position was 25 yards better than UTEP's. Last year they improved but still finished in the lower half of the rankings at #77. P Glen Beard improved in his 2nd year and in fact was 1st Team WAC with a 41.9 avg and a net of 35.1. K Ricky Bishop was 2nd Team WAC and has been a Groza Semifinalist the last few years. Bishop hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 48 and one of his misses was from 50+. Both will clearly be missed. Nord did use a couple of scholarships on some true frosh and they could play immediately. Javier Sanchez averaged 8.4 on PR's one year after Crance Clemons averaged just 5.8 so whoever replaces Sanchez could indeed improve on those numbers. The UTEP KR unit was poor with an average of just 15.3 per KR. UTEP was strong on KR coverage allowing just 17.7 but once again the K departs. They allowed 9.4 per PR. UTEP blocked one punt and also had one blocked. With the loss of two top-notch K's I cannot see this unit topping last year's mediocre finish.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year UTEP surprised me, as with most of their winnable WAC games being on the road and with Gary Nord in his first year as head coach here, I thought it would be a struggle for them to top 5 wins. They proved me wrong, as last year turned out to be a GREAT season and in fact they won their first WAC Title in the 33 years they have been in the league. It was their first conference championship of any kind since they won the Border Conference in 1956. UTEP's previous best finish in the WAC had been 3rd in 1998. UTEP was picked to finish sixth in the preseason WAC poll, but they ended the year with 11 All WAC players. While they finished 8-4 they only had 42 points more than their opponents on the season. UTEP simply dominated the WAC for most of the season, winning by an average of 21.3 ppg but the final 2 games were disappointing as they were blown out at TCU and then lost by 15 in the bowl game. UTEP finished a perfect 5-0 SU at home and got to their first bowl game since 1988 and are now 9-1 SU at home the last 2 years. One of the reasons for their home success and their 2nd winning season in 12 years has been larger crowds, as the attendance averaged

UTEP 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Chris Porter	168	846	31	815	6	4.9					
Sherman Austin	104	459	39	420	1	4.0					
Rovann Cleveland	73	339	22	317	3	4.3					
Javier Sanchez	59	245	21	224	4	3.8					
Rocky Perez	85	219	163	56	6	0.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Rocky Perez	376	217	57.7	2862	27	7					
Wesley Phillips	12	5	41.7	38	0	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Lee Mays	78	1201	15.4	15	68						
Brian Natkin	67	844	12.6	4	36						
Allan Ray	31	332	10.7	1	41						
Joey Knapp	21	316	15.0	5	43						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Glen Beard	59	2473	41.9	-	35.1	1	11				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Ricky Bishop	8-8	3-4	5-8	0-1	16-21	48					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	FLYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
Trey Merkins	117	3.5	10	5	2	W. Cooks	39	0	0	12	1
D.J. Walker	70	0	0	10	5	C. Clemons	31	0	0	8	2
Derek Walker	63	1	1	8	0	Karmul High	30	3	3	2	0
M. Holloway	63	13.5	5	3	0	Rick Fette	27	0	2	0	0
A.J. Sheppard	58	3	3	9	2	B. Wiseman	25	0	2	1	0
C. Jackson	55	2	6	2	0	S. Clarke	22	2	0	3	0
G. Williams	46	5	1	1	0	Bobby King	21	2	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
J. Sanchez	31	261	8.4	0	S. Singleton	14	209	14.9	0		

20,145 in '98, went up to 30,455 in '99, and jumped to 44,715 last year. Both Nord and former HC Charlie Bailey emphasize WAC games because the team is forced, due to its budget, to face some tough non-conf games on the road (like this year's trip to Alabama). The non-conf schedule is softer and includes a IAA opponent this year. UTEP's 4 losses last year were to teams who were a combined 40-9 and it was enough to earn Nord a 2 year contract extension through 2007. Nord was hired as UTEP's OC in 1997 and in his first year UTEP finished #97 in the NCAA in offense, improving to #57, #43 and #36 in the ensuing years and he hopes to improve once again. The big question on offense is who will be the QB but with a big, veteran offensive line and most of the skill position players back, he will have a good supporting cast. Defensively, they switched to an 8 man front and made stopping the rush a priority. After allowing 208 ypg rushing (5.0) in '99 they trimmed that to 156 (4.7) last year. While their DC did leave for Kentucky, Nord made a great hire in Bob Wagner who was the HC at Hawaii from 1987-'95 and will keep the 8 man front, similar to what he ran on the islands. UTEP has some significant losses but overall just 13 lettermen depart, which is among the lowest in the conference and for the first time since 1995, they have six home games. I do not want to underestimate the Miners again and their season revolves around how quickly the new QB picks up the offense. If the Miners can win a couple of their tougher conference road games like they did last year, they will once again contend for WAC honors.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Wesley Phillips Sr. 6-1 220 16 att's in the last 2 years. Jon Schaper (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#178. Gerrard Lunnion (6-5 210 So) has the strongest arm of all the candidates.
TB SHERMAN AUSTIN JR. 5-8 170 Had 352 all-purpose yds as a rFr. 7 sts in 2000, 420 rush yds (4.0), 189 return yds. John James (5-10 195 rFr) was PS#290RB. Quick.
FB CHRIS PORTER SR. 5-11 235 9 starts in 2000, #1 rusher with 815 yds (4.9). 5 rec (7.6). Rovann Cleveland (6-1 220 So) was PS#184, 317 yards (4.3), 3 rec (4.7) as a rFr.
WR WILL SMITH rFr. 6-2 195 PS#290. Nord says "as much talent as anyone we have." Terrance Minor (6-2 170 Sr) 5 rec & 15 KR (21.5) in '99. RS ly due to knee inj.
WR LEE MAYS SR. 6-3 190 NFL caliber, 4.4 speed. 60 rec's, 881 yds w/ 9 TD's in '99. 1st Tm All WAC ly with 78 rec's, 1201 yds and NCAA leading 15 TD rec's. Track AA.
TE JOEY KNAPP SR. 6-6 250 PS#155WR. 1 start, 8 rec (5.6) in 98. 2 starts. 13 rec (9.2) in 99. 6 starts, 21 rec (15.0) ly. NFL size & speed. Jonas Crafts (6-4 235 rFr).
C CHRIS KERR SO. 6-4 250 PS#319OL. 2nd string and lettered as a reds frosh in 2000. David Mirazo (6-3 275 So) was PS#133TE in '99. one year at JUCO, athlete.
RG ROBERT CLAYTON SO. 6-3 280 PS#69OL. Lettered as 2nd string as a rFr last year. Bo Morris (6-3 275 rFr) was PS#229OL in 2000. Ben Graniello (6-4 295 rFr) RS last year.
LG LAWRENCE NORMAN SR. 6-3 315 3 starts, 12 starts at RT in 1999. Moved to RG & 12 starts in 2000. Curtis Castle (6-3 270 Jr) lettered as 2nd string OG in 2000. In'd in '99.
RT TREY DARILEK SO. 6-5 270 2nd string as true but still redshirted. 12 sts in 2000. Robert Espinosa (6-4 290 rFr) was PS#375DL. Jose Garcia (6-3 300 Jr) has good size.
LT ARIEL FAMILIGI JR. 6-3 300 2 letters. 11 starts in 1999. 12 starts in 2000. Keith Warren (6-5 270 Sr) 2 letters. Top bkup OL. 2nd string the last 2 yrs. Could start at RG.
K MATT SMITH FR. 5-10 180 Hit 50 lb with a long of 42 as HS senior. Chad Kennedy (6-4 250 rFr). Bryce Benekos is PS#67K. 8/12 FG's w/ long of 47 as HS senior.

LE KARMUL HIGH JR. 6-4 235 PS#125DB. 21 tkls in 7 games in 1999. 30 tkls, 6 tfl, 17 hurries, 12 games with 3 starts in 2000. Godwin Akinduro (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#145TE.
RT SAMUEL CLARKE SO. 6-3 265 22 tackles, 3 pbu in 9 games with 8 starts as rFr ly (missed 3 w/injury). Daniel Kerr (6-5 250 So) was PS#279. 25 tackles, 4 starts in 2000.
RT BOBBY KING SR. 6-4 265 43 tkls, 4 tfl, 9 sts in 1999. 21 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 starts in 2000. Josh Randolph (6-3 250 Sr) 17 tkls and 8 sts in 2000. Fade Bouras had 2 sts in '99.
RE RICK FETTE JR. 6-4 245 PS#268DL. 6 tkls in 11 gms as true. 27 tkls, 11 hurries, 10 gms w/9 sts ly. Gabe Williams (6-5 225 Jr) 46 tkls, 5 sks, 8 hurries in 12 gms ly.
SLB TIM WOODARD SO. 5-11 185 23 tackles, 2 tfl, 4 pbu, 11 games with 1 start as a true frosh in 2000. Wesley Woods (6-0 220 So) had 2 tackles on special teams in 2000.
MLB BUBBA WISEMAN JR. 6-0 260 8 games with 4 starts in 1999. 25 tackles, 2 tfl, 1 pbu in 12 games in 2000. Robert Rodriguez (6-1 230 rFr) is a converted high school RB.
WLB CAMAR JACKSON JR. 6-4 240 58 tackles, 6 tfl, 8 starts in 1999. 55 tackles, 8 tfl, 10 QB hurries in 12 starts last year. Barry King (6-3 250 Sr) PS#108LB. 41 tackles L/3Y.
CB WELDON COOKS JR. 6-2 185 10 tkls in 6 games as a true. 39 tkls with WAC leading 12 pbu in 12 sts in 2000. Sam Singleton (5-10 195 Sr) 15 tkls, 3 pbu in 12 games ly.
CB CRANCE CLEMONS SR. 5-10 165 14 tkls as true. 50 tkls, 6 pbu in 12 sts in '99. 1st Tm WAC, 31 tkls, 8 pbu, 2 int's in 12 sts ly. Brian Walker (5-10 190 Sr) has 17 tkls, 2 pbu in 3 yrs.
ROY PAUL SMITH JR. 6-2 180 30 tkls in 10 gms as true. 15 tkls with a start in the bowl in 2000, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Joe Young (6-1 205) had 6 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int in 7 games as a true.
FS D.J. WALKER JR. 6-3 210 19 tkls, 3 int's in 10 gms as a true. 70 tkls, 10 pbu, 5 int's in 12 sts. #3WAC in pbu & int's. 2nd Tm All WAC. Wayne Newsome (6-1 200 rFr) PS#277RB.
P BRYCE BENEKOS FR. 6-5 195 PS#62K. Avg'd a super 46.3 ypp with a long of 62 as a high school senior. 8 of 12 with a long of 47 of FG's. Chad Kennedy may win P's job.

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 DL Brady Valva 6-2 200 PS#387
 K Bryce Benekos 6-5 195 PS#67
 WR Charles Still 6-4 200 PS#361
 LB Tevita Filita 6-1 235 PS#402
 RB Cedric Clith 5-10 180 PS#612
 RB Jimmy Smith 5-11 215 PS#634
 WR Chris Francis 6-1 185 PS#543
 WR Aaron Givens 6-2 180 PS#553
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UTEP MINERS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year was UTEP's 1st winning SU season since 1988. Miners are 1-5-1 SU but 4-3 ATS vs Fresno St. The home team is 4-0 both SU & ATS in the TCU series. UTEP is 10-4 ATS their last 14 as a home favorite.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTEP Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Aug. 31	at New Mexico (Fri)	G													Home team is 7-4 ATS & Miners are 10-5 ATS in this series. Texas-El Paso is 3-9 ATS in their last 12 road openers.
Sep. 8	Texas Southern	A													TSU finished 8-3 SU LY, 5-2 in SWAC play & finished 2nd in their division. This is the Miners' 1st "NL" game since a 34-21 win over Valdosta St in '95.
Sep. 15	Texas Tech	A													UTEP is 1-8 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. The last series meeting was a 35-3 TT win in Lubbock in 1998.
Sep. 22	at Boise St	A													Miners are 24-8 ATS in games 4 through 11 the last 4 years. UTEP is 2-6 ATS in their conference opener.
Sep. 29	Tulsa	A													Could apply here: Miners are 16-5 ATS the L4Y after a SU loss. Miners are 12-2 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1994.
Oct. 6	at Alabama	G													UTEP has covered 13 of their last 16 October contests. Miners are 12-9 ATS as an away dog the L4Y but were 1-3 LY.
Oct. 13	at Hawaii	A													UTEP is 8-14 SU last 22 but 8-4-1 ATS last 13 vs Hawaii. Miners have come up empty-handed their L/3 SU & ATS in Hawaii.
Oct. 20	San Jose St (HC)	A													The last 2 series meetings have averaged 72.5 ppg. UTEP is 3-2 SU & ATS vs SJS but has won & covered 3 straight.
Oct. 27	at SMU	G													UTEP is 2-1 SU & 3-0 ATS their last 3 vs SMU. Miners are 3-7 ATS prior to a bye week, but 2-0 last 2.
Nov. 3															
Nov. 10	Louisiana Tech	A													Miners are 3-7 ATS the week after a bye. UTEP is 8-5 ATS in November the last 4 yrs, but 2-4 ATS last 2 yrs.
Nov. 17	at Rice	A													Texas-El Paso is 3-1 ATS but 2-2 SU vs Rice. UTEP is 4-11 ATS in their final away game.
Nov. 24	Nevada	A													Miners beat the Wolf Pack 45-22 last year but didn't cover. UTEP has covered just 2 of their last 6 home finales.

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (52,000) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-7-1	2-10	2-9	4-7	3-8	5-7	8-3	27-51-1
ATS	5-5	3-7-1	5-6	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-5	40-36-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	2-2	3-1	10-5
Home Dog	3-1	2-3	1-3	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	11-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-4
Away Dog	2-3	1-4-1	2-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	1-3	17-18-1
Favorite	0-1	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-2	12-9
Dog	5-4	3-7-1	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-2	2-3	28-27-1
Grass	1-3	1-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	12-17-1
Artificial	4-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-4	5-2	28-19
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	6-2	4-3	6-2	30-25
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2-1	3-0	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-3	10-11-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-3	4-4	13-14
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-4-1	3-5	4-2	5-2	5-1	2-0	25-17-1

Coach: GARY NORD (Career 8-4)

Nord's records AT UTEP

2nd Year at UTEP	3-1	Home Favorite
8-4 Straight Up	1-0	Home Underdog
6-5 Vs The Spread	1-1	Away Favorite
2-0 Off A S/U Loss	1-3	Away Underdog
6-2 Vs Conference	0-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Sun	NL	George Washington	0-13	-
65	Sun	NL	TCU	13-12	-
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7	-
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38	L
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38	L

UTEP (8-4)

CONFERENCE:

WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6 Returning: 43 (18,25,0)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 13 (7,4,2)

LETTERMEN:



UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	YPP	TOTAL	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	DEF	YPP
8*	31.5	22	156	3.6	244	57.6	12.7	+2	2000	6	28.0	19	156	4.7	221	47.1	13.5				
6	25.5	21	132	3.5	262	60.7	15.4	-3	1999	5	32.4	19	208	5.0	183	52.1	12.1				
10*	20.5	20	167	4.1	207	52.5	18.2	0	1998	6	27.5	20	234	5.4	211	56.3	16.1				
3	14.7	18	137	3.0	169	44.6	20.7	-1	1997	7	28.3	16	165	4.4	184	55.5	12.3				
6*	16.6	15	134	3.3	147	50.0	16.9	-8	1996	5	28.5	18	195	4.6	145	52.8	11.9				
4	21.9	20	162	4.0	201	53.0	16.5	-9	1995	5	40.5	25	241	5.2	246	59.9	12.0				

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Oklahoma	19	38-125	3.3	21-42	217	0	18	33-122	3.7	19-39	287	1	-4
SMU	20	46-206	4.5	13-19	206	4	22	25-77	3.1	22-46	420	4	+2
at Texas A&M	19	37-82	2.2	19-31	218	3	25	40-236	5.9	18-29	178	0	0
Hawaii	25	47-140	3.0	18-34	265	0	15	25-53	2.1	15-50	211	0	-1
New Mexico St	26	45-228	5.1	16-28	237	2	23	44-355	8.1	13-29	153	1	+2
at Tulsa	21	49-264	5.4	17-23	204	2	14	26-6	0.2	19-36	237	7	+4
at San Jose St	24	50-186	3.7	21-36	292	0	17	26-218	8.4	16-35	166	0	0
Fresno St	22	44-157	3.6	20-29	212	2	14	31-93	3.0	14-31	142	7	0
at Nevada	23	50-179	3.6	20-35	323	3	23	26-44	1.7	21-48	258	3	+2
Rice	24	35-115	3.3	21-30	339	1	21	43-175	4.1	7-18	130	5	0
at TCU	19	32-70	2.2	21-47	217	2	19	49-313	6.4	10-18	216	2	0
Boise St (Bowl)	22	44-118	2.7	17-38	201	5	18	29-175	6.0	18-30	258	7	-2
TOTALS	264	517-1870	3.6	224-392	2931	24	229	397-1867	4.7	192-409	2656	37	+2
AVERAGES	22.0	43-156	3.6	19-33	244	2.0	19.1	33-156	4.7	16-34	221	3.1	0.2

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona	+27	3-23	W	at LSU	+37	3-55	L	at Texas Tech	+17	3-35	L	New Mexico	-41	13-10	L	at Oklahoma	+27	14-55	L
New Mexico St	-6	14-7	W	New Mexico	+16	20-38	L	Oregon	+20	26-33	W	at Oregon	+22	28-47	W	SMU	+2	37-20	W
at San Jose St	-1	25-26	L	at Utah	+27	3-56	L	at New Mexico St	-7	24-33	L	at Kansas St	+32	7-40	L	at Texas A&M	+26	17-45	L
at N Illinois	-1	37-6	W	New Mexico St	-2	24-16	W	Colorado St	+13	17-20	W	at New Mexico St	+3	54-23	W	Hawaii	-9	39-7	W
Utah	+17	27-34	W	at Clemson	+32	7-39	W	at New Mexico	+4	22-19	W	at Hawaii	-5	3-33	L	New Mexico St	-12	41-31	L
at TCU	+5	0-18	L	at Tulsa	+13	33-18	W	San Jose St	-6	28-21	W	SMU	-9	42-28	W	at Tulsa	-3	40-7	W
Rice	+5	21-48	L	San Jose St	-3	7-10	L	at Fresno St	+10	6-32	L	at Arizona	+22	21-34	W	at San Jose St	+3	47-30	W
at BYU	+30	18-40	W	BYU	+20	14-3	W	at Hawaii	-15	30-13	W	at Fresno St	+10	23-24	W	Fresno St	-3	23-13	W
SMU	+7	0-30	L	at SMU	+19	14-28	W	at Utah	+18	27-34	W	San Jose St	-6	42-26	W	at Nevada	-25	45-22	L
Tulsa	+7	21-38	L	TCU	-2	24-17	W	BYU	+10	14-31	L	Tulsa	-14	19-43	W	Rice	-13	38-21	W
at New Mexico	+20	17-44	L	at Rice	+19	13-31	W	at San Diego St	+13	29-34	W	at TCU	+10	24-52	L	at TCU	+12	14-47	L

NEVADA WOLF PACK



David Neill has a career TD/int ratio of 62-28 and is NU's all-time leading passer.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Nevada is known for their high-flying pass attacks and have had a QB top 2,000 yards passing for 17 straight seasons, best in the country. David Neill has NFL type size at 6-5, 200 and has thrown for 8,985 yards in just 3 seasons with a 62-28 ratio. Neill dominated vs Big West opponents, but last year against a tougher WAC schedule and saddled with an inexperienced O-line and receiving corps, he not only struggled but was banged up in the process. He had a hip injury and suffered a separated right shoulder vs SMU causing him to miss one and a half games. During the year he also suffered concussions, wrist and ankle injuries. Neill threw for 2,334 yards (51%) with a 13-12 ratio while rushing for 384 yards and became Nevada's all-time career passing leader. Brett Staninger (6-3 190 Jr) had 1 start and threw for 615 yards (43%) with a 3-7 ratio. Zack Threadgill (6-2 200 Jr) had 177 yards passing as the #2QB in 1999 but sat out last year with a torn ACL. Andy Heiser (6-1 180 rFr) was PS#250 and played in 3 games as a true frosh. I expect the 2nd string QB to be Matt Ray (6-3 205 Jr) who was PS#130 and got in 3 starts as a true frosh at UNLV in 1999, throwing for 541 yards (54%) with a 3-0 ratio. He sat out last year after transferring and is mobile like Neill. With a better supporting cast around him, I expect much improved play from the QB position.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Nevada had to replace RB Chris Lemon who had 3 straight 1,000 yard seasons, and they missed his bruising running style. This group was largely inexperienced and then their top RB, Adrien Dugas, suffered a season ending injury in the 3rd game. Overall four different players started. Nevada finished #112 in the NCAA in rushing offense with a paltry 67.7 ypg. That was, of course, behind a young and inexperienced O-line. Marquis Starks led the team but averaged just 2.9 ypc and Dugas, despite missing the final 8 games, was the #3 rusher with 88 yards. JD Morscheck had one start with 72 yards (2.6) but will move back to defense. Josh Griffin (5-9 180 So) was PS#167 and got in 1 start and 4 games as a true frosh, rushing for 40 yards (2.4), but missed the last 4 games due to injury. Johnnie Holmes (5-9 170 Jr) was PS#145 and has 33 yards rushing in 2 years. Jesse Twist (5-9 205 Sr) was PS#384 and has 34 yards. I expect Oregon transfer Herman Ho-Ching to win the starting job and instantly upgrade this unit. With everyone back, added talent and the return of Dugas, this group is far more experienced than last year.

RECEIVERS - Last year Nevada's receiving corps was decimated by graduation with their leading returning receiver having just 17 catches. They had to replace Trevor Insley who was the NCAA's all-time receiving yards leader and also the first WR in NCAA history to have over 2,000 receiving yards in a single season. Last year TCU transfer Mike Crawford was leading the team in receiving with 42 (12.1) but was injured and missed the last 3 games. The most impressive WR last spring was Nate Burleson who has 4.44 speed and a team high 39" VL. Burleson came on down the stretch and finished #1 with 57 rec's and an impressive 16.2 ypc and also contributed 232 yards in returns. TE Erick

Streelman was the projected starter but missed the first 3 games after fracturing his leg 10 days before the start of the season. Scott Asai, a JUCO transfer known for his receiving abilities but with questionable blocking skills, took over and had 9 starts and even won the Big Blocker Award. I list the 2 deep below and this unit is in much better shape. Tormey also brings in some promising prospects including JUCO's Dan Bythwood and Bill Lynch. This group is vastly more experienced than it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Take a group that had to replace 5 senior starters and mix in a new coach with new terminology and you have the recipe for a long year. That is precisely what happened to UN's offensive front last season as they allowed an amazing 25 sacks in the first 2 games and ended the year giving up 53 while the team averaged just 2.2 ypc rushing. They allowed just 28 sacks in the last 10 games, showing that they improved as the season progressed. Only two players depart from the group but one was their starting LT Clark Roosendaal (12 sts, HM WAC) and the other is backup Tyler Tapp (1 st). Six players return with starting experience and Tormey signed a top-notch JUCO in David Ah Sue who was in for the spring and could win the open spot. There is some decent talent in the group below and clearly this unit should be vastly improved in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tormey said prior to the 2000 season, "we won't give up 240 ypg rushing like we did last year." He made that statement knowing they had to replace 2 starters and one backup due to injury but didn't expect to lose 3 projected starters prior to the season. The team lived up to Tormey's promise but still allowed 232.5 ypg rushing and 12 RB's topped 100 yards vs them. Nevada also recorded only 17 sacks on the year and were #112 in the NCAA in rush defense. Last year's unit had just one player with starting experience back but this year's is in much better shape. Not only do 6 players return with starting experience but they get the additions of JD Morscheck (from RB), Chris Barry (rFr), Mike Luca (rFr), Leni Suiaunoo (missed LY, inj'd), Johnnie Thomas (PS#284JC) and PJ Hooper (frosh signee ly that was in for spg). The only losses this year are DE Dwight Lane (11 sts, 49 tkl, 10 tfl) and DE Darren Taylor (5 sts, 31 tkl, 7 tfl).

LINEBACKERS - The Wolf Pack had to replace 2 starters and one backup last year but did have 3 players returning with starting experience. One of them, Jeff Peterson, had hamstring injuries all year and had just 8 tackles and 2 tfl in 4 games. This year they lose their top LB in Josh Smith who started 8 games with 70 tackles but was injured the 2H of the year. Jorge Cordova finished 2nd in tackles as a rFr after being the Defensive Scout Team POY in 1999. He had a very impressive offseason in the weight room and could be a future star. Paul Jolley, who started 11 games in 2000, also returns as does Daryl Towns, who had 4 starts as a true frosh and also had an impressive offseason. Towns is the cousin of the Carolina Panther Lester and was PS#119. Peterson returns healthy and this unit had 3 frosh in the 3 deep last year who are all a year older. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is Jordan Edwards (6-2 235 rFr) who was PS#222, Jesse Adame (6-0 215 So) who was PS#334 and had 9 tackles as a true frosh, and Ekene Agwuenu (6-2 192 rFr) who was PS#380. This group is in better shape than it was last year and like the rest of the team, will be stronger than the 2000 version, especially with the additional talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 the Pack, with 4 veteran starters returning, finished #20 in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they had to replace 3 starters and dropped to #94. Last year all 4 starters had to be replaced and then their projected starting FS was lost for the year. The unit was very young with 5 frosh and 2 soph's among the top 9 players. Nevada finished 5th in the WAC's pass efficiency defense ratings but a good portion of that reason was because teams did not have to pass against the Wolfpack with their porous rush defense. Overall they finished #71 in my rankings, allowing 56.5% with a 16-13 ratio. This year they must replace SS Christian Broussard (3 sts, 17 tkl) and CB Del Bates (11 sts, 3 int's, 7 pbu, team's fastest player). Naturally the 5 frosh are all now soph's and will benefit from the spring practice, added maturity and an extra year in the weight room. Tormey even has a couple of HT's in the 2 deep that I list below. Naturally this year's group is more experienced (have I said this before?) and should be much tougher in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Nevada finished second worst in the country in my special teams rankings in 1999 and Tormey said the unit "was pathetic" in the spring and vowed major changes in the alignments. He says that this unit is as important as offense and defense and his special teams at Idaho in 1998 finished #7 in the country in my rankings. In his 5 years as a coach at Idaho, his teams allowed zero KR's for TD's. Despite Tormey's emphasis, the unit struggled last year as they allowed 4 TD's on returns in the first half of the season including 3 PR's for TD's. Overall they finished #110 in my special teams rankings. The lone bright spot for this unit was K Mike Phillips who hit 8 of 11 FG's and had 1 miss from 55 yards and was also perfect on xp's.

NEVADA 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Marquis Starks	158	516	59	457	3	2.9					
David Neill	103	384	253	131	4	1.3					
Adrien Dugas	24	102	14	88	1	3.7					
J.D. Morscheck	28	75	3	72	0	2.6					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
David Neill	353	179	50.7	2334	13	12					
Brett Staninger	114	49	43.0	615	3	7					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Nate Burleson	57	921	16.2	8	80						
Mike Crawford	42	508	12.1	0	35						
Tim Fleming	25	446	17.8	2	51						
Mo Jones	23	257	11.2	2	33						
TW Cunningham	20	182	9.1	1	16						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Derek Jones	79	3119	39.5	-	31.1	1					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Phillips	3-4	3-3	2-3	0-1	8-11	42					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
R. Hardiman	94	0	1	3	0	L. Lewis	39	0	0	7	1
J. Cordova	91	5	2	2	0	Del Bates	38	0	2	7	3
Josh Smith	70	0	4	0	0	D. Kennard	37	2	5	0	0
Paul Jolley	69	1	2	4	3	B. Lindstrom	32	0	1	2	2
H. Garrett	62	1	7	3	0	Darren Taylor	31	1	6	1	0
Daryl Towns	55	1	5	1	0	Horacio Leyva	27	0	2	0	0
Dwight Lane	49	3	7	0	0	C. LaGrone	27	2	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
N. Burleson	14	55	3.9	0	Del Bates	20	319	15.9	0		

Unfortunately he departs. P Derek Jones at one point was leading the WAC, finishing 4th with a 39.5 average. They lose their top KR in Del Bates, who was the fastest player on the team, but he averaged just 15.9 per return. Burleson led the team in PR's with a weak 3.9 average. Clearly, with added emphasis this year (and the fact that lots of last year's players were frosh), both of those numbers should improve and overall, even with the loss of Phillips, this unit has only one way to go, and that is up.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nevada was the dominant team in the Big West from 1991-96 when they compiled a 51-18 SU record but in their final 3 years of conf play they managed just a 14-19 SU record and switched head coaches for their move to the WAC last year. Nevada had the fewest amount of returning starters (5) in the WAC and faced 3 Top 25 foes in the opening month and a decimated team that relied heavily on freshmen was overwhelmed. Last year I called for them to finish last in the WAC and went against them early and often on the pages of my newsletter, *Power Sweep*. Nevada had 10 losses last year, the most in school history and all of them were by 14 points or more. Last year's squad was a freshmen dominated team and this year they have 31 scholarship soph. They switched to Field Turf last year at Mackay Stadium which should help cut down on injuries. Things will be much better in 2001 as Nevada is among the most improved teams in the country and now in the 2nd year of Tormey's system, loses just 8 letterman and has an amazing 58 returning including 18 starters. Nevada will have one of the most potent offenses in the WAC and a much improved defense. QB David Neill showed his chutzpah by starting 11 games despite being sacked 53 times and getting hit on almost every pass with an inexperienced offensive line "protecting" him. He has a much stronger group around him this year and RB Herman Ho-Ching should be the WAC's Offensive Newcomer of the Year, giving them a top-notch RB threat. Their 17.2 ppg was the lowest I can ever remember them scoring and I look for them to return to their potent ways of years past on that side of the ball. Defensively, they allowed 41 rushing TD's and the 464 points allowed was the most in the NCAA. The top 2 tacklers were both rFr. Naturally, with 8 starters back on that side of the ball, the unit will benefit from a year of added experience and growth. This is still a fairly young team with just 5 seniors projected as starters but they will be much more competitive in 2001 and are probably just a year away from contending for WAC honors.

FULL SERVICE LINE IN NEVADA

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

FREE FOOTBALL INFO

QB DAVID NEILL SR. 6-5 200 7 sts as true, 1st Tm BW, 3249 yds (58%) 29-9 ratio, 11 sts in '99, 3402 yds (58%), 20-7 ratio, 505 rush, 11 sts ly, 2334 yds (51%), 13-12 ratio, 384 rush.
RB HERMAN HO-CHING JR. 6-1 220 PS#24, 501 yds (3.5), 4 sts in 2 yrs at Oregon.
DNP FB & attended JC ly. Marquis Starks (6-1 185 So) PS#249, 7 sts as rFr, #1 w/457 yds (2.9).
WR TIM FLEMING SO. 6-1 165 7 sts as rFr, #3 w/25 rec (17.8). Aaron Carter (6-2 185 Jr) PS#193, 8 rec (12.2) in 5gms as true, 1, 16 rec (9.4), Jason Johnson (6-5 215 So) PS#132TE.
WR NATE BURLESON JR. 6-2 175 PS#225, 4.4 spd, 39" VL, 12 sts in 2000, #1 w/57 rec (16.2). HM WAC. Mo Jones (6-1 185 Sr) QB in '98, 17 rec (11.8), 6 sts in '99, 23 rec (11.2) ly.
WR MICHAEL CRAWFORD JR. 5-9 166 7 sts at TCU in '98, 15 rec (13.7), 8 sts ly, (inj) 42 rec (12.1). TW Cunningham (5-11 170 Sr) PS#156, 3 sts, 20 rec (9.1) ly. Dan Bythwood 36 rec at JC ly.
TE SCOTT ASAI SR. 6-3 235 PS#308JC, 9 sts here ly, 11 rec (14.9). Erick Streelman (6-5 235 Jr) 4 sts in 2000 (inj), 7 rec (14.4). Bill Lynch (6-4 250 Jr) PS#223JC. In for spg.
C CODY JOHNSON JR. 6-4 265 2 starts in '99 & earned letter. 12 starts at C ly.
Matt Tarver (6-3 280 Sr) earned letter as backup ly. Matt Cannon (6-5 275 Sr) has 1 letter.
RG JOHN TENNERT SO. 6-3 288 PS#284, 11 starts at RG as true last year. Nick Schneider (6-5 315 rFr) PS#256, 435 benche. Sione Fehoko (6-3 285) had 2 starts at DT ly.
LG KIKI KAULULA SR. 6-0 305 JUCO trans. 9 sts at LG ly. Big hitter & Newcomer of Year Award. Turner Graham (6-3 280 Sr) 3 starts at LG in 2000, 7 games, earned letter.
RT ALAN PARKER SO. 6-5 275 PS#265OL, 9 starts at RT as rFr in 2000. Brian Barnes (6-6 300 Jr) PS#172. Lettered as backup in 2000. Adam Kiefer (6-5 303 this year).
LT Nick Rae Sr. 6-3 295 PS#200JC, 2 sts at RT & bkup rest of ly. David Ah Sue (6-6 300 Jr) PS#139JC. "Prototype OL." Outstanding pass blk'r. Joins team in fall.
K Ray Sanchez Sr. 5-9 170 1 of 2 FG's L23 & hit 14 of 18 xp's in '99. Handled KO's ly. Could share duties with Damon Fine (5-9 170 rFr), tremendous leg strength.

DE J.D. MORSHECK SO. 6-1 200 PS#215LB, 1 st at RB, 72 yds, 7 tkl at LB as true. Michael Yenick (6-2 235 So) PS#127LB, 11 tkl, 1 tfl as true. Leni Suiaunoo (6-2 230 Sr) 5 tfl in '99. Int ly.
DT HORACIO LEYVA SR. 6-4 270 PS#299, 14 tkl, 7 tfl in '98, 10 sts, 35 tkl, 9 tfl in '99. 9 sts, 27 tkl, 2 tfl ly. Sean Folweiler (6-3 275 Sr) PS#256JC, 1 st at RG, 3 at DT, 14 tkl ly.
DT ISAIAH ROSS SO. 6-3 305 9 sts, 21 tkl, 4 tfl ly. Shoulder injury in spring.
Chris Barry (6-3 260 rFr) PS#231 is #1 in spring. Johnnie Thomas (6-3 285 Jr) PS#294JC.
DE DEREK KENNARD SO. 6-1 235 PS#230, 6 sts, 37 tkl, 7 tfl as true in 2000. Brant Hill (6-4 240 So) PS#197, 5 starts, 17 tkl, 2 sks in 2000. Mike Luca (6-4 240 rFr) PS#191.
OLB PAUL JOLLEY JR. 5-11 205 PS#276DB, 11 tkl, 2 tfl in '99. 1 start at ROV, 10 at OLB ly. 69 tkl, 4 pbu, 3 int. Carl LaGrone (6-5 210 So) PS#165, 27 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 int in 10gms ly.
MLB JORGE CORDOVA SO. 6-2 235 #2 tackler. 11 sts in 2000, 91 tkl, 5 sks, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. Impressive spring. Bert Schenone (6-1 235 Jr) 9 tkl as true, 1 start, 26 tkl, 1 sk in 2000.
ILB DARYL TOWNS SO. 6-0 212 PS#119LB, 4 starts, 55 tkl, 6 tfl in 2000. Jeff Peterson (6-1 220 Sr) 27 tkl, 6 tfl in '99. Hampered by hamstringing ly, 8 tkl, 2 tfl in 4gms.
CB LEONORE LEWIS SO. 5-10 165 5 sts, 39 tkl, 7 pbu, 1 int in 2000. Aaron Dean (5-10 170 Jr) PS#297, 1 start, 17 tkl in '99, 2 starts, 18 tkl, 1 int in 2000. Keone Kauo PS#153.
CB DOMINIC CRUZ JR. 5-9 180 7 tkl in '99, 3 starts, 10 tkl, 6 pbu, 2 int ly.
Maurence Townsell (6-1 180 So) PS#176WR, 5 tkl in 7gms ly. Carlos Velasquez (5-10 180 Jr) ROV HMPHREY GARRETT SO. 5-9 185 PS#267, 10 sts as true last year, 62 tkl, 8 tfl, 3 pbu. Tyronne Rackley (5-11 185 So) PS#117, 4 tkl ly. Stefan Meriwether (6-1 190 So) PS#259.
FS RONALD HARDIMAN SO. 6-0 170 PS#126, 9 sts, #1 tackler in 2000, 94 tkl, 3 pbu in 2000. Brad Lindstrom (6-1 193 So) PS#220RB, 4 sts, 32 tkl, 2 pbu, 2 int as true last year.
P DEREK JONES SO. 6-3 210 79 punts ly (NV rec) 39.5 avg & net of 31.1, 18 I/20. Among national leaders in punt avg until slump late in year. Travis Snyder (6-1 190 rFr).

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 RB Chris Smith 5-11 195 PS#360
 TE Craig Bailey 6-4 230 PS#148
 WR Jamaal Jackson 5-11 205 PS#366
 RB Matt Milton 6-0 205 PS#465
 DL Chris Hines 6-2 280 PS#468
 WR Keene Bowens 6-1 180 PS#524
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Nevada is 0-7 SU & 1-4 ATS vs Pac 10 teams.
Wolf Pack is 1-6 ATS their last 7 as away chalk.
NU is 17-26 ATS last 4 years overall, with only 1 non-losing season.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NEV Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at BYU	G												
Sep. 8	at Colorado St	G												
Sep. 15	Hawaii	A												
Sep. 22	at San Jose St	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	UNLV	A												
Oct. 13	Louisiana Tech	A												
Oct. 20	at Rice	A												
Oct. 27	at Boise St	A												
Nov. 3	SMU	A												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	Fresno St	A												
Nov. 24	at UTEP	A												

Wolf Pack was 2-5 ATS as an AD in their 1st season under Tormey. Despite being outscored 74-40, Nev has covered their road opener each of the L2Y.

NU was 3-6 ATS after a SU loss LY, Tormey is 11-9-1 ATS in the role. Wolf Pack is 0-4 SU vs the Rams but the teams each own 2 ATS wins.

Conference play hasn't been good for Nev; they are 6-13 ATS their L19 conf gms. Nevada is 8-3 SU L11 home openers but have dropped 2 in a row SU & ATS.

The home team is 3-2 SU, 0-1 ATS in 5 series meetings since '92. All 5 games have been high scoring & the avg combined ppg is 73.8.

Nevada is 3-1 ATS after a bye the last 4 seasons. The winner of this North/South battle is awarded the Freemont Cannon.

Despite a 0-4 mark LY, NU entered 2001 with a 9-7 ATS mark in Oct S/97. Pending prior results, Pack is 5-10 ATS on art turf over the last 4 seasons.

Wolf Pack are 3-1 SU & ATS the L2Y vs tms that feature the option in their offense. Could apply here: NU was 4-10 ATS off a SU win coming into this season.

The visitor is 1-7 SU in this series since 1990, 0-2 ATS. NU has outscored BSU 256-193 L6 gms. Avg combined ppg is 74.8.

Wolf Pack is 2-9 ATS in November over the last 4 seasons. Nevada is 7-2 SU, 4-1 ATS when hosting a Texas school.

Despite winning & covering LY, Nev is 1-3 SU & ATS in home finales the L4Y. The home team is 1-3 SU & 1-2 ATS in the series, but did win & cover LY.

Nevada is 3-6 SU & 0-3 ATS in road finales. Pending the Rice result, Pack are 0-2 SU & ATS their L2 trips to Texas.

STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (31,545)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (2nd Year)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-3	9-3	5-6	6-5	3-8	2-10	42-38
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-6	5-5	4-7	4-8	17-26
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	2-3	0-0	6-5
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-3	4-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	1-6
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-5	6-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	2-3	2-5	0-0	7-11
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-8	10-15
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-5	3-3	4-5	1-3	12-16
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-2	3-5	5-10
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-6	8-15
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-2	9-11
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-3	1-2	0-2	4-10
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-1	3-4	3-6	12-13

Coach: CHRIS TORMEY (Career 35-33)
Tormey's records AT NEVADA

2nd Year at Nevada	0-0	Home Favorite
2-10 Straight Up	2-3	Home Underdog
4-8 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
3-6 Off A S/U Loss	2-5	Away Underdog
2-6 Vs Conference	2-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Salad	NL	N Texas	13-6	-
48	Harbor	NL	Villanova	7-27	-
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35	-
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo	37-40	L
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15	L

NEVADA (2-10) CONFERENCE: WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 10* **Returning: 58 (32,24,2)**
DEFENSE: 7 **Lost: 8 (2,5,1)**

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NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE												DEFENSE											
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	%	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	%	YPP	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
2*	17.3	18	68	2.2	245	48.9	18.1	-2	2000	2	38.7	23	233	5.0	202	56.5	11.2						
9*	25.7	25	146	4.2	326	57.5	18.3	-4	1999	5	38.0	23	240	5.3	230	53.3	12.4						
5	33.7	26	144	3.9	363	57.9	15.0	-3	1998	8	28.7	19	190	4.7	206	48.7	13.8						
7	32.1	24	109	3.4	370	59.8	14.9	+2	1997	7	29.1	25	188	4.8	260	52.0	15.4						
2	42.9	27	171	4.4	357	62.3	12.3	+9	1996	10	23.2	18	131	3.7	212	47.9	14.7						
7*	45.0	30	147	4.0	409	65.0	12.5	-16	1995	5	30.0	22	149	4.2	281	52.0	14.3						

	OFFENSE							2000 STATS BY GAME							DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S/KS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S/KS BY		TURN						
at Oregon	12	34-(-3)	-0.1	8-30	106	8		19	42-225	5.4	12-27	231	0		-1						
TCU	20	36-11	0.3	23-47	259	17		19	55-317	5.8	3-10	53	2		3						
at Wyoming	19	34-169	5.0	16-28	195	3		25	34-176	5.2	26-45	259	2		3						
Colorado St	9	28-58	2.1	15-31	253	2		29	55-318	5.8	16-29	185	1		2						
at UNLV	15	31-109	3.5	11-33	136	3		22	53-321	6.1	8-14	152	2		-1						
at Fresno St	23	29-61	2.1	29-49	341	4		17	40-125	3.1	11-21	201	1		-3						
San Jose St	32	38-157	4.1	28-51	357	3		27	46-265	5.8	19-27	238	3		0						
at SMU	17	23-19	0.8	22-39	306	3		24	36-143	4.0	25-35	233	1		-4						
UTEP	23	26-44	1.7	21-48	258	3		23	50-179	3.6	20-35	323	4		-2						
at Hawaii	23	32-41	1.3	27-51	337	5		21	29-155	5.3	24-45	283	2		-1						
Rice	18	38-129	3.4	17-30	236	1		27	59-293	5.0	10-23	104	0		2						
at Tulsa	10	24-17	0.7	13-33	153	1		22	54-273	5.1	14-22	157	1		0						
TOTALS	221	373-812	2.2	230-470	2937	53		275	553-2790	5.0	188-333	2419	19		-2						
AVERAGES	18.4	31-68	2.2	19-39	245	4.4		22.9	46-233	5.0	16-28	202	1.6		-0.2						

1996 RESULTS					1997 RESULTS					1998 RESULTS					1999 RESULTS					2000 RESULTS				
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L		Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	
at Oregon	NL	30-44	-		at Colorado St	+8'	13-45	L		at Oregon St	+7'	6-48	L		Oregon St	-1	13-28	L		at Oregon	+32'	7-36	W	
Montana St	NL	31-7	-		UNLV	-16	31-14	W		Colorado St	+16'	14-26	W		at Colorado St	+17'	33-38	W		TCU	+22'	10-41	L	
at California	NL	15-33	-		Oregon	+3'	20-24	L		at Fresno St	+13'	27-24	W		at Oregon	+14	10-72	L		at Wyoming	+16'	35-28	W	
Kent	NL	63-42	-		at S Mississippi	+14	19-35	L		at UNLV	-10'	31-20	W		Fresno St	-2	24-49	L		Colorado St	+17	14-45	L	
at UNLV	NL	54-17	-		at Toledo	-1	13-31	L		New Mexico St	-12	45-48	L		UNLV	-8	26-12	W		at UNLV	+21	7-38	L	
Boise St	NL	66-28	-		Wyoming	+8	30-34	W		at N Texas	-1	21-27	L		at New Mexico St	+4	23-16	W		at Fresno St	+24	21-58	L	
at Idaho	NL	15-24	-		Idaho	-4	42-23	W		at Idaho	+3	58-23	W		at Boise St	-2	17-52	L		San Jose St	+16	30-49	L	
at N Texas	NL	40-13	-		N Texas	-17	65-10	W		Boise St	-11	52-24	W		N Texas	-11	41-28	W		at SMU	+13'	7-21	L	
New Mexico St	NL	63-14	-		at New Mexico St	-31	45-24	L		at Utah St	-6'	26-21	L		Idaho	+2'	33-42	L		UTEP	+25	22-45	W	
at Utah St	NL	27-54	-		at Boise St	NL	56-42	-		Cal Poly-SLO	NL	63-0	-		at Arkansas St	-3'	28-44	L		at Hawaii	+14'	17-37	L	
Arkansas St	NL	66-14	-		Utah St	-6	19-38	L		S Mississippi	+10	28-55	L		Utah St	-3	35-37	L		Rice	+10	34-28	W	
																				at Tulsa	+12'	3-38	L	

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS



QB Luke McCown completed an outstanding 66% for 2,544 yards with a 21-15 ratio in just 7 starts.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. In 1997 they had to replace their all-time passing leader, Jason Martin. Tim Rattay stepped in and left as #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing only 3 seasons. Brian Stallworth had 14 pass attempts in 1998 and played in 7 games in 1999 with his claim to fame being the winning TD pass vs Alabama with :09 left to pull the upset over the eventual SEC Champion. Only 2 QB's in the NCAA benched 400 lbs or more last year and Stallworth was one of them. He began last year as the starter and in 4 starts threw for 855 yards (64%) with a 7-11 ratio while rushing for 122 yards. He tore his ACL and was lost for the year. Maxie Causey (6-4 192 So) took over, getting 1 start and passing for 316 yards (65%) with a 2-2 ratio. He was pulled at halftime of the Tulsa game and true frosh Luke McCown took over. McCown set a ton of Div I frosh records including completions (48), attempts (72) and TD passes in a game (6). He would have finished 21st in the NCAA in pass efficiency had he played in enough games to qualify. McCown completed an outstanding 66% for 2,544 yards with a 21-15 ratio in just 7 starts. He has a shot at leaving as the NCAA's all-time leader in passing yards should he continue on that pace. Stallworth is back but I would expect him to move to another position should McCown stay healthy although the two received equal reps in the spring. This group is a lot more experienced than it was coming into last year when they had the 2nd most int's of any LT team in a season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year LT had to replace their leading rusher who had 552 yards (5.9). John Simon, who had been mostly a receiving back his first two years with 119 rec's and just 75 rush attempts, became the feature RB. Simon rushed for 565 yards and a solid 5.2 ypc and also led all Div I RB's in rec's with 72 (9.9) while also having 419 yards in returns. He's back for his senior year but could move to WR. Corey Addison (5-11 232 Jr) had 377 yards rushing (4.6). Arthur Jefferson (5-7 188 Jr) had 44 yards in 1999 and 171 last year with an impressive 7.8 ypc. Michael Johnson (5-10 170 Jr) was PS#164 and has the skills to contribute, but could end up at DB in 2001. Also battling for playing time are Danny Wilson (6-0 193 Jr) and Joseph Smith (6-3 218 Jr) who was a JUCO transfer and redshirted. Smith was the most impressive back in the spring. With some added talent I look for even better production this year.

RECEIVERS - In Tim Rattay's final season Tech had 4 players catch at least 60 passes which was the first time in NCAA IA history that had happened and all 4 receivers returned last year although one was RB John Simon. They lost WR Sean Cangelosi for 4 weeks due to injury and after he had 62 rec's and a team high 15.2 ypc in 1999 his numbers dropped to 33 rec's (12.0). This year they must replace 4 of their top 5 WR's in terms of receptions. Their top guy, James Jordan (109 rec, 9.2), opted for the NFL but was not drafted.

Cangelosi is also gone as are WR Faheem Ali (21 rec's, 12.2) and TE David Newman (11 sts, 23 rec, 9.2). Delwyn Daigre and Jordan were the NCAA's most productive pair of wideouts in the country and Jordan led the NCAA in rec's per game. I list the two deep below and there is plenty of talent available and RB Simon may move here. They do bring in top-notch frosh Freddie King (PS#42), who was in for the spring along with JUCO Ahmad Harris and I list them as starters below. This has the makings of a good group but is less experienced than last year's contingent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 LT had a veteran offensive front with 4 senior starters and they allowed just 24 sacks on over 550 passes attempted but averaged only 2.9 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace 4 starters including 2 tackles that went to the NFL and then lost starting RG Shannon Babineaux to injury during the year. OG Randy Richard missed several weeks with an MCL injury and LG Logan Hulet also missed several weeks with a torn shoulder muscle. Surprisingly, they allowed just 27 sacks on the year and had a more effective rush attack, averaging 3.7 ypc. This year the only losses are LT Terrance Sykes (11 sts) and G Babineaux (3 sts). I list the 2 deep below and not only do 4 full-time starters return, but so does Thomas Coury, who saw some starting action last season. This is one of the more veteran groups for Tech and should be a strength in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 LT had a veteran defensive front with 4 senior starters and they managed 27 sacks as a team while allowing 4.1 ypc rushing. Last year the losses were heavy as they lost their top 7 DL's including all 4 starters and not a single returnee had starting experience. They allowed a 100 yard rusher in 10 of 12 games and allowed 5.0 ypc rushing while getting 21 sacks. They only averaged 239 lbs per man to start the year but increased that to 249 when Jamie Nichols took a starting spot. Starting DT Mickey Clark missed a good portion of the season with injury (2 tk's). The only losses this year are Clark, DT Michael Boone (5 sts, 42 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Foster Bradberry (11 tkls). Everyone else returns and I list the 2 deep below. I'll call this unit bigger, stronger, deeper and more experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs had to replace their #1 tackler last year as well as 2 backups. They were going to move SS Bobby Gray into the MLB spot but he moved back to ROV so they basically had 2 starters returning to the unit. This year they must replace SLB Brian Bradford (12 sts, 58 tkls, 8 tfl), ZIP Quincy Stewart (12 sts, 74 tkls, 4.5 tfl), Mondale Bates (16 tkls, 1 tfl) and Foster Bradberry (2 sts, 11 tkls). Two players return with starting experience plus they bring in a JUCO and hopefully a VHT true frosh in Jeremy Hamilton who is still trying to qualify academically. Should Hamilton become available, I think this unit will be just as solid as last year, but since that is a question mark as of this writing, I'll call the unit a little less experienced in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech has finished as high as #33 in my pass D rankings but that was in 1997. In 1999 with a veteran secondary they finished #70. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups due to graduation. The Bulldogs finished #77, allowing 56.6% with a 19-11 ratio vs a fairly tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace starting CB Roderick Pernetter (26 sts, 18 tkls), CB Dewey Simpson (29 tkls), CB Kerry Davis (3 sts, 9 tkls) and S Ulysses Allen (23 tkls). This year 4 players return with starting experience and they have a couple of backups that were JUCO transfers last year and now have a year of Div I experience under their belts. I list the 2 deep below and the Bulldogs have an excellent tandem at safety with Bobby Gray and Michael John Lenard and should move up in the rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - LT was a poor #107 in my special teams rankings in 1998 and improved up to #84 in 1999. Last year they had to replace both their K and their P and dropped all the way down to #109. P Dustin Upton averaged just 35.9 per punt with a net of only 27.4 which was among the weakest in the

WR Delwyn Daigre



LOUISIANA TECH 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
John Simon	109	598	33	565	0	5.2			
Corey Addison	82	388	11	377	6	4.6			
Arthur Jefferson	22	171	0	171	1	7.8			
Brian Stallworth	21	122	32	90	0	4.3			
Terrence Jefferson	13	44	9	35	1	2.7			
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Luke McCown	369	244	66.1	2544	21	15			
Brian Stallworth	129	82	63.6	855	7	11			
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
James Jordan	109	1003	9.2	4	37				
John Simon	72	711	9.9	4	60				
Delwyn Daigre	57	662	11.6	8	64				
Sean Cangelosi	33	397	12.0	5	29				
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK			
Dustin Upton	47	1688	35.9	-	27.4	1			
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
Josh Scobee	8-9	1-3	0-1	1-4	10-17	51			
PLAYER	TKL	SK	TKL	SK	TFL	INT			
Mickey Gray	119	0	0	2	42	2			
Bob Lenard	79	0	0	2	40	0			
Q.Stewart	74	1.5	3	1	37	3			
G. Wallace	70	2.5	3	0	37	1			
C. Thomas	59	1	5	8	36	0			
B. Bradford	58	3	5	1	30	1			
Curtis Randall	47	2	4	1	29	0			
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Simon	11	74	6.7	0	Faheem Ali	19	384	20.2	0

country. Their top PR was John Simon who averaged 6.7 ypr. In 1999 Simon averaged 24.7 on 15 KR's but he avg'd just 19.2 last year and Faheem Ali was the top KR. Ali is gone but Simon is back and I look for improvement on returns. They allowed 21.0 per KR and with everyone back should improve in that area. K Josh Scobee hit just 10 of 17 FG's but had a long of 51 and 3 of his misses were from 50+ so I like his leg strength and he should improve on his accuracy. On the year they allowed 4 TD's and 3 blocks while recording 3 blocks and that is another aspect of the special teams that should be improved this year and they have blocked 5 kicks in Bicknell's tenure. Overall I expect this entire unit to be significantly improved.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech joined IA ball in 1989 and has had some impressive years including 1997 when they went 9-2 and 1999 when they were 8-3 and defeated Alabama (the SEC Champion that year) on the road. Last year they had to replace their star QB Tim Rattay and also had to face 8 road games and it was clearly a rebuilding year as they prepared for the move to the WAC conference. While LT finished just 3-9, they were very tough down the stretch once QB McCown took over. They gave Auburn and Miami, Fla tough games, both on the road, but finished with their worst record in quite some time. While last year's team had to replace 11 starters including its QB, this year only 7 depart and they have 49 lettermen back. Coach Jack Bicknell enters his third season as head man and he is the 2nd youngest head coach in the NCAA. He had to replace 6 full-time coaches prior to last year and the staff will have a little more stability this year. The offense loses Co-OC Rob Spence but after a very un-Louisiana Tech-like year, (26.4 ppg), they have a veteran offensive line and QB, something they did not have last season, and as such they should be much more potent. The defense was very young last year and allowed 33 ppg but with 8 starters back on that side of the ball, they showed great improvement in the spring. In fact, they outplayed the offense in the first two scrimmages, allowing zero TD's in 11 series. LT is used to playing teams like Kan St, Penn St, Auburn and Miami, Fla so they should not be effected as much by the step up to a conference like the WAC. They have to travel the most out of all the teams in the WAC but also rate a solid home edge as teams play a rare game in the south vs them. LT also finished -17 in turnovers last year and if you read my Turnovers=Turnaround article (see page 277) you will note that good things should be in the offing for this much stronger Tech team this season.

Overall they face a much tougher schedule than last year when they faced SIX teams that were not from a major conference. This year every team is from one of the established IA conferences with a very tough non-conf slate once again. Tech's schedule was rated #101 overall last year but is now #70. Despite the tough schedule, this team is stronger than last year's version and has a shot at topping last year's win total and making some noise in their new conference.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR Freddie King 5-7 170 PS#42
LB Jeremy Hamilton 5-11 205 PS#24
RB Shelton Sampson 5-11 220 PS#83
OL Aaron Lips 6-5 275 PS#105
QB Matt Kubic 6-3 200 PS#92
QB Pat McMahon 6-11 210 PS#111
WR M.T. Tyesie 5-11 210 PS#145
WR Ahmad Harris 6-0 175 PS#239
RB Allyn Young 5-9 195 PS#333
OL Marcus Stewart 6-3 280 PS#37C
LB Chris Marshall 5-11 220 PS#375JC
OL Phillip Reico 6-2 275 PS#420
OL Wendell Crowe 6-3 225 PS#409
DL Spencer Young 6-3 260 PS#419C
OL Ricky Marcile 6-6 290 PS#505

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB LUKE MCCOWN SO. 6-4 200 PS#36QB. 7 sts as true, 2544 yds (66%), 21-15 ratio, 141 rush. Brian Stallworth (6-0 205 Sr) PS#205. 476 yds in '99. 4 sts, 855 yds (64%) y. RB JOHN SIMON SR. 5-9 202 673 total yds in '98. 134 rush, 757 rec in '99. 565 yds (5.2), 72 rec (#1 in NCAA RB's), 9.9 ypc. Corey Addison (5-11 232 Jr) 377 yds (4.6) in 2000. WR Freddie King Jr. 5-7 170 PS#42. Extremely quick. 2000+ all purpose yards in HS last year. Allen Stark (6-2 193 Sr) 18 rec (15.1) in 1999. 7 rec (16.9) in 2000. WR DELWYN DAIGRE SR. 5-11 205 PS#160. 11 sts as rF, 40 rec (13.5), 11 sts in '99. 77 rec (14.1), 12 sts in 2000. 57 rec (11.6). Corey Berlin (5-11 176 Jr) PS#195. 5 rec (8.2) in '99. WR AHMAD HARRIS JR. 6-0 175 PS#227JUCO. In for spring. 57 rec (17.6) at JUCO last year. Frank Thompson (5-9 177 Sr) Miss St transfer, 10 rec (19.0), 7 gms in 2000. TE Major Richmond So. 6-3 209 2 rec (14.5) as true in 1999. 2 rec (13.5) in 2000. Aaron Capps (6-6 232 rF) was PS#99. Jamie Spigener (6-4 240 Jr) is PS#228TE. C SHAWN MURFF JR. 6-3 276 PS#442OL. Lettered as backup in '99. Starter at C in 2000. Kiso Aab (6-1 279 Jr) 2 letters. Justin Durbin (6-4 243 So) 1L, converted TE. RG Thomas Coury Sr. 6-4 319 PS#298JC. Orig signed w/Pitt out of high school. Won starting job at RG ly. Tywain Breaux (6-6 320 Sr) was PS#53JC. Lettered for significant PT ly. LG RANDY RICHARD SR. 6-4 300 PS#440. Lettered as backup in '98. 10 starts in '99. Starter in 2000 but missed PT w/injured MCL. Clint Walker (6-3 285 So) PS#450. RT DAMIAN LAVERGNE JR. 6-6 344 Lettered as backup in '99. Starter at RT in 2000. Missed spring recovering from shoulder surgery. NFL prospect. Clarence Casey (6-5 290 So) PO ly. LT LOGAN HULETT SR. 6-5 272 PS#436. Hampered by inj's. 1 gm as bkup '98, brk ankle. Out '99 w/back spr. Starter at LG until inj ly. Michael Gilmore (6-4 300 So) lettered as bkup ly. K JOSH SCOBEE SO. 6-1 174 PS#78K. 10-17 FG's as true, long of 51. 8 of 9 inside the 30. Three misses from 50+. 39 of 41 on xp's. Trent Wierick (6-1 183 Jr) 6 of 6 L38 in '98.

WLB CARLIN THOMAS SR. 6-3 227 2 tkls, 2 sks as true. 19 tkls, 3.5 tfl in '99. 1st Tm All Louisiana, 59 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, 8 pbu, 2 int in 2000. Andrius Vito (6-2 216 Jr) 15 career tackles. NT JAMIE NICHOLS SR. 6-3 306 PS#68LB in '97. Orig signed w/Ole Miss. 2 years at JC. PS#197JC ly. 28 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. Quincy Myles (6-2 297 Jr) had 12 tkls, 3 tfl. D Brandon Avance Jr. 6-3 250 PS#304LB. 22 tackles in 1999. 37 tackles, 3 sacks in 2000. Moses Love (6-3 272 Sr) PS#396RB. 30 tackles, 1 sack, 3 tfl, 2 pbu in 2000. DE CLINT ELLSWORTH JR. 6-4 277 PS#240JUCO. 37 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. Chris Van Hoy (6-4 211 Jr) PS#260DL. Spencer Young (6-3 260 Jr) had 17 sacks in 2 years at JUCO. SLB CURTIS RANDALL JR. 6-2 227 PS#143. 19 tkls, 2.5 tfl in '99. 47 tkls, 6 tfl in 2000. Jonte Price (5-11 209 So) PS#339. 12 tkls ly. Montoya Gipson (6-1 207 Sr) PS#212, 21 tkls, 2Y. MLB GEROME WALLACE JR. 6-1 239 PS#450LB. 5 tackles in 1999. 70 tackles, 3 tfl, 2.5 sacks in 2000. John Nash (6-1 235 rF), Blake Smith (5-10 219 Sr) has 12 tkls in career. ZP Antonio Crow So. 6-0 223 PS#235QB. 20 tkls, 1 sk in 2000. Chris Marshall (5-11 220 Jr) PS#375JC. 10 sks at JC in 2000. Jeremy Hamilton (PS#24) could be PQ. CB WILLIE SHEPPARD JR. 5-9 197 43 tkls, 3 pbu in 1999. 40 tackles, 7 pbu, 1 int in 2000. Corey Brazil (5-8 193 So) was PS#219DB. Ryan Antoine (5-8 185 So) 3 tkls last year. CB Jason Olford Sr. 5-10 180 JC transfer. 36 tkls, 2 pbu, 4 int in 2000. Curtis Speller (5-11 188 Sr) JUCO transfer. RS in 1999, 10 tackles, 1 int, 11 games here in 2000. ROV BOBBY GRAY SR. 6-1 210 83 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 int in '98. 85 tkls, 4 pbu, 1 int in '99. #1 tkfl'r w/19 in 2000, 1 int. 3 yr starter at ROV. Thadrick Love (5-11 199 Jr) PS#307LB. PS ICKEL J. LENARD JR. 6-0 198 70 tkls, 3 pbu, 1 int in '99. #2 tkfl'r in 2000 w/79, 2 pbu, 2 int. Quincy Davis (5-10 197 Sr) PS#334JUCO. 15 tkls, 1 pbu in 1999. RS in 2000. P DUSTIN UPTON SO. 5-11 204 47 punts as true, 35.9 avg & net of only 27.4. 10 inside the 20. Tommy Hebert (5-10 171 rF) PS#76K. #2 punter & PK on depth chart ly, no stats.

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Ruston, Louisiana
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bulldogs began playing in 1901 and are 501-352-37 SU in their history. This is their 1st year in the Western Athletic Conference.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win	H	H	A	A	G	A	VS	VS
					LT Opp	Loss	F	D	F	D	R	S	CONF	NON CONF
Sep. 1	SMU (Shreveport)	G												
Sep. 8	at Oklahoma St	A												
Sep. 15	at Kansas St	A												
Sep. 22														
Sep. 29	at Fresno St	G												
Oct. 6	San Jose St	G												
Oct. 13	at Nevada	A												
Oct. 20	at Auburn	G												
Oct. 27	Rice (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at Tulsa	A												
Nov. 10	at UTEP	A												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24	Boise St	G												

La Tech is 5-2 SU but 1-3 ATS in home openers since 1994. This will be the 1st ever meeting between the Mustangs & the Bulldogs.
Bulldogs are 2-4 SU but 5-1 ATS in their last 6 road openers. LT is 0-7 SU & 3-4 ATS vs current Big 12 schools since 1993.
This will be the 3rd ever series meeting, but somewhat surprisingly KSU is not 2-0, as LT posted a 31-28 win in Manhattan in '88.

Louisiana Tech is 2-2 SU & 0-4 ATS after a bye since 1997. FSU owns a 2-0 SU lead in the all-time series standings.

Pending the opener & the line, note that LT is 5-1 ATS as a HD S/95. SJS is 2-0 SU & ATS in the series, total combined score is SJS 58, LT 12.

The only other series meeting was a 49-45 Nevada win in Ruston in '95. Pending earlier results, LT is 12-18 ATS their L/30 as an AD.

La Tech is 6-49-2 SU all-time vs current SEC teams, 0-8-1 SU vs Auburn. Bulldogs are 2-4 SU but 4-2 ATS vs SEC teams since 1997.

Pending the SJS result, LT is 8-2 SU & ATS in sandwiched HG's. The last series meeting was a 14-0 Rice win in 1965.

La Tech leads the all-time SU series 4-1 but lost at Tulsa LY. The home team has won & covered both recent meetings ('95 & 2000).

Bulldogs own a 3-1-1 all-time series SU lead, last meeting in 1991. LT won that one 21-17 as a 1 pt road favorite.

Bonus: La Tech is 1-5 ATS in their last 6 road finales.

La Tech is 2-0 SU but the home team is 2-0 ATS in the 2 most recent meetings. Bulldogs are 5-1 SU & 4-0 ATS in their last 6 home finales.

STADIUM: JOE AILLET (30,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	6-5	9-2	6-6	8-3	3-9	40-39
ATS	2-7	5-4	5-4	6-5	7-4	6-4	4-6	35-34
Home Fav	1-2	1-0	0-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	9-7
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	5-2
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	3-1	0-3	9-8
Away Dog	0-4	2-3	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-3	12-17
Favorite	2-2	2-0	1-2	3-4	5-1	4-2	1-3	18-14
Dog	0-5	3-3	4-2	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	17-19
Grass	2-4	4-3	3-3	6-4	6-3	5-4	4-2	30-23
Artificial	0-3	1-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	5-11
vs Indep	1-1	1-0	0-2	2-2	4-1	2-2	2-2	12-10
vs Non-Indep	1-6	4-4	5-2	4-3	3-3	4-2	2-4	23-24
Off SU Win	0-2	2-2	3-2	4-4	3-3	5-3	1-2	18-18
Off SU Loss	2-4	2-2	2-2	2-0	3-1	0-1	3-4	14-14

Coach: JACK BICKNELL III (Career 11-12)
Bicknell's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

3rd Year at Louisiana Tech	2-1	Home Favorite
11-12 Straight Up	1-1	Home Underdog
10-10 Vs The Spread	3-4	Away Favorite
3-5 Off A S/U Loss	4-4	Away Underdog
4-4 Vs Independent	6-6	Vs Non-Indep

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
74	Pioneer (Div II)	NL	C Michigan	14-35	-
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14	-
78	Independence	NL	E Carolina	13-35	-
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34	W

LOUISIANA TECH (3-9) WAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 49 (24,23,2)

Lost: 18 (8,10,0)



LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE																	
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	26.4	24	103	3.7	310	65.4	15.6	-17	2000	5	33.0	22	211	5.0	198	56.6	12.4
9*	35.4	25	68	2.9	403	65.7	13.3	+6	1999	9	27.8	23	165	4.1	210	56.1	13.5
6*	41.1	26	110	4.5	432	66.9	13.2	+2	1998	7	33.5	23	173	4.2	232	56.5	12.1
7	33.1	24	136	4.7	360	60.6	15.0	+5	1997	8	25.5	24	154	3.8	240	51.0	15.4
7*	31.9	22	107	3.8	343	58.6	14.1	0	1996	4	31.1	23	203	4.6	209	54.7	13.2
9	29.0	22	191	5.3	259	55.0	15.5	+1	1995	4	33.7	23	168	4.3	281	58.0	13.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
Miss Valley St	29	37-190	5.1	29-34	362	1	18	36-97	2.7	14-33	186	3	-1
at Kansas St	25	29-72	2.5	33-54	319	3	23	41-267	6.5	13-23	233	0	-3
at Penn St	8	19-45	2.4	16-33	122	1	28	63-299	4.7	16-22	194	3	-5
Stephen F Austin	26	38-187	4.9	26-38	282	1	26	47-221	4.7	14-25	169	2	-1
at Tulsa	21	42-196	4.7	14-24	141	1	21	45-177	3.9	14-28	141	1	-3
at Mid Tenn St	21	31-127	4.1	26-41	217	3	24	44-335	7.6	16-22	201	2	-1
Louisiana-Lft	29	24-97	4.0	35-48	399	0	16	48-223	4.6	10-26	77	1	0
at Auburn	29	17-36	2.1	47-65	433	1	21	48-301	6.3	12-18	135	2	-2
at Miami (Fla)	28	18-67	3.7	42-72	418	2	29	48-331	6.9	16-31	185	0	+1
UCF	27	28-53	1.9	34-52	363	6	14	24-47	2.0	18-37	254	1	-1
at UL Monroe	27	28-138	4.9	27-38	404	4	20	37-110	3.0	22-30	204	0	0
at Hawaii	16	20-32	1.6	28-47	255	4	25	29-124	4.3	31-51	391	0	-1
TOTALS	286	331-1240	3.7	357-546	3715	27	265	510-2532	5.0	196-346	2370	15	-17
AVERAGES	23.8	28-103	3.7	30-46	310	2.3	22.1	43-211	5.0	16-29	198	1.3	-1.4

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	NL	20-0	-
Baylor	+20	16-24	W
at C Michigan	+3	38-37	W
at Mississippi St	+18	38-23	W
SW Louisiana	-1	31-37	L
at Texas A&M	+24	13-63	L
at Arkansas	+12	21-38	L
Toledo	+1'	61-20	W
UAB	NL	35-31	-
at N Illinois	-14'	40-14	W
at Arkansas St	-12	38-55	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-8	30-23	L
NE Louisiana	-9'	17-16	L
C Michigan	-5	56-28	W
at Arkansas	+11	13-17	W
California	+9	41-34	W
at Auburn	+24	13-49	L
Arkansas St	-24	42-14	W
at Boise St	-13	31-27	L
at Alabama	+19	26-20	W
at UAB	-8'	32-29	L
at SW Louisiana	-22	63-24	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+35	27-56	W
UCF	-3'	30-64	L
at Texas A&M	+22'	7-28	W
SW Louisiana	-20	77-14	W
at Wyoming	+7'	19-31	L
Boise St	-10'	63-28	W
at NE Louisiana	-13'	44-14	W
UAB	-17'	54-23	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-32	L
Nicholls St	NL	56-28	-
at Arkansas St	-18	69-21	W
at Tulane	+12	30-63	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St	+36	7-41	W
Texas A&M	+14'	17-37	L
Sam Houston St	NL	55-17	-
at Alabama	+13'	29-28	W
at SW Louisiana	-15	41-31	L
Mid Tenn St	-30	42-18	L
at UCF	-5'	46-35	W
at Toledo	-6	34-17	W
NE Louisiana	-26	58-17	W
at UAB	-8	41-20	W
at USC	+1	19-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss Valley St	NL	63-10	-
at Kansas St	+27'	10-54	L
at Penn St	+15	7-67	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	31-34	-
at Tulsa	+6'	10-22	L
at Mid Tenn St	-2	21-49	W
Louisiana-Lft	-6	48-14	W
at Auburn	+32	28-38	W
at Miami (Fla)	+40'	31-42	W
UCF	+6'	16-20	W
at UL Monroe	-23'	42-19	L
at Hawaii	-1	10-27	L

BOISE ST BRONCOS



Nick Calaycay led the NCAA in FG percentage in 2000, hitting 16 of 17 with a long of 46 yards.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In his first 2 years here, Bart Hendricks shared the QB job, making 12 starts and in 1999 got off to a slow start and fans began to turn on him. A 21 of 31 for 269 yard performance vs N Mexico turned his season around and he ended up shattering 10 school records. He was the Off MVP of the Big West and set a school record with 3,081 yards passing. Last year he once again was the Big West Off POY and broke his own school record with 3,611 yards and he led the nation in TD passes, pass efficiency and points responsible for. He was one of four Unites finalists for the top QB in the country. He had a 205.5 pass efficiency rating vs Big West opponents last year and was the #3 rusher in both of his last 2 seasons. Hendricks had an amazing 36-9 ratio and also had 515 gross yards rushing. He will definitely be missed. Ryan Dinwiddie (PS#104) did not see much action last year, playing in 8 games with 19 passes. BJ Rhode (6-4 230 Jr) was PS#177 and had 12 passes in 1999 as the backup QB but played in just 4 games last year with 6 passes. Mike Sanford (6-4 199 Jr) was PS#125 and has good size and Sean Steichen (6-0 190 Jr) is PS#188. While there are some HT's available, it will be impossible to match the production that Hendricks has put up the last 2 years and they will also miss his leadership. Naturally this unit looks much weaker in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Boise had a RB by committee with 4 backs each having over 45 rush attempts. Davy Malaythong, a player who could squat 600 lbs and had 4.51 speed, was the leading rusher with 586 yards (3.9). Malaythong's playing time decreased last year as he was just the 4th leading rusher with 212 (7.1). Brock Forsey moved to the head of the pack and would have had 1,000 yards in the regular season had he not been injured and missed most of two games. Forsey finished with 982 yards (4.7) and was #6 in the NCAA in all-purpose yards as he added 455 yards receiving and 566 in KR's. He had 17 TD's which accounted for 25% of the team's total. David Mikell was the team's 2nd leading rusher as a rFr with 352 yards and a solid 5.5 ypc. He has 4.46 speed. Aristotle Thompson had 122 yards (5.3). Thompson and Malaythong depart but the top 2 rushers are back. I list the 2 FB's below. Also in the mix at TB are David Word (5-7 172 So) who was PS#235, and Donny Heck (5-10 188 rFr) who was PS#289. I look for big things from Forsey in 2001.

RECEIVERS - The Broncos' receiving corps has grown the last couple of years. They were a very inexperienced group coming into 1999 and last year they lost their starting TE to graduation and then lost starting WR Billy Wingfield to an injury prior to the season. Despite these two losses, the group simply had 4 players earn All Big West mention and of those 4 only one departs. TE Rob Snelling had 24 rec's (16.1) and was 2nd Team Big West. He is the 4th straight All Big West TE to depart for the Broncos in 4 years. Their big play man is speedster Lou Fanucchi, one of the fastest players on the team. He has averaged 19.8 and 19.3 in his

2 seasons and earned 1st Team Big West honors last year. Jay Swillie was suspended the first 2 games but still had 37 rec's (16.3) and was 2nd Team Big West. Jeb Putzier was #2 with 37 grabs (16.9) and was HM Big West. Andre Banks (6-2 177 Jr) had 11 catches in the first 3 games and 3 TD rec's in the final 3 regular season games but only finished with 20 rec's (14.9). Not included in the two deep is Wingfield (4.47 speed), who was a starter in 1999 but missed last year after being injured in a car accident in August, so there is added talent in the group. Naturally, with almost everyone back, this unit looks even stronger in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 a veteran offensive front paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 39 sacks and the offense averaged 33.1 ppg. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace 5 players who combined for 38 starts, including 1st and 2nd Team All Big West performers. Despite the losses, the team improved to 4.5 ypc rushing but allowed 44 sacks as the unit, with 4 players with starting experience, gelled quickly. This year practically everyone is back as the only loss is LG Scott Butrice (12 sts, 1st Team BW). I list the 2 deep below and the one non-starter returning, Derek Olley, simply had 8 starts and was HM Big West as a starter in 1999 before losing his job last year. They also add a JUCO and some quality rFr including Scott Arnold (6-5 305) who was PS#201 and is not listed below. This is a much more experienced group than last year's unit. Even though it's the Broncos' first year in the WAC, they should have one of the stronger offensive fronts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Boise St has made some strides vs the rush, going from 4.3 ypc rushing allowed in 1997 to 3.4 and 3.2 the next few years. Last year they had to replace both starting DE's but had both starting tackles back and also 3 players with starting experience in the middle. The unit slipped a little allowing 3.6 ypc rushing, and went from 43 sacks as a team in 1999 to 40. This season the losses are even heavier. Gone are DE Zach Weber (12 sts, 1st Team BW, 5 sks, 56 tkl, 15 press), DE Jeff Copp (12 sts, 1st Team BW, 47 tkl, 9 sks, 8 press) and DT Brad Phillips (11 sts, 41 tkl, 6 tfl, HM BW). They have 3 players returning with starting experience and the coaching staff is very high on Julius Roberts, a big DE (6-5 225 rFr) who runs a 4.75 40 and was the Scout Team Defensive POY. He will become this year's star DE. This has the makings of a decent D-line but they are less experienced than last year and this unit looks down a notch or two from the 2000 version.

LINEBACKERS - The terminology may be different for Boise this year, as they go from what they called a 3 safety/2 LB group to 3 LB's and 2 safeties, but basically the SLB is the same type of athlete and I list them here. Boise had one of the most underrated corps of LB's in the country in 1999 as they turned out to be very athletic and productive. Last year they only had to replace one starter who was 1st Team Big West and had 5 of the top 6 LB's returning. This year they must replace MLB Shawn Sandoval (8 sts, 52 tkl, 3 tfl), SLB Kareem Williams (27 tkl, 4 tfl) and MLB Justin Howell (5 sts, 47 tkl, 2 sks). LB Justin Brown (11 starts, 65 tackles and 7 tfl) went down with a knee injury before the bowl game and will redshirt this season, so he must also be replaced. That means just one starter returns and only 2 of the top 6 are back. I list the 2 deep below and included are 2 JUCO transfers that were both in for spring and I show one as a starter that should play immediately. The JUCO's help but this group is less experienced and will be down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 Boise finished #46 in my pass D rankings and with 3 starters back in 1999 they moved up to #27. Last year they lost 5 of their top 8 players including 3 who combined for 23 starts. They returned a pair of All Big West players in starting FS Quintin Mikell (who was Big West Co-Defensive POY) and CB Dempsey Dees who won 1st Team Big West for the 2nd consecutive season. Surprisingly Boise dropped quite a bit in the rankings to #64, allowing 50.6% with a 17-14 ratio. This year the losses are even heavier. Gone are Dees (2 int, 14 pbu), WS Shaunard Harts (12 sts, #2 tkl/r, 16 tfl, 2 int, 13 pbu, 2nd Team BW, led BW in sks, #7 DC of KC), CB D. Ross (12 sts, 1st Team BW, 65 tkl, 2 int, 17 pbu) and backup SS Ryan Brinkley (11 tkl). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. There are some JUCO's and rFr that should contend but I'm very concerned with the CB situation. This group is less experienced and will likely drop again in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Boise ranked a poor #97 in my special teams rankings in 1998 and had to replace both the P and K but moved up to #32 and #23 in the last 2 years. K Nick Calaycay was 1st Team Big West in 1999 but did not have a good spring last year and was actually fighting for his job in August. Fortunately for BSU Calaycay won the job, as he went on

BOISE ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Brock Forsey	207	1023	41	982	10	4.7					
David Mikell	64	364	12	352	6	5.5					
Bart Hendricks	98	515	189	326	8	3.3					
Davy Malaythong	30	231	19	212	0	7.1					
Aristotle Thompson	23	133	11	122	1	5.3					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Bart Hendricks	376	227	60.4	3611	36	9					
Ryan Dinwiddie	19	11	57.9	137	2	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Lou Fanucchi	43	828	19.3	8	87						
Jeb Putzier	37	627	16.9	3	42						
Jay Swillie	37	602	16.3	5	35						
Brock Forsey	27	455	13.1	7	59						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Jeff Edwards	54	2273	42.1	-	35.1	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Nick Calaycay	7-7	4-4	5-6	0-0	16-17	46					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Q. Mikell	127	3	5	13	1	Jeff Copp	47	9	3	1	1
S. Harts	95	8	13	2	1	Justin Howell	47	2	0	4	1
Greg Sasser	72	2	6	1	0	Dempsey Dees	43	0	0	14	2
Justin Brown	65	2	5	3	0	Brad Phillips	41	3	3	1	0
D. Ross	65	0	1	17	2	Wes Nurse	40	0	5	3	1
Zach Weber	56	5	4	1	0	Tony Altieri	35	2	2	0	0
S. Sandoval	52	1	2	3	0	K. Williams	27	1	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Q. Mikell	36	315	8.8	0	Brock Forsey	26	566	21.8	0		

to lead the NCAA in FG % in FG %, hitting 16 of 17 FG's (94.1%). Keep in mind only 2 players in the NCAA topped 90% and he earned his 2nd consecutive 1st Team Big West honors. He is now 32 of 38 in his career (84%) on FG's. Brett Thompson, who handled KO's the last 2 seasons, is gone. They suffer a big loss at P as Jeff Edwards moves on after averaging 42.7 and 42.1 in his 2 years. Last year BSU had a net punting of 35.1. They do however bring in a top-notch JUCO to replace him. Their top KR, Brock Forsey, is back and he had 566 yards (21.8) while David Mikell had 528 yards and an even better 26.4 ypr to finish #3 in the nation in KR avg. They are a potent duo. FS Quintin Mikell was also a top-notch PR in his first year of those duties. BSU blocked 4 punts last year and have 7 over the last 2 years but also suffered 2 blocks last season. Even with the move up in the conference competition and the loss of their punter and KO man, this unit still is clearly in the upper half of the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St is taking a big step up in level of competition, going from the Big West to the WAC, but have played well vs the big boys in recent years, winning both of their bowl games including a 38-23 win over WAC representative UTEP last year. They also had narrow losses to Arkansas and Wash St last season. Dirk Koetter did a great job here as this team was just 6-17 SU in the 2 years prior to his arrival in 1998, and he guided them to 6-5, 9-3 and 10-2 SU records. Unfortunately, Koetter left for Ariz St as did 7 assistants and Dan Hawkins, who was asst head coach here, takes over. He did guide Willamette to a 40-11-1 record and the Division II Title game. BSU closed out the last 2 years of the Big West with a dominating run, as they won 10 straight conference games and outscored the league 515-218 (average 46.8-19.8). Their 20-5 record is the 6th most wins nationally over the last 2 years and last year 17 players made All Big West including ten first teamers. They have won their last 13 at home by an average of 45.4-12.1 and set a school record with 494 points (44.9), 2 ppg better than Oklahoma during the regular season. While they finished #2 in total offense in the NCAA, my ratings take into account strength of schedule but they still finished a very solid #17 offensively and their offense has scored 30+ points an amazing 18 straight games. The big question on offense is who is going to fill the shoes of Bart Hendricks, their super QB, but whoever wins the job will have a solid supporting cast with 7 starters back on that side of the ball. With an inexperienced QB and a big step up in level of competition in conference play, I expect a dramatic decrease in both the ppg and ypg from last year. Defensively, they have just 3 starters back, which is the lowest in the league. They kick off WAC play with a rematch vs UTEP at the same site as their bowl game. I do 7 sets of power ratings and one has Boise rated as high as 3rd in the conference but another has them as low as 10th. They are the only team in the WAC that was plus double digit turnovers last year (see Turnovers-Turnaround pg 277) and their 36 letterman returning are the lowest in the league. I look at this as a rebuilding year with a brand new coach and tougher schedule and just recording a winning season would be a positive for Boise this year.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Ryan Dinwiddie So. 6-0 192 PS#104. 8 games as rFr, 137 yds (58%). 2-0 ratio, 24 yds rush. B.J. Rhode (6-4 230 Jr) PS#177. 152 yds pass in '99. 4 games, 36 yds pass, 23 rush ly. **TB** BROCK FORSEY JR. 5-11 198 465 yds (4.7) as rFr, 175 rec. 2003 total yards last year, 982 rush (4.7) #6 in NCAA in all-purp yds. David Mikell (5-9 190 So) 352 yds (5.5). 4.46 speed. **FB** Matt Strohus Jr. 6-2 233 PS#251LB. 16 yds rush in '99, 15 spm tkl. Sp Tms Iron Man Award ly (254 ST plays, 13 tkl) & backup FB. Clint Fennis (5-10 212 Jr) PS#358JUC. **WR** LOU FANUCCHI JR. 5-11 191 2 sts in '99, 26 rec (19.8). 4.47 spd. 43 rec (19.3) ly, w/8 rec TDs. **1st TM BW** Jay Swillie (6-3 207 Jr) 29 rec (14.4) in '99. **2nd TM BW** Brock Forsey (6-4 230 Jr) 29 rec (14.4) in '99. **TE** JEB PUTZIER SR. 6-5 234 4.55 spd! 11 sts in '99, 40 rec (13.8). **2nd TM BW** 37 rec (16.9) in 2000. Andre Banks (6-2 177 Jr) 2 rec (20.0) as true. 20 rec (14.9). 4 TD's in 2000. **TE** Kevin Loumaus So. 6-4 250 PS#269DL. Missed 1st 4 games w/knee inj ly. PT increased at end of yr, 3 rec (5.0). **Kuwese Walker** (6-3 230 Jr) PS#105JUC. 35 rec (8.8) at JC ly. **C** SCOTT HUFF JR. 6-2 292 PS#445. 6 sts in '99, lettered. 11 starts in 2000, 2L. Mike MacLeod (6-2 267 So) played 6 games as backup C last year. **Michael Ansel** (6-3 277 rFr). **RG** ROB VIAN JR. 6-5 300 1 start & saw significant action in 7 games in '99. 12 starts, 561 snaps (#3 on OL) in 2000. 2 letters. Russell Colburn (6-4 293 rFr) was PS#435. **LG** PETER NAUMES SR. 6-3 279 PS#173JUC. 8 sts in 2000 including L7 at LT. #1 LT in spring, but could move to LG. Jeff Cheek (6-5 293 Sr) PS#280JUC. 8 games as backup OG ly. **RT** MATT HILL SR. 6-6 298 4 sts, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 3 pbu at DT in '98 & '99. 12 starts at RT in 2000. **2nd TM BW** Jason Turner (6-4 270 So) PS#240DL. 7 games as backup ly. **LT** Derek Olley Sr. 6-5 305 HM BW in '99, started LB. First 5 sts at LT ly. Lost starting job, but still had 490 snaps (#5 on OL). **Jess Hernandez** (6-3 284 Jr) PS#235JC. **K** NICK CALAYCAY JR. 5-7 168 16 of 21 on FG's as frosh with long of 46. Led NCAA in FG %, hitting 16-17 (94.1%) with long of 46 in 2000. **1st TM Big West** for two straight years.

DE Mike Phillips Sr. 6-2 241 PS#440JUC. 88 tkl, 20 tfl, 10 sks as So at JC. 9 tkl, 1 pbu here last year. **Skay Dumont** (6-2 238 Sr) had 5 tkl, 1 tfl in '98 & '99. 10 tkl, 1 pbu in 2000. **DT** Bobby Hammer Jr. 6-2 263 PS#106. 2 starts, 20 tkl, 3 tfl in '99. 1 start, 21 tkl, 1 tfl, 4 press ly. **445 bench** (DL record). **Dane Oldham** (6-2 259 So) 1 start, 17 tkl, 1 tfl in 2000. **DT** TONY ALTIERI JR. 5-10 280 1 st, 15 tkl, 4.5 tfl in '99. 11 sts, 35 tkl, 4 tfl, 3 press in 2000. **Paul Allen** (6-2 273 So) 9 tkl as true last year. **LaMarcus Gardner** (6-1 288 Jr) 4 tkl ly. **DE** Marcus Purkiss Jr. 6-3 237 JC transfer. RS in 1999. 6 tkl, 2 pbu, 6 press in 2000. **Julius Roberts** (6-5 225 rFr) PS#315. 4.75 speed. Added 25 lbs. Def Scout TM POY in 2000. **SAM GREG SASSER SR.** 5-9 206 PS#277DB. 5 tkl as true. 38 tkl in '99. 12 sts at SS ly, 72 tkl, 8 tfl. Sp Tms Iron Man Award. **Travis Burgher** (6-1 204 So) 4 tkl, 1 int, 2 blk'd punts ly. **MIKE LaGarry Mitchell** So. 6-1 244 12 tkl, 3 tfl, blocked punt return for TD in 2000. **Kameron Merritt** (6-2 228 Jr) PS#447JUC. In for spring. **Selwyn Thomas** (5-11 200 So). 4.6 speed. **WILL Chauncey Ako Jr.** 5-11 234 PS#73JUCO. In for spring. **Andy Avalos** (5-10 213 rFr) PS#363LB. **Jeff Parks** (6-3 207 Jr) PS#122LB. 17 sks, 28 tfl, 156 tkl in HS last year as TE. **CB** Julius Brown So. 5-10 184 8 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int (incl 1 ret'd for TD) as rFr. **Lee Marks** (5-9 167 Jr) PS#174. 7 int's as Sr in high school ly. **Gabriel Franklin** (5-10 179 Jr) is fastest CB. **CB** Greg Toomes Sr. 5-9 177 PS#450JUC. 15 tkl in 12 games last year. **Terrial Hall** (5-9 170 Jr) JC transfer & participated in spring. **Speedy** 12 pbu, 3 int's at JUCO last year. **ROV** Wes Nurse So. 5-10 181 Blitzing speed & coverage skills. 40 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int. 191 special teams plays in 2000. **Josh Cormie** (6-0 200 So) 10 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu in 11 gms ly. **FS** QUINTIN MIKELL JR. 5-10 197 13 tkl, 2 int, 2nd TM Big West. 100 tkl, 9 pbu, 2 int in 1999. **BW Co-Defensive POY** in 2000. 127 tkl, 8 tfl, 13 pbu, avg 8.8 on PR's. #1 klr in BW. **P** Keith Schuttler Jr. 5-11 191 PS#240JUCO. In for spring. Averaged 42 yards punting last year for JUCO National Title team. **Nicholas Jones** (6-1 249 rFr) was PS#78 in 2000 & RS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
LB Chauncey Ako 5-11 234 PS#73JC
TE Kuwese Walker 6-3 230 PS#105JC
LB Jeff Parks 6-3 207 PS#122
OL Kellen Wright 6-3 262 PS#193
DB Lee Marks 5-9 167 PS#174
OL Jess Hernandez 6-3 284 PS#235JC
P Keith Schuttler 5-11 191 PS#240JUC
RB Chris Carr 5-10 172 PS#261
LB Chris Barrios 6-0 212 PS#231
LB Geoff Hise 6-2 240 PS#257
DB Paul Nix 6-0 212 PS#295
RB Clint Fennis 5-10 212 PS#358JC
LB Troy Paster 6-4 211 PS#339
OL Darryn Collymore 6-4 269 PS#422
OL Micah Kornlyo 6-4 270 PS#423

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Boise St is joining the WAC after 5 years as a member of the Big West Conference.
The Broncos all-time regular season SU record vs this year's opponents is 29-42-1 (41%).

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at S Carolina	G												
Sep. 8	Washington St	A												
Sep. 15	C Michigan	A												
Sep. 22	UTEP	A												
Sep. 29	at Idaho	A												
Oct. 6	at Rice	A												
Oct. 13	Tulsa (HC)	A												
Oct. 20	at Fresno St	G												
Oct. 27	Nevada	A												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	at Hawaii	A												
Nov. 17	San Jose St	A												
Nov. 24	at Louisiana Tech	G												

LY's 38-31 loss (but cover) against Ark was BSU's 1st ever gm vs the SEC. Broncos are 1-4 ATS the last 5 years in their 1st lined game.

BSU is 0-3 SU & ATS vs the Cougars since 1997. The home team & the favorite are 2-1 ATS in that span.

CMU is 3-1 SU in the all-time series, began playing BSU in 1974. The favorite is 3-0 ATS & the visitor is 2-1 ATS since 1996.

This is BSU's conf opener. They are 16-4 ATS in their L/20 conf contests. Pending the L2W results, BSU is 8-0 ATS at home over the L/2 seasons.

BSU is 4-0 ATS (3-1 SU) the last 4 years vs the Vandals. The dog has covered 3 of the L/4 meetings but BSU covered as chalk LY.

Broncos are 6-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs option oriented teams since '97. Pending the UTEP result, SU winner is 4-0 ATS when BSU plays a current WAC foe.

BSU is 5-2 SU, 4-0 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1997. This will be the 1st ever meeting for these two schools.

Could apply: Boise came into 2001 w/a 13-7 ATS mark off a SU win. Pending the opener, BSU is 5-2 ATS their last 7 on grass.

BSU leads the all-time series 15-12 SU but is 1-3 SU the L/4 meetings. Broncos have won & covered both of their L/2 games prior to a bye.

Bonus: Boise is 0-2 SU when visiting the Islands.

Broncos are just 2-2 SU but 3-1 ATS after their last 4 bye weeks. I won a 3★ Late Phone Play on Hawaii when these teams met in 1999.

Pending LW's result, BSU is 10-0 ATS in November since 1997!! This is the 1st series meeting since 1978.

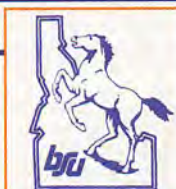
LT is 2-0 SU in the all-time series but BSU covered as a 13 pt dog in '97. Broncos are 5-0 SU & ATS since 1996 in their road finale.

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	7-4	2-10	4-7	6-5	9-3	9-2	47-32
ATS	0-0	0-0	2-7	7-3	4-4	7-3	7-2	27-19
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	7-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-4	2-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	6-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-2	3-4
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	2-2	4-2	2-2	2-1	1-0	11-7
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	6-2	10-7
Dog	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	3-3	5-1	1-0	17-12
Grass	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	3-1	8-6
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-5	6-3	2-2	6-2	4-1	19-13
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	1-3	4-0	3-2	5-1	4-1	17-7
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	1-4	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	10-12
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	3-3	5-2	5-2	15-10
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	11-6

BOISE ST (10-2)

CONFERENCE:
WAC



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 36 (19,15,2)
Lost: 18 (7,10,1)

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF	DEF
7*	44.3	23	175	4.5	316	60.4	11.1	+10	2000	5	22.8	19	137	3.6	226	50.6	15.9	1999	9
5*	33.1	22	163	3.8	259	55.1	12.8	+11	1999	9	21.3	18	116	3.2	221	49.5	15.8	1998	10
10*	29.9	23	176	4.2	246	51.9	14.1	-4	1998	10	31.8	20	126	3.4	270	50.0	12.4	1997	5
7	25.9	19	154	3.6	212	50.5	14.1	-4	1997	5	32.5	22	154	4.3	285	56.5	13.5	1996	3
4	20.0	17	120	3.3	212	50.7	16.6	-20	1996	3	23.0	24	223	4.8	233	60.4	19.8	1995	-
-	28.0	19	170	4.0	238	61.0	12.9	+1	1995	-	24.0	20	157	4.2	219	53.3	15.6		

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at New Mexico	16	35-139	4.0	17-34	168	3	15	44-156	3.5	12-26	122	5	+2
Northern Iowa	24	37-238	6.4	17-26	351	1	20	43-134	3.1	18-36	243	3	-1
at Arkansas	17	26-74	2.8	23-48	304	2	22	46-217	4.7	12-28	249	1	0
at C Michigan	27	45-270	6.0	18-31	245	1	14	31-80	2.6	19-33	188	1	+2
at Washington St	21	29-139	4.8	24-41	335	3	22	47-131	2.8	21-31	290	5	-3
E Washington	17	41-19	0.5	21-39	333	10	17	31-126	4.1	21-39	201	1	+4
N Texas	33	54-291	5.4	20-28	292	1	11	39-120	3.1	3-20	42	3	+1
at N Mexico St	26	42-166	4.0	23-36	375	2	22	47-317	6.7	9-15	160	4	0
at Arkansas St	29	52-206	4.0	20-28	304	3	12	23-53	2.3	19-28	219	2	-1
Utah St	28	48-260	5.4	21-30	381	6	23	24-86	3.6	25-57	509	1	-1
Idaho	25	31-120	3.9	21-31	449	4	22	41-111	2.7	22-40	289	7	+5
UTEP (Bowl)	18	29-175	6.0	18-30	258	8	22	44-118	2.7	17-38	201	7	+2
TOTALS	281	469-2097	4.5	243-402	3795	44	222	460-1649	3.6	198-391	2713	40	+10
AVERAGES	23.4	39-175	4.5	20-34	316	3.7	18.5	38-137	3.6	17-33	226	3.3	0.8

Coach: DAN HAWKINS (Career 0-0)(40-11-1 NAIA)
Hawkins' records AT BOISE ST

1st Year at Boise St	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Humanitarian	+1'	Louisville	34-31	W
00	Humanitarian	-9	UTEP	38-23	W

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	+1'	21-42	L	Cal St-Northridge	-4'	23-63	L	Cal St-Northridge	NL	26-13	-	at UCLA	+27	7-38	L	at New Mexico	-1'	31-14	W
Portland St	NL	33-22	-	at Wisconsin	+40	24-28	W	Washington St	+11	21-33	L	S Utah	NL	35-27	-	N Iowa	NL	42-17	-
E Washington	-11	21-27	L	at C Michigan	+16	26-44	L	Portland St	NL	42-24	-	at Hawaii	-6'	19-34	L	at Arkansas	+13'	31-38	W
at Hawaii	+6'	14-20	W	Weber St	+4	24-7	W	at Utah	+17	31-28	W	New Mexico	+3	20-9	W	at C Michigan	-10'	47-10	W
Northwestern St	NL	16-20	-	at Washington St	+39	0-58	L	at Louisiana Tech	+10'	28-63	L	Utah	+16	26-20	W	at Washington St	-2'	35-42	L
at Arizona St	+39	7-56	L	New Mexico St	-3	52-10	W	N Texas	-7'	13-21	L	E Washington	NL	41-7	-	E Washington	NL	41-23	-
at Nevada	NL	28-66	-	at N Texas	+11	17-14	W	Weber St	NL	24-13	-	at N Texas	-7	10-17	L	N Texas	-27	59-0	W
Utah St	+10	14-39	L	Louisiana Tech	+13	27-31	W	Utah St	-2'	30-16	W	Nevada	+2	52-17	W	at New Mexico St	-8	34-31	L
at Fresno St	+19	7-41	L	at Utah St	+22	20-24	W	at Nevada	+11	24-52	L	at Utah St	+3	33-27	W	at Arkansas St	-14	42-14	W
N Texas	+1	27-30	L	Nevada	NL	42-56	-	at New Mexico St	+4	55-51	W	New Mexico St	-9	63-10	W	Utah St	-16	66-38	W
at New Mexico St	+3	33-32	W	at Idaho	+10	30-23	W	Idaho	+2'	35-36	W	at Idaho	+2'	45-14	W	Idaho	-14'	66-24	W
Idaho	+10'	19-64	L																

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS



RB Deonice Whitaker earned 1st Team WAC honors in 2000 as the Spartans' #1 rusher.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year San Jose St had to replace their starting QB but returned Marcus Arroyo (6-1 197 Jr) who was PS#208 and started 5 games as a true frosh throwing for 364 yards (54.5%) with a 1-2 ratio in 1998. He redshirted in 1999 and won the starting job last year. He started all 12 games and threw for 2,334 yards (50.9%) with a 15-10 ratio and was HM WAC. He is 9-8 SU as a starter which is impressive for a school with just one winning season since '92. Brennan Crooks (6-1 167 Sr) was a JC transfer who threw for 251 yards in 1999 here and last year threw for 388 yards (43.4%) with a 1-3 ratio. Clint Carlson (6-2 217 Sr) is a gambling type of passer who takes chances and got in 2 passes in eight games last year. New coaches like their own signees so I do give Orlando Evans a shot to play. He was PS#107 and originally signed at Oregon. Last year he completed 60% for 207 ypg and rushed for 497 yards in a 2 QB system at JUCO. This group is more experienced than it was heading into 2000 and I look for a better season out of Arroyo.

RUNNING BACKS - Deonice Whitaker was the leading rusher in 1998 and in 1999 and was among the top 6 in the NCAA in 4 different categories after 4 weeks of play with 627 yards (on pace for a 1,725 yard season). Unfortunately Whitaker sprained his ankle vs Tulsa and was not the same the rest of the year, missing the majority of 3 games and having just 149 yards in the last 3. Whitaker underwent neck surgery last March but returned healthy and was one of 8 semi-finalists for the Doak Walker Award last year with his 7.0 ypc leading the NCAA. He was injured vs USC and played just half the game and missed the next 2 games but still managed to rush for 1,577 yards and 15 TD's. New HC Hill says that he will use Deonice more as a receiver this year as well. Jamar Julien (6-0 225 Sr) took Whitaker's place when he was injured and rushed for 561 yards and a solid 5.1 ypc. They lose RB Darian Morton who had 155 yards (5.0). Hill brings in JUCO Jonathan McDaniel (6-0 240) and a host of true frosh signees, but naturally the key to this position is Whitaker. If he graduates over the summer, which would make him eligible to play, and can stay healthy, he has a shot at the 2,000 yard mark.

RECEIVERS - Last year 3 of 4 starters returned to this unit and Baldwin brought in 3 JUCO WR's to add to the mix. Two of the JUCO's won starting jobs and the top 3 receivers return although a good portion of the backups depart. The biggest loss is TE Sean Brewer (12 sts, 29 rec, 12.8, 2nd Tm All WAC). Also gone are WR Waking Bailey (13 rec), WR An Truong (5 rec), WR Kenny Neiers (4 rec) and backup TE Jesse Rogers (2 rec). Charles Pauly, who redshirted last year, had a 20.5 ypc avg in 2 years at JUCO and could steal a starting job. Finding a replacement at TE is important and I list

the 2 deep below with a JUCO listed as the starter. With the top 3 back and some quality newcomers (see below), this unit looks even stronger in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Spartans had zero returning starters and allowed 30 sacks while paving the way for just 3.6 ypc rushing. Last year they were in much better shape as they had to replace just one starter and one backup who combined for 8 starts and Baldwin also brought in 4 JUCO transfers. The line played incredibly well, as they averaged 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks and the front averaged 316 lbs per man. This year they only lose one player in LG Jeremy Dominguez (12 sts, 2nd Team All WAC). Their top OL is back in Chris Fe'esago who was one of 40 players nominated for the 2000 Outland Trophy and he returns for his fourth year as a starter after winning 1st Team WAC honors. He does move from LT to LG this year and I list the 2 deep below. As you can see 4 starters are back including 2 all WAC honorees and Hill brings in 4 JUCO's that will contend for time. Even with the changing schemes on offense, this should be one of the WAC's top OL's again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush defense has been a concern for the Spartans for a long time as in the last 6 years they have allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing 4 times. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 29 starts but a lot of DL's gained experience in an injury plagued 1999. While the defense was weak once again, they improved to 4.7 ypc rushing and got 27 sacks as a team. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are DE Chris Tandy (9 sts, 15 tkl), DT Edgar Nava (5 tkl), DT John Hammer (11 sts, 43 tkl, 4 tfl) and DT Bryan Yeager (12 sts, 56 tkl, 7 tfl). I list Kevin Michaelis in the 2 deep below as a returning starter, even though he did not open games at the DE position as he was #5 on the team in tackles but far more productive than Tandy. As usual, the Spartans have gone the JUCO route to shore up the D-line which is why they are so heavy in graduation losses each year. Hill wants to add size so they're tougher up front. Not listed below is Tim Mathewson (6-3 251 Sr), who had 2 starts, 9 tackles and 3 sacks in 1999 but just 3 tackles last year, Daniel Mauga (6-2 238 Sr), who has 1 start and 17 tackles in 3 years, and Deon Washington (6-3 314 Jr), a good sized JUCO newcomer in the fall. This group looks just as experienced as last year's version did and while not overwhelming, could be improved.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Spartans had to replace their top 3 OLB's who combined for 145 tackles. They returned MLB Josh Parry who was a 4 year starter here and he simply led the team in tackles with 122, added 10 tfl and was 2nd Team All WAC. He will be missed. Also gone are OLB Marshall Blount (6 sts, 33 tkl, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC) and OLB Ron Ockimey (12 sts, 87 tkl, 7 tfl, HM WAC). They have 4 players returning who had 19 tackles or more last year so there is a spattering of experience and they have some JUCO's coming in as well. It will be very tough to replace a player the caliber of Parry and this unit looks weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 San Jose featured a veteran secondary that actually finished #29 in my pass efficiency defense rankings. In 1999 all 4 starters departed and they plummeted to #102. Last year 5 players returned with starting experience, having to replace just 2 players who combined for 13 starts. The Spartans did improve somewhat, up to #85 allowing 51.5% with a 22-15 ratio. This year they must replace SS Travis Seaton (12 sts, 2 tkl, HM WAC), CB Dorae Lewis (22 tkl, 1 tfl, 4 sts) and backup FS Kenny Sanchez (20 tkl). Due to injuries and ineffectiveness last year 5 players who earned some starting experience, including 2 full-time starters, return. FS Willie Adams was forced to start at CB last year and returns to his more comfortable spot and I list the 2 deep below. There is good talent here, including a couple of JUCO transfers and some true frosh that should gain time as Hill is high on his signees. This unit is veteran enough to once again improve in my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Spartans' highest finish in my special teams rankings prior to 1999 was #69 back in 1997. In 1999 this unit had an exceptional year, finishing #9 in my rankings thanks to the solid leg of Tim Morgan who averaged 44.0 on his punts with a net of 39.9 and SJS was also +4 in the TD/Blk category. Morgan handled the punts, KO's and FG's but he departed last year and was tough to replace as SJS dropped to #34 but still had a solid season. Both their K and P are back, but Nick Gilliam struggled kicking FG's, hitting just 5 of 11 with a long of 35. It's a good thing the FG accuracy was not included in my rankings. He should improve in that area with experience. P Michael Carr was solid with a net of 36.5. He only had 6 TB's all year and I look for him to continue to improve. Deonice Whitaker averaged 28.3 on KR's in 1999 but smartly was taken off those chores last year to keep him healthy. Jamar Julien

SAN JOSE ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Deonice Whitaker	224	1628	51	1577	15	7.0					
Jamar Julien	111	586	25	561	8	5.1					
Darian Morton	31	167	12	155	2	5.0					
Casey Le Blanc	14	60	6	54	0	3.9					
Luke La Herran	1	17	0	17	0	17.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Marcus Arroyo	326	166	50.9	2334	15	10					
Brennan Crooks	53	23	43.4	388	1	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Edell Shepherd	42	707	16.8	4	72						
Casey Le Blanc	41	476	11.6	0	69						
Rashed Davis	40	785	19.6	6	65						
Sean Brewer	29	372	12.8	1	36						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Michael Carr	61	2313	37.9	-	36.5	0					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Nick Gilliam	3-4	2-5	0-2	0-0	5-11	35					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PSU	INT
Josh Parry	122	4	6	5	2	L. Thompson	42	0	1	0	1
Travis Seaton	116	2	2	0	1	A. Wallace	39	0	1	12	3
Ron Ockimey	87	3	4	2	1	P. Battle	38	1	0	3	3
Bryan Yeager	56	3	4	1	0	M.Blount	33	6	2	1	0
K. Michaelis	54	1	2	0	0	L. La Herran	33	0	8	0	0
W. Adams	53	0	7	3	0	Alvin Dean	27	0	2	0	0
John Hammer	43	2	2	0	0	J. Cooper	25	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Waking Bailey	19	87	4.6	0	Jamar Julien	22	501	22.8	0		

took over and averaged 22.8 and Rashed Davis averaged 15.0 and both should improve. They lose their top PR but he averaged only 4.6 and it shouldn't be difficult to find a replacement. SJS has blocked 2 punts in both of the last 2 years and Casey LeBlanc has blocked 1 each year, with each resulting in a TD. Alex Wallace, who blocked 3 FG's last season, is also back. This is one group that will remain in the upper half of the special teams rankings and could even be a surprising top 20 contender.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Dave Baldwin did a good job here in his 4 seasons and last year got them bowl eligible and they even earned 5 votes in the AP poll on November 12th. They were the only team to beat league champ TCU (only 2nd time in school history they beat a Top 10 team) and fared well vs #1 ranked Nebraska and #9 USC, giving them tougher games than expected. This is a team that dominated the Big West from 1986-90 and has slowly acclimated itself to its new WAC conference. Last year was their first winning season since 1992. They also own 3 straight upsets of Stanford. A lot of their accomplishments last year were due to the fact they had 31 seniors, the largest group in the NCAA, and this year there are some substantial losses. Baldwin quit when he wasn't given a contract extension and they made a solid hire in Fitz Hill who was assistant head coach at Arkansas and owns a Bronze Star from his duty in Operation Desert Storm. He inherits what could be the most potent offense in the WAC provided RB Deonice Whitaker is eligible. They have 9 starters back from the explosive offense of 2000 and feature a big, experienced O-line, dangerous WR's, an experienced QB and Whitaker. The defense is the question mark. Last year San Jose had my #100 rated defense and although they trimmed the ppg allowed from 40.2 in 1999 to 29.8 last year and made strides, this year's defense must replace 7 starters and on paper they look to have one of the weakest defenses in the country. As usual, they face a killer non-conf schedule with USC, Colorado, Stanford and Ariz St probably beating them up in the month of September. Another negative is that somehow the Spartans got stuck with 5 road games in conference play and must make the longest trips possible, going to both La Tech and Hawaii as well as frigid Boise St in November. If Fitz Hill can achieve a winning record this season, he would probably get my vote for Coach of the Year as this clearly looks like a rebuilding season, especially versus a difficult schedule.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB MARCUS ARROYO JR. 6-1 197 PS#208. 5 sts as true, 364 yds (55%), 1-2 ratio. RS in '99. 12 sts ly, 2334 yds (51%) 15-10 ratio. Brennan Crooks (6-1 167 Sr) 639 yds, 4-6 ratio, 2 yrs.

RB DEONICE WHITAKER SR. 5-6 180 PS#85. 719 yds (5.4) in '98. 23.8 KR avg, 2nd Tm WAC. 769 yds (5.6), 28.3 KR avg in '99. 1577 yds ly (7.0) 1st Tm WAC. Jamar Julien 561 yds (5.1) ly.

WR EDELL SHEPHERD SR. 6-1 170 JUCO trans last year. 12 starts here & HM WAC. 42 rec (16.8). Layton Johnson (6-2 196 Jr) PS#208JC. 36 rec (16.4) at JUCO last year.

WR CASEY LEBLANC SR. 5-10 193 PS#228. 6 sts in '98, 23 rec (16.1), 4 sts in '99, 35 rec (11.9), 172 rush. 11 sts ly, 41 rec (11.6), 54 yds rush. Charles Pauley (5-9 162 Jr) PS#71JC.

WR RASHIED DAVIS SR. 5-9 172 32 rec at JC in '99. 40 rec here ly, 12 sts, 19.6 ypc. TM deep threat. Frank Jordan (6-1 180 Jr) PS#251JC. 35 rec (13.7) at JC ly.

TE Ethan Allen Jr. 6-2 244 PS#334JC. In for spring. 34 rec (19.5) at JC ly.

C BRUNO CONTRERAS SR. 6-2 306 Lettered as backup C in 2000. Moved to TE in spring. 11 sts at C ly. David Bridgewater (6-3 280) and Charles Dehoney (6-2 291) are JC transfers.

RG JOEL TAUTUAA SR. 6-5 365 JUCO transfer who won starting job at RG ly.

2nd Tm WAC, 12 sts. Kevin Israel (6-2 307 Jr) PS#475JUCO. Joe Hayes (6-4 291 So) 1L.

LG CHRIS FEESAGO SR. 6-3 328 6 sts at OG in '98. 2nd Tm WAC. 10 starts at LT in '99. 1st Tm WAC. 12 sts at LT ly. Moved to LG in spring. Andrew Ball 1 start at C ly.

RT TIM PROVOST JR. 6-6 287 10 starts in 1999. 12 sts at RT in 2000. 2 letters. LaMons Walker (6-3 280 Jr) PS#252. Partial qualifier in '99. Lettered as backup ly.

LT Kevin Meyers Jr. 6-3 286 PS#41JUCO. JC AA who will join team in fall.

Jelani Hawkins (6-4 302 Sr) PS#240 JC in 2000. Lettered as backup ly. #1 LT in spring drills.

K NICK GILLIAM JR. 5-8 170 Hit 5 of 11 FG's in 2000, long of 35, 0-2 from 40-49, 2 blocked. Hit 4 of last 5 FG's. Hit only 36 of 43 xp's. Jason Shaughnessy (6-0 168 Jr).

DE KEVIN MICHAELIS SR. 6-4 254 Played TE in '99. 3 sts, 54 tkl, 2 tfl in 2000. Chip Kimmich (6-4 240 Jr) PS#297JC. Played LB at JC. David Coats (6-2 245 Sr) 24 tkl in 3 years.

DT Damurris Richardson Sr. 5-11 269 JC trans. 15 sts at JC in '99. 6 tkl in 7 gms here ly. Dorsey Mitchell (6-4 327 So) HUGE! PS#382JC, run stuffer. Wide open battle at both DT spots.

DT Larry Dawson Sr. 5-11 290 JUCO transfer. 4 tkl, 1 sack in 9 games in 2000. Rodney Anderson (6-3 298 Jr) PS#472JC, in for spring. Adonis Forrest is JC transfer.

DE Brandon Miles Jr. 6-0 252 PS#365SRB. 11 starts at DE ly. 23 tkl, 0 sck, 0 blk.

Mateialona (6-3 249 Sr) PS#295JUCO. 12 tkl, 3 tfl last year. Jason Hall (6-4 230 Jr) PS#379.

OLB ALVIN DEAN SR. 6-0 226 JC trans. 6 starts, 27 tkl, 2 tfl ly. Demitris Starks (6-1 228 Jr) PO in '99. 19 tkl, 1 pbu in 2000. Zack Rance (5-11 202 Jr) had 17 tkl L2Y.

MLB Paul Okumu Jr. 6-0 239 PS#146JUCO. Patrick Battle (5-11 228 Sr) 51 yds rush as bk FB in 1999. 38 tkl, 3 pbu, 3 int last year. Brandon Lambert (6-0 231 Sr) 4 tkl last year.

OLB Luke La Herran Sr. 6-0 233 29 tkl in 9 games in '99. 33 tkl, 8 tfl in 12 games last year. Heath Farwell (6-0 226 So) PS#251. 10 tkl in 11 games as true last year.

CB Jermain Cooper Sr. 5-9 182 JC trans. 25 tkl, 1 pbu ly. Eric Wilson (5-10 190 Jr) PS#144. Shaun Fletcher (5-10 175 Jr) PS#448JC. Kevin Boyer (5-9 161 Jr) 11 tkl, 5 sts ly.

CB ALEX WALLACE SR. 5-10 169 PS#200JUCO. 2nd Tm WAC. 39 tkl, 12 pbu, 3 int in 11 starts last year. Carlos Koustas (5-9 190 Jr) had 33 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int, 6 sts L2 years.

SS Brian Foreman Jr. 6-1 208 PS#237WR. 10 tkl, 1 sk in 9 games last year.

Melvin Cook (5-9 188 So) 19 tkl, 1 int ly. Ricky Lavender (6-0 185 Sr) transfer from N Arizona.

FS WILLIE ADAMS SR. 5-10 171 JC trans. 12 sts, 53 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int's last year.

Larry Thompson (6-0 188 Sr) PS#273JC. 5 sts, 42 tkl, 1 pbu last year. Could also play SS.

P MICHAEL CARR SR. 5-11 188 JUCO P in '99, 37.0 average. 61 punts in 2000, 37.9 average & net of 36.5, 12 punts inside the 20, only 6 TB's. Matthew Wilcher (6-1 186 Jr).

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QB Orlando Evans 6-1 185 PS#93JC
DB Eric Wilson 5-10 190 PS#144
LB Paul Okumu 6-0 239 PS#146JC
OL Mark Manning 6-1 280 PS#206
WR Layton Johnson 6-2 196 PS#208JC
WR Frank Jordan 6-1 180 PS#251JC
LB Chip Kimmich 6-4 240 PS#297JC
OL John Townsend 6-7 277 PS#296
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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Spartans face only four 2000 bowl teams this year, after facing 5 last season.
SJ St is 4-7 SU in "NL" games - total pts are SJS 334, opp 302.
Spartans are 9-3 ATS vs option oriented teams.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SJST Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at USC	G												
Sep. 8	at Colorado	G												
Sep. 15	Stanford	G												
Sep. 22	Nevada	G												
Sep. 29	at Arizona St	G												
Oct. 6	at Louisiana Tech	G												
Oct. 13	SMU (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at UTEP	A												
Oct. 27	Tulsa	G												
Nov. 3	at Hawaii	A												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	at Boise St	A												
Nov. 24	at Fresno St	G												

Could apply: SJS is 9-16 (but 3-1 L2Y) ATS as a dog of 20 or more. Trojans are 1 of 8 SJS foes for 2001 that had a losing SU record in 2000.
Pending LW's result, SJS is 13-5 ATS in Sept games, 6-1 ATS L2Y. SJS is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS S/94 vs current Big 12 tms, avg score 23-55.
Pending the L2W results, SJS is 5-1 ATS L2Y vs non-conf teams. SJS has won 3 in a row SU & 6 straight ATS vs Stanford, 10-2 ATS L/12.
San Jose St is 3-7 ATS as a home favorite since 1994. This will be the 16th series meeting. NU holds a 7-6-2 overall SU mark.
Could apply: SJS was 6-3 ATS off a SU win coming into this season. San Jose St is 5-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 the L4 seasons, pending earlier results.
No meetings since 1994, but SJS is 2-0 SU & ATS vs La Tech. Spartans won 31-6 as a 14' pt HF in '93 & 27-6 as a 7' pt AD in '94.
SJS is 2-4 ATS in sandwiched home games. This will be the first time that SJS has ever hosted SMU.
Spartans have covered 12 of 19 (63%) art turf games since 1992. The home team & the dog are both 3-2 ATS in this short series.
The SU winner is 4-0 ATS in Spartan home finales. Coming into 2001 tms were 19-30 ATS (4-2 LY) prior to traveling to Hawaii.
Spartans are 4-1 SU & ATS vs the Warriors. SJS has scored 38 or more points in all 5 series meetings.
Bonus: Boise St had the best 2000 SU record of any 2001 SJS opponent. Spartans are 0-4 SU, 1-3 ATS in games after a bye since 1996. This will potentially be the Spartans 1st cold weather game S/96.
San Jose St leads the all time series 32-30-3 SU vs the Bulldogs. Spartans are 2-6 SU & 3-3 ATS in road finales.

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	3-9	4-7	4-8	3-7	7-5	27-52
ATS	4-5	4-5	5-7	7-4	6-6	3-6	8-3	37-36
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	3-7
Home Dog	1-1	2-0	2-2	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-0	10-8
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	4-2
Away Dog	3-3	1-3	3-4	5-1	3-3	2-5	3-0	20-19
Favorite	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	4-3	7-9
Dog	4-4	3-3	5-6	7-4	5-5	2-5	4-0	30-27
Grass	3-4	4-5	4-5	4-4	5-4	3-4	5-2	28-28
Artificial	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-1	9-8
vs Conf	0-1	0-1	3-6	5-3	5-3	1-5	5-3	19-22
vs Non-Conf	4-4	4-4	2-1	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	18-14
Off SU Win	1-1	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-4	2-1	4-2	9-12
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-4	5-4	4-3	5-2	0-4	3-1	23-21

SAN JOSE ST (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **WAC**



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 45 (19,24,2)
Lost: 18 (9,9,0)

SAN JOSE STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	
8	31.2	20	188	5.2	229	50.0	13.4	+6	2000	5	29.8	25	223	4.7	253	51.5	16.0
2*	25.8	20	119	3.6	249	54.5	14.3	-10	1999	6	40.2	25	243	5.2	235	57.3	11.9
8*	22.8	17	132	3.8	203	53.1	14.7	+4	1998	7	32.1	23	259	5.1	171	51.9	13.4
5	20.5	19	135	3.4	205	46.7	16.6	-4	1997	5	35.2	21	185	4.1	219	50.2	11.5
4*	20.1	21	112	3.2	263	51.8	20.4	-1	1996	5	40.7	24	230	5.4	270	59.8	13.4
5	24.6	22	149	3.8	244	57.1	16.0	+6	1995	6	34.3	24	208	5.1	287	61.0	14.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	SKS	TURN
at Nebraska	14	29-193	6.7	14-37	153	0	28	60-505	8.4	5-13	91	0	+2	
at Stanford	16	34-284	8.4	18-30	199	2	28	44-241	5.5	18-42	373	2	+2	
S Utah	25	38-199	5.2	15-21	295	1	21	62-261	4.2	6-9	86	3	+1	
at USC	17	29-110	3.8	20-41	256	0	29	46-234	5.1	22-38	338	4	+3	
Rice	23	31-121	3.9	26-42	373	0	22	63-191	3.0	8-16	107	7	-3	
at SMU	15	38-200	5.3	10-25	167	2	26	38-136	3.6	25-54	324	3	+3	
UTEP	17	26-218	8.4	16-35	166	0	24	50-186	3.7	21-36	292	0	0	
at Nevada	27	46-265	5.8	19-27	238	3	32	38-157	4.1	28-51	357	3	0	
at Hawaii	27	50-285	5.7	12-22	227	2	29	20-74	3.7	38-74	492	0	+1	
TCU	18	45-138	3.1	11-24	237	1	19	42-164	3.9	12-23	194	1	+1	
at Tulsa	21	37-206	5.6	12-33	196	0	26	52-327	6.3	12-27	138	1	0	
Fresno St	14	29-38	1.3	18-45	242	2	21	52-199	3.8	15-25	244	3	-4	
TOTALS	234	432-2257	5.2	191-382	2749	13	305	567-2675	4.7	210-408	3036	27	+6	
AVERAGES	19.5	36-188	5.2	16-32	229	1.1	25.4	47-223	4.7	18-34	253	2.3	0.5	

Coach: FITZ HILL (Career 0-0)

Hill's records AT SAN JOSE STATE

1st Year at San Jose State	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	Memphis	9-28	-
81	California	NL	Toledo	25-27	-
86	California	NL	Miami (Oh)	37-7	-
87	California	NL	E Michigan	27-30	-
90	California	NL	C Michigan	48-24	-

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	+22	0-45	L
California	+24	25-45	W
at Stanford	+27	2-25	W
UTEP	+1	26-25	W
at Washington St	+27	10-52	L
Wyoming	+22	22-45	L
at Fresno St	+20	18-28	W
at Colorado St	+20	13-36	L
San Diego St	+20	20-49	L
at Hawaii	+5	38-17	W
at Washington	+37	10-53	L
UNLV	-7	31-28	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+30	12-28	W
Wisconsin	+16	10-56	L
at Wyoming	+29	10-30	W
at Oregon St	+18	12-26	W
Colorado St	+21	20-55	L
at UTEP	+3	10-7	W
Air Force	+15	25-22	W
Fresno St	+8	12-53	L
at San Diego St	+14	21-48	L
Hawaii	+1	38-14	W
at UNLV	+9	55-48	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+15	35-23	W
Idaho	-9	12-17	L
at Oregon	+24	3-58	L
N Mexico	+7	37-20	W
at Virginia	+28	14-52	L
Rice	+6	20-17	W
at UTEP	+6	21-28	W
at BYU	+18	43-46	W
Utah	+7	17-49	L
at Hawaii	-7	45-17	W
San Diego St	+4	6-34	L
at Fresno St	+14	21-24	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+27	21-29	W
at Colorado	+24	35-63	L
NL	38-3	-	
St Mary's	-4	34-10	W
Tulsa	+19	44-39	W
at Stanford	+5	0-42	L
at TCU	+10	7-49	L
at Rice	Cancelled		
SMU	+6	26-42	L
at UTEP	-2	41-62	L
Hawaii	+16	12-63	L
at Fresno St			

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49	13-49	W
at Stanford	+17	40-27	W
NL	47-7	-	
at USC	+23	14-34	W
Rice	-6	29-16	W
at SMU	-2	35-10	W
UTEP	-3	30-47	L
at Nevada	-16	49-30	W
at Hawaii	-8	57-48	W
TCU	+13	27-24	W
at Tulsa	-10	17-28	L
Fresno St	-1	6-37	L

MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 MAC TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB Byron Leftwich, Marsh	Tavares Bolden, Toledo	Talmadge Hill, Ball St	Chris Finlen, N Ill
RB Chester Taylor, Toledo	Brandon Payne, Akron	Michael Turner, N Illinois	Chante Murphy, Kent St
RB Thomas Hammock, NI	Steve Little, Miami	Marcus Merriweather, Ball St	Godfrey Lewis, BGSU
WR Darrell Hill, N Illinois	Jake Schifino, Akron	Jason Branch, Miami	Kendrick Starling, Marshall
WR Darius Watts, Marshall	David Bautista, BGSU	Kevin Walter, E Michigan	Matt Curry, Kent St
TE Greg Grothous, Toledo	Mobolaji Afariogun, WM	Gregg Kellett, Marshall	Tim Ritley, Akron
C Nick Otterbacher, Toledo	Jon Mazur, BGSU	Cory Annett, E Michigan	Anders Hill, C Mich
G Brian Hallett, Kent St	Paul Ondrusek, Akron	Joe Costello, Miami	Josh Stello, Buffalo
G David Miller, Ball St	Kyle Croskey, C Mich	David Patton, Ohio	Matt Comer, Toledo
T Jeff Grzeskowiak, Akron	Konrad Dean, Akron	Matt Zahn, Marshall	Dennis Thompson, Ohio
T Matt Brayton, C Mich	Nate McPeck, Marshall	Tim Vincent, N Illinois	Matt Stover, W Mich
DL Anthony Allsbury, W Mich	Marlan Hicks, Marshall	Bob Petrovic, Miami	Phil Gibson, Toledo
DL Ralph Street, Marshall	James Turner, E Mich	Orlando Washington, Marsh	Mark Zackery, Ball St
DL Jake McLean, Toledo	Ryan Terry, Miami	John Nurczyk, Kent St	Jari Brown, E Mich
DL Brandon Hicks, BGSU	Trent Clemen, N Illinois	Duane Williams, Buffalo	Ryan Schultz, Akron
LB Max Yates, Marshall	Darvin Lewis, C Mich	Terrell Jones, Miami	Shaka Johnson, Ball St
LB Ken Philpot, E Mich	James Harrison, Kent St	David Gardner, Toledo	Rashan Hall, Kent St
LB Larry Williams, N Illinois	Lorenzo Scott, Ball St	Scott Russell, E Michigan	Corey Morris, Toledo
CB Tedaro France, C Mich	Demerist Whitfield, N Ill	Janssen Patton, BGSU	Brandon Hefflin, Toledo
CB Jehu Anderson, Toledo	Jesse Avant, Ball St	Ronald Rogers, W Mich	Wayne Dudley, CM
SS David Huff, E Mich	Chris London, Ohio	Milt Bowen, Miami	Chad Long, BGSU
FS Jermaine Lewis, W Mich	Robert James, Kent	Jade Winchell, Ball St	Andy Boyd, Toledo
K Kevin Kerr, Ohio	Todd France, Toledo	Steve Azar, N Illinois	Zac Derr, Akron
P Dave Zastudil, Ohio	Curtis Head, Marshall	Matt Steffen, W Michigan	Jared Fritz, Kent St
KR Curtis Jones, Marshall	Rashad McDade, WM	Tony Miller, Toledo	Chad Brinker, Ohio
PR Josh Bush, W Michigan	Eddie Tillitz, Miami	Ashanti Watson, E Mich	Brandon Payne, Akron



WR Chester Taylor could flourish in Toledo's new offense.



DE Ralph Street is 1 of 5 Herdsman on my Top Team.

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 MAC FORECAST

MAC EAST 1. Marshall - If there was a year to end the Herd's stranglehold on the MAC Title, it would have been last season. Marshall barely survived in 2000, but ended up going to and winning another bowl game. They actually lose more lettermen (22) than they did last year (19) and once again have the fewest amount of returning starters (12) in the league. However, with some top-notch transfers and a now experienced QB, they look stronger and the schedule is much more favorable. Call it a 5th straight division title for Marshall and this one will come a little easier than it did last season when they were actually tied for the title.

2. Ohio U - OU did tie Marshall for the title last year thanks to a final game victory over them. Keep in mind that Marshall already had the title clinched and had the MAC Title game on deck so OU was much more focused. OU has the most returning starters in the MAC and only lose 9 lettermen (least of MAC teams) so they have a shot at making some noise and will probably think they have a shot at the title. I do not think so since the loss of Coach Grobe and most of his assistants, makes matching last year's success that much more difficult. I consider it a 3 horse race for 2nd place and only list OU here because they get to host both BG and Miami.

3. Bowling Green - Coach Blackney left the cupboard far from bare as 17 starters are back and only 14 lettermen depart while they have 24 seniors in this year's contingent. They led all 5 East opponents in the 4Q last year but unfortunately only won 2 games all year. This is a much more veteran team and will be playing with renewed enthusiasm. They almost upset Ohio, Marshall and Miami last year and a 2nd place finish in the East is a distinct possibility as this team has a solid defense and what must be an improved offense.

4. Miami, Oh - Miami suffered through a year in which they were -14 in turnovers but still managed to bag their 7th straight winning year. This year they have just 12 starters back and lose the most lettermen in the MAC (23). With the fact they added a 12th game and now need 7 wins to bag a winning season, plus having the fewest returning lettermen in the league, getting an 8th straight winning season will be a struggle. They still have the defense to contend for 2nd place here in the East and will be a factor in the race.

5. Akron - The Zips had the talent and the schedule to make some serious noise last year but came away with just a 6-5 season which was a disappointment to the program. After having 6 home games last year they now play 7 on the road and only have 12 starters back overall which is 2nd fewest in the league and must replace QB Butchie Washington. They do have a shot at being a darkhorse in the league and have a good shot at winning all three East home games. Expectations are lower this year and that could make them a surprise team but they have a lot to overcome.

6. Kent St - Kent will pull an upset somewhere along the line this year and possibly a couple. They host Buffalo and Bucknell, so 3-5 wins is a possibility, if they get the aforementioned upsets. This will easily be Pees' best team on both sides of the ball and kudos to the AD for extending his contract after a poor 1-10 season. It's tough to move up in this competitive division but they could do it.

7. Buffalo - The Bulls won TWO MAC games last year which is TWO more than I expected. They were unexpectedly tough at home as they outfirsted the 4 MAC teams they took on at home by an average of 22-18.5, so there was nothing fluky about the wins. They are clearly making great strides moving from a poor IAA team just a few years back to a competitive MAC team. Teams will be on guard for the Bulls this year so matching last year's 2 wins in conference play will be tough even though Buffalo is vastly improved on both sides of the ball once again.

MAC WEST 1. Toledo - The Rockets must replace their head coach and almost every assistant,

are radically changing their offense and learning new schemes, and benefitted from +22 turnovers last year (see Turnovers-Turnaround pg 277). Those are 3 major things they have going against them. On the plus side is the fact they are the most talented team in the MAC and get their major West rivals in the Glass Bowl where they have won 8 straight. Fifteen starters return from a top 25 team that SHOULD HAVE been in a bowl last year and they get my call to win the West.

2. N Illinois - Joe Novak's squad has continued to make steady progress each year since their 0-11 finish in 1997. They suffer some major losses in personnel for the first time in years including WR Justin McCareins, 4 starting OL's and 6 starters from the defense. They chalked up their first winning season since 1990 last year and despite the graduations, they have a shot at improving their record once again. Their key game is Oct 20, when they host Western Michigan and in that game they hope to break their current mark of 0-9 vs the big boys of the MAC (Toledo, WM and Marshall). I will call for them to end that streak and jump to 2nd place in 2001.

3. W Michigan - WM has won the West two straight years and came very close to appearing in a bowl each year but just missed out. They were dominating last year and Coach Darnell flirted with a lot of job offers in the offseason, but came up short and ends up back in Kalamazoo. They do have the best home edge and weight room in the league but despite 12 returning starters including QB Welsh they must face both Toledo and NI on the road and may not recapture the magic of last season.

4. Ball St - Last year Coach Lynch was in the midst of a 21 game losing streak, was 0-4 with a loss to IAA opponent W Illinois, had just lost by a combined 119-14 to Kansas St and N Illinois, and probably had the AD lining up interviews for his replacement. An AMAZING 5-2 finish, orchestrated by QB Talmadge Hill's insertion into the lineup saw him receive a contract extension at the end of the year!! They have a couple of big positives on their side this year. First of all they accomplished those 5 wins despite being -14 in turnovers for the year (see page 277). They also have 49 returning lettermen and 17 returning starters, both tops in the MAC. Call them a darkhorse in a tough division.

5. C Michigan - Both Central and Eastern are among the most improved teams in the league as both are in the 2nd year for a new coach. CM did allow the most FD's in the MAC last year but with 16 starters back should be much tougher on both sides of the ball. They will struggle vs the upper half of the West but do host EMU and that may be enough to keep them out of the basement. Keep in mind that only divisional games count in the MAC standings.

6. E Michigan - EM is solidly improved and I definitely like their defense. They have a slight talent edge over CM, but will it be enough to propel them to a win on the road on Nov 10th? EM has just 12 starters back and must replace 22 lettermen but will be much more potent on offense despite losing their QB and tough enough on defense to surprise some folks. I had to pick someone for the basement and the fact they play Central on the road has me pegging them here.

MAC Notes: If there was a year to knock the crown off Marshall's head, it was probably last year. Despite being given up for dead after losing to WM and Toledo by a combined 72-10 in back to back weeks, when the dust cleared they were in Pontiac winning their 3rd straight bowl game as MAC Champs. Toledo and Western Michigan were both superior teams last year and Toledo was clearly a Top 25 team but both stayed home for the holidays. Marshall should win the East, AGAIN and Toledo should come out on top of a competitive West despite losing its head coach. This is a league that has deserved to have its top two teams in bowls the last couple of years and with a new agreement in place for this season with the GMAC Bowl, that will be the case in 2001. I have shown my respect for this up and coming league by giving two full pages to each team (it was just 1 in the past) and I am sure it will be another exciting season for the MAC Conference.



Ohio U K Dave Zastudil hopes to repeat as MAC punting champ.



N Illinois WR Darrell Hill hopes to rebound from an injury plagued 2000 campaign.



Akron RB Brandon Payne had 13 touchdowns for the Zips last season.



Marshall QB Byron Leftwich posted great numbers last year & makes my 1st Team.

2000 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

RUSHING									
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YSPG			
Chester Taylor, Toledo	11	250	1470	5.9	18	133.6			
Robert Sanford, W Mich	12	293	1571	5.4	18	130.9			
Thomas Hammock, NIU	9	215	1083	5.0	16	120.3			
Marcus Merriweather, BSU	10	225	1004	4.5	8	100.4			
Steve Little, Miami	10	189	986	5.2	8	98.6			
Brandon Payne, Akron	11	220	1062	4.8	13	96.5			
Michael Turner, N Illinois	11	200	983	4.9	7	89.4			

PASSING EFFICIENCY									
	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	PA	TD	EFF	
Byron Leftwich, Marsh	457	279	61.1	9	3358	7.3	21	134.0	
Chris Finlen, N Illinois	231	131	56.7	9	1857	8.0	11	132.2	
James Washington, UA	283	143	50.5	11	2319	8.2	17	131.4	
Talmdage Hill, Ball St	212	130	61.3	12	1455	6.9	13	127.9	
Jeff Welsh, W Mich	354	207	58.5	12	2537	7.2	15	125.9	
Tavares Bolden, UT	283	161	56.9	4	1597	5.6	13	116.6	
Walter Church, EMU	399	238	59.6	8	2326	5.8	11	113.7	

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME									
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YSPG	CTPG	CTAVG		
Justin McCareins, N Ill	11	66	1168	10	106.2	6.0	17.7		
David Bautista, BGSU	11	69	915	3	83.2	6.3	13.3		
Kenny Christian, EMU	10	78	808	3	80.8	7.8	10.4		
Lavel Bailey, Akron	11	44	876	8	79.6	4.0	19.9		
Jake Schifano, Akron	11	42	778	4	70.7	3.8	18.5		
Steve Neal, W Michigan	12	67	848	3	70.7	5.6	12.7		
Sly Johnson, Miami	9	37	620	5	68.9	4.1	16.8		

TOTAL OFFENSE									
	G	CAR	NET	ATT	YDS	TOT OFFENSE	YSPG		
Byron Leftwich, Marsh	12	82	83	457	3358	3441	286.8		
Mike Bath, Miami	11	78	279	384	2415	2694	244.9		
James Washington, AU	11	52	99	283	2319	2418	219.8		
Jeff Welsh, W Mich	12	72	16	354	2537	2553	212.8		
Walter Church, E Mich	11	27	-90	399	2326	2236	203.3		
Tavares Bolden, UT	11	73	390	283	1597	1987	180.6		
Chris Finlen, N Ill	11	43	90	231	1857	1947	177.0		

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Dave Zastudil, Ohio	11	47	2084	44.3
Kent McCullough, Miami	11	56	2344	41.9
Nick Avondet, E Michigan	11	71	2954	41.6
Curtis Head, Marshall	12	60	2444	40.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Curtis Jones, Marshall	15	364	0	24.3
Justin McCareins, N Ill	18	411	0	22.8
Chad Brinker, Ohio	16	364	0	22.8

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Justin McCareins, N Ill	19	362	1	19.1
Josh Bush, W Michigan	35	526	2	15.0
Ira Gooch, C Michigan	16	211	0	13.2

KICKING

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Steve Azar, N Illinois	9	14	15	93.3	44
Todd France, Toledo	11	15	19	78.9	45
Toller Starnes, E Mich	11	11	14	78.6	45
Andy Brumbergs, Miami	11	12	17	70.6	49

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Brian Leigeb, C Mich	11	90	57	147	13.4
Terrell Jones, Miami	8	63	31	94	11.8
Duane Williams, C Mich	11	65	48	113	10.3
Matt Rayl, Kent St	8	46	36	82	10.3
Larry Williams, N Ill	11	78	34	112	10.2
Jermaine Hampton, N Ill	11	71	41	112	10.2

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Paul Toviessi, Marsh	11	29
Kevin Rollins, Toledo	9	60
Duane Williams, Buff	9	75
DeJuan Goulde, Toledo	9	50
Ralph Street, Marsh	8	54
Anthony Allsbury, WMU	6	55

TFL

	NO	YDS
Jimmy Parker, Marsh	21	53
DeJuan Goulde, UT	17	68
Matt Weikert, OH	16	68
Duane Williams, Buff	15	91
Ken Philpot, E Mich	15	59
Brandon Hicks, BGSU	14	78

2000 MAC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Ohio	5	3	253	152	7	4	343	208
Akron	5	3	240	181	6	5	333	295
Marshall	5	3	240	222	7	5	342	283
Miami (Oh)	5	3	208	184	6	5	272	286
Buffalo	2	6	149	306	2	9	177	452
Bowling Green	2	6	137	182	2	9	174	289
Kent St	1	7	91	258	1	10	128	359
WEST								
W Michigan	7	1	269	99	9	3	359	139
Toledo	6	1	259	79	10	1	400	125
N Illinois	4	3	286	194	6	5	409	280
Ball St	4	3	150	209	5	6	212	349
E Michigan	2	5	121	204	3	8	209	350
C Michigan	2	6	117	250	2	9	137	376

1999 MAC STANDINGS 1998 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Marshall	7	1	239	130	12	1	405	236
Miami (Oh)	7	1	249	119	10	1	317	142
BGSU	5	3	258	189	5	6	292	312
Ohio	5	3	224	203	5	6	269	203
Akron	2	6	206	215	4	7	265	299
Kent St	0	8	112	336	0	11	149	454
Buffalo	0	8	96	333	0	11	130	426
WEST								
W Mich	6	3	267	211	7	5	373	342
Toledo	5	3	240	157	6	5	293	229
N Illinois	5	3	237	204	5	6	289	289
C Mich	4	4	216	211	4	7	239	338
C Mich	3	5	173	222	4	7	229	344
Ball St	0	8	117	249	0	11	157	361

Not in MAC in 1998

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD



WR Darius Watts is the top returning receiver from 2000 with 18.1 ypc and 7 TD's.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - If you thought that ballot counting mess in Florida over the Presidential Election was outrageous, you've got to wonder how the MAC coaches and media ignored Byron Leftwich's accomplishments last year, not even voting him Honorable Mention All MAC. Leftwich had large shoes to fill replacing Chad Pennington who was 4th in the NCAA in career passing yards, holds almost all of the MAC and Marshall passing records, and was a 1st round DC of the NY Jets. Leftwich has outstanding size and a cannon for an arm. After being a backup for two years and having just 11 pass attempts in 1999 he had a great season in 2000, throwing for 3,579 yards (61%) with a 22-10 ratio. Leftwich only had 9 int's in 457 passes in the regular season which was the best percentage in the NCAA. He became only the 3rd QB in the last 14 years (in Div IAA or the MAC) not to win 1st Team All Conference honors for MU, although he deserved to. He was 6th in the NCAA in completions per game and 9th in total offense while finishing 22nd in pass efficiency. Leftwich is back for his junior season and will start attracting attention from NFL scouts. There is plenty of talent waiting in the wings. Stephen Galbraith (6-0 198, PS#62QB) had 1 start at Memphis in 1998, playing in 10 games where he threw for 283 yards and rushed for 54 more. He sat out in 1999 after transferring and last year got in 5 games, throwing for 214 yards (54.2%) with a 3-1 ratio. Andrew English (6-3 224 rF) was PS#136 and Stan Hill (6-3 190 rF) was PS#130. With Leftwich's emergence, two HT backups transferred out, but this is clearly the MAC's best and deepest group of QB's and should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - The Herd had to replace all of their top and very productive RB's from 1999 and were not able to duplicate the same type of production last year. Injuries were a factor as Chaston Rodgers (PS#40QB) was expected to be the starting RB but tore a knee ligament in the spring and was not 100%. He played in 10 games but rushed for just 204 yards (3.1). Brandon Carey was PS#155 and is extremely quick. He rushed for 234 yards (6.0) but he too missed the majority of the season due to injury. True frosh Franklin Wallace came out of nowhere and ended up starting the final 6 games leading the team in rushing with 633 yards (5.3) and he also had 17 rec's (8.8). Gladstone Coke (5-8 183 So) had 93 yards rushing (2.8) but now moves back to defense. Ernest Pitts was PS#7JC and was expected to have a big impact last year, but left the team early and did not return. Wallace is back this year and both Carey and Rodgers should be healthy and hence much bigger factors.

RECEIVERS - The Herd had a senior dominated and experienced group of WR's last year as they only had to replace one starter. Naturally the losses are heavy. The biggest loss is Nate Poole, who was 1st Tm MAC for 2 straight years and led the team with 73 rec's (12.1) last year. David Foye had a hip injury and missed 2 starts but set an MU record with 15 rec's vs Kent and finished #2 with 58 (9.9). Lanier Washington was another tall, fast receiver that had 42 rec's (12.5) and 10 sts. John Cooper was 5th on the team with 37 rec's (12.9). Those 4 talented players will be missed. Darius Watts was the 4th leading receiver and led the team in ypc with 18.1 as a true frosh and is back. TE Gregg Kellett also returns for his 4th year as a starter. Curtis Jones should thrive with more playing time and JUCO Chris Ray was expected to contribute last year but redshirted. They do bring in perhaps the top JUCO WR in Kendrick Starling and also have some solid rFr to plug into the lineup. The unit will be weaker with the loss of 4 of their top WR's, but should still be one of the MAC's better groups. Starling could quickly become the top guy here and one of the league's leaders.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Herd had to replace 3 full-time starters and then suffered numerous injuries at the C position with 4 different players seeing action at that spot. During the rash of injuries true frosh Nate McPeck was forced to play and he started all 13 games. Pruett was able to redshirt the rest of a solid incoming class. This year they must replace LG Scott Harper (11 sts), RG Jimmy Cabellos (13 sts, 1st Tm WAC 2 yrs), Center K.J. Greer (2 sts) and RT James Simons (backup). I list the 2 deep below and 3 full-time starters are back plus Steve Content gained starting experience last year. They also get a couple of big time additions in JUCO C Steven Perretta who was already listed #1 in spring and huge Matt Zahn (6-7 400) who originally signed at Ohio St. After allowing just 14 and 20 sacks in '98 and '99, this unit allowed 33 last year and only paved the way for 3.6 ypc. I look for solid improvement and this should be one of the MAC's better offensive lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Marshall normally rotates 8 DL's on a regular basis. Last season they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation but did have 3 senior starters. This year they must replace DT Antony Beckett (12 sts), NG Jimmy Parker (13 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 22 tfl), DE Paul Tovness (13 sts, 7 sks, 89 tkl's, 1st Tm MAC for 2 straight years, #2CD of DEN) as well as backup NG Judd Tabor (13 tkl's). Surprisingly, opponents went from gaining just 2.5 ypc rushing to 4.0 last year and Marshall recorded just 29 sacks after having 38 in 1999. While the losses are bigger, I do like the talent that Pruett has on hand here. Marlan Hicks is a VHT (PS#23) who originally signed at Virginia Tech and big things are expected out of transfer Richard Rodgers (PS#144OL). I list some other HT's that are sprinkled in the 2 deep below, and not listed is Toriano Brown (6-0 281 So) who was PS#108DL last year and a partial qualifier. JUCO transfer Anthony Bonds (6-4 280) should also contribute. Last year's defense did not live up to previous standards and with the loss of a pair of 1st Tm MAC players and 3 starters all together, the front does look a little weaker but I like the talent.

LINEBACKERS - The Herd had to replace their #1 and #2 tacklers last year and had a much more inexperienced group than the 1999 version which had all 3 LB's back. This year they are more experienced as they only lose OLB George Miller (13 sts, #2 tkl'r) and OLB Willie Tisdale (5 tkl's). Yates is the star of a veteran, productive LB corps in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Marshall finished #58 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 1998 and returned all 4 starters in 1999, improving all the way up to #7. They had to replace only one player last year who was a 2nd round NFL DC but surprisingly they plummeted in the rankings to #80, allowing 55.4% with a 17-18 ratio playing a weak slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB Danny Derriott (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC 3 straight years), CB Maurice Hines (10 sts, 1st Tm MAC) and FS Doug Hodges (11 sts, 3 yr str). Five players return with starting experience including a pair who started 8 games apiece last year. I do expect Marshall to rise some in the rankings this year. However, they must replace two of the MAC's top CB's who were both 3 year starters. While this unit is clearly weaker with the losses I look for them to move up in my pass efficiency rankings this year since last year was an uncharacteristically weak season for MU.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Herd ranked in the Top 25 of my special teams rankings in both 1998 (#21) and 1999 (#19). Last year they dropped a bit down to #41, but that is still a very respectable finish. P Curtis Head averaged 41.3 and was 2nd team MAC as a true frosh and last year averaged 40.4 with a net of 36.3. He did have two blocked but Marshall also blocked 2 opponents' punts. Head had 17 punts inside the 20 in 1999 and increased that to 24 last year. MU did allow 10.9 per PR but only 18.3 per KR. Curtis Jones was the top KR averaging 23.5 and is back. Kicker JR

MARSHALL 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Franklin Wallace	120	677	44	633	8	5.3					
Brandon Carey	39	243	9	234	1	6.0					
Chanston Rodgers	65	219	15	204	5	3.1					
Gladstone Coke	33	103	10	93	0	2.8					
Byron Leftwich	91	330	226	104	2	1.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Byron Leftwich	487	296	60.8	3579	22	10					
Stephen Galbraith	24	13	54.2	214	3	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Nathan Poole	73	883	12.1	4	39						
David Foye	58	575	9.9	3	53						
Lanier Washington	42	526	12.5	2	90						
Darius Watts	39	706	18.1	7	61						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK					
Curtis Head	66	2669	40.4	12	36.3	2					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
JR Jenkins	9-10	4-5	2-7	0-0	15-22	44					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Max Yates	122	2	8	5	2	Chris Crocker	63	0	3	5	3
George Miller	98	1	6	5	0	Danny Dermott	53	0	7	14	4
Michael Owens	92	5	2	1	0	Anthony Beckett	44	0	3	1	0
Paul Tovless	89	7	5	4	1	O. Washington	44	3	5	0	0
Ralph Street	82	6	3	0	0	Charles Tynes	43	2	5	2	0
Jimmy Parker	76	1	21	0	0	Trod Buggs	34	0	0	0	0
Doug Hodges	69	0	2	5	5	Maurice Hines	33	0	1	5	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Maurice Hines	18	205	11.4	1	Curtis Jones	16	376	23.5	0		

Jenkins (PS#17) departs. He hit 15 of 22 FG's with a long of 44 and 5 of his misses were from 40+. His strong leg helped them out in KO coverage. Hines' solid PR's also will be missed but with Head back as P and provided a new K can step in and do adequately, this unit could once again contend for a Top 25 spot especially since it was a young unit overall last season.



Rover Michael 'Kool-Aid' Owens has a major thirst for tackling.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Marshall is just the 13th school in all of Div IA that has won four or more consecutive league titles. It has happened a total of 19 times in the NCAA. They added 7,000 seats at the scoreboard end, but actually drew less people in 2000 after a couple of early losses. Marshall was shut out for the first time since 1989 last year when their young offense could not score vs Toledo on the road. MU did suffer their first home loss since 1995 and it was Bob Pruett's first loss at home as a head coach. In that loss to W Michigan, MU had a 414-407 yard edge but turned the ball over 3 times in WM territory. Marshall may have taken over as the preeminent team in the state of W Virginia as they are 43-9 SU since 1997 while WV is just 26-21 SU although Marshall clearly has played lesser competition. For the second straight year Marshall has the least amount of returning starters in the MAC and their losses are actually heavier this season number-wise than they were in 2000. They had to replace 19 lettermen last year compared to 22 this year, while returning just 37 lettermen compared to 45 last year. One of the big differences is that starting QB Byron Leftwich is back whereas last season they had an inexperienced QB. If there was a year to knock Marshall off of the stranglehold it has had on the MAC Title, it would have been last season. They had an unfavorable schedule and needed a huge finish including 4 straight wins to get to the title game where they beat W Michigan and won their bowl once again. Despite the number of losses from last year's team in terms of lettermen, this year's team does look more potent on offense and should be just as tough defensively since last year's version allowed 22.8 ppg, their most since joining IA ball. I'll call for another Eastern Division Championship and yet another MAC title game for the Herd.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

WR	Kendrick Starling	6-1 180 PS#13JC
WR	Kiel Angry	5-9 195 PS#107
QB	Morian Anderson	6-2 180 PS#130
LB	Kevin Atkins	6-3 225 PS#170
LB	Ryan Baynes	6-3 202 PS#226
DB	J.T. Rembert	6-1 195 PS#296
TE	Chase Gibson	6-4 225 PS#112
DB	Willie Smith	6-1 175 PS#341
TE	Jeff Mullins	6-3 240 PS#127
DB	Fernando Durden	6-2 175 PS#354
QB	Scott Wilks	6-3 185 PS#384
WR	Wilbur Hargrove	6-0 180 PS#650
WR	Nate Manns	6-4 210 PS#555
DL	Ace Withrow	6-3 250 PS#567

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OFFENSE

QB BYRON LEFTWICH JR. 6-6 240 Big & cannon for an arm. 5th in NCAA in tfl offense lry in 1st yr sfr. 3579 yds (60.8%) with 22-10 ratio & 330 yds rush. Stephen Galbraith (PS#62).
RB FRANKLIN WALLACE SO. 5-11 192 6 starts, 633 yds (5.3) as true. Chaston Rodgers (5-10 205 Jr) PS#40QB, 204 yds (3.1) in 2000. Brandon Carey (5-10 185 Jr) 234 yds (6.0) lry.
WR Kendrick Starling Jr. 6-1 180 PS#13JUCO. 54 rec's (23.1) at JUCO last year. Brad Bates (5-10 162 rF) was PS#284, Chris Martin (5-8 177 So), PS#178 in '99, 1 rec last year.
WR Curtis Jones Sr. 6-2 195 PS#148. 4 gms & 1 rec as true. 1 st ly, 11 rec (16.6) avg 23.5 on KR's. Josh Davis (6-0 191 rF) PS#304DB. S Carolina champ in 100m in HS.
WR Darius Watts So. 6-4 313 "Spider." Big & fast. 12 games as true & #4 w/39 rec & team high 18.1 ypc, 5 sts. 490 squat. Chris Ray (5-11 186 Jr) was PS#193JC. RS in 2000.
TE GREGG KELLETT SR. 6-3 256 11 sts as true, 13 rec (14.0). 13 sts in 99, 13 rec (14.4). 9 sts in 2000, 12 rec (11.4). Eddie Smolder (6-3 238 Jr) PS#121LB, 13 gms, 8 tkl's lry.
C Steven Perretta Jr. 6-2 285 JUCO transfer. In for spring. Doug Gast (6-5 259 rF) PS#270OL. Jeff Compton (6-2 311 rF), PS#278DL. All 3 will compete for the starting C job.
RG JEFF EDWARDS JR. 6-4 275 PS#322DL. Last 11 sts at Center in 2000. Moved to RG in spring of 2001. Paul Hardy (6-4 298 Jr) 2 letters. Ricardo Phillips (6-5 291 rF) PS#202.
LG Steve Content Sr. 6-2 265 PS#325JC. 2 sts at LG, 13 games at OG & C in 2000. Joey Stepe (6-1 289 So). Eric Krauss (6-3 276 So) PS#127. Lettered as a backup in 2000.
RT NATE MCPHECK SR. 6-4 313 13 sts at RT as true. Forced into starting lineup due to inj's. One of only 2 true to see action last year. Joe Orsini (6-7 332 Jr), lettered as backup lry.
LT Matt Zahn So. 6-7 400 Huge. PS#48 & originated at Ohio St. Steve Scullip (6-5 325 Jr) 13 sts at RT in '99. 13 sts at LT in 2000. Nate Griffin (6-5 316 rF) was PS#315.
K Sam Erny Fr. 5-11 190 PS#131K. Hit 4 of 5 FG's from 50+ yards as senior in high school last year. Will compete against P Curtis Head and several walk-ons this fall.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE RALPH STREET SR. 6-0 255 PS#223LB. 10 tkl's in '98. 37 tkl's, 6 sks in '99. 82 tkl's, 8 sks, 6 tfl, 16 hurries, 13 sts lry. Sack leader L2Y. Maurice McKinney (6-2 210 So) 10 tkl's, 2 sks lry.
DT Orlando Washington Jr. 6-2 255 PS#93DL. 9 tkl's, 2 sks, 2 tfl in 1999. 1 start, 44 tkl's, 8 tfl, 9 hurries in 2000. Richard Rodgers (6-4 277 Jr) PS#144OL, transferred from Virginia in '00.
NG Marlan Hicks So. 6-3 295 Originally signed with Virginia Tech. PS#23DL. 14 tkl's, 1 tfl lry. Nathan Leslie (6-4 250 So) 7 tkl's, 2 tfl in 2000. Josh Cordell (6-4 288 rF) PS#69TE.
DE Kelvin Smith Sr. 6-1 239 JC transfer. 13 games, 16 tkl's, 4 tfl in 2000. Speed rusher. Reggie Hayes (6-4 250 Jr) PS#98TE. 4.6 speed. Luke Salmons (6-3 265 So) PS#153DL.
LB Larry Davis Sr. 6-0 190 PS#339DB. 27 tkl's, 2 pbu, 2 int in 1998 & 1999. 1 st at FS in 2000, 26 tkl's, 2 pbu. Charles Tynes (6-0 194 So) PS#225RB, 6 starts, 43 tkl's, 7 tfl lry.
MLB MAX YATES SR. 6-2 228 7 sts, 55 tkl's, 2 pbu in '98, 11 sts, 58 tkl's, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC in '99. 122 tkl's, 10 tfl, 5 pbu, 2 int. 1st Tm MAC in '00. Duran Smith has 29 tkl's in 2Y.
WLB Alonzo Jones Sr. 6-0 201 28 tkl's, 2 sks, 1 int in 1998 & 1999. 5 starts, 28 tkl's, 2 tfl in 2000. Sam Gaines (6-0 201 Sr) PS#152. 24 tkl's in 1998 & 1999. 26 tkl's, 2 tfl, 1 int in 2000.
CB Terence Tarpley Jr. 5-10 174 19 tkl's, 3 sks, 1 start in 1999. 2 sts, 21 tkl's, 14.0 on 3KR's in '00. Dorian Williams (5-7 154 rF), MS champ in 100m in HS. Ben Poe (6-0 188 Jr) PS#360RB.
CB Yancey Satterwhite Jr. 5-11 175 26 tkl's, 2 pbu, 1 int in '99. 1 st as nickel, 26 tkl's, 4 tfl, 3 pbu in 2000. Renaldo Williams (5-8 184 rF) PS#370RB. Willie Smith (6-1 175 Jr) 4.4 speed.
ROV MICHAEL OWENS SR. 5-10 210 "Kool-Aid." PS#224WR. 2 starts, 40 tkl's in '98. 2 starts, 55 tkl's, 4 pbu, 3 int in '99. 8 sts, 92 tkl's, 5 sks last year. Gladstone Coke (5-8 183 So) RB/DB lry.
FS CHRIS CROCKER JR. 5-11 183 7 tkl's, 1 pbu in 1999. 8 sts, 63 tkl's, 5 pbu, 3 int in 2000. 2 blocked punts vs Mich St/ Fardan Carter (5-9 183 Sr) has 1 start, 25 tkl's, 4 pbu in his career.
P CURTIS HEAD JR. 5-11 164 53 punts as true, 41.3 average, 37.8 net. 2nd Team MAC. 66 punts in 2000, 44.0 average with net of 36.3 & 24 inside the 20. 12 punts of 50+.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Marshall is 15-6 ATS as a home favorite since 1996.
Thundering Herd are 2-0 SU & ATS vs Ball St & have outscored them 84-26 in those 2 meetings.
Herd have had 5 straight seasons with a positive turnover ratio.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF	
Sep. 1	at Florida	G													The Thundering Herd were 0-4 ATS last year as an away dog. Marshall is 17-2 SU but 6-6 ATS in September the last 5 years.
Sep. 8	Massachusetts	A													Pending LW: Herd are 6-2 ATS vs non-conf opponents the L5Y. Marshall is 22-14 ATS the last 5 years as a favorite.
Sep. 15	at TCU	G													Thundering Herd are 18-14 ATS off a SU win since 1997. Marshall is 4-1 SU & ATS the week prior to a bye.
Sep. 22															
Sep. 29	Bowling Green	A													Thundering Herd are 4-1 SU & ATS the week after a bye, 1-5 LY. Marshall is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS vs Bowling Green.
Oct. 6	at N Illinois	A													Only 1 prior meeting, Marshall won & covered 41-9 (-26) in '99. Marshall is 16-4 SU & 9-7 ATS in October since 1996.
Oct. 13	at Buffalo	G													Only 2 prior meetings, Marshall is 2-0 SU & 1-1 ATS. Marshall has outscored Buffalo 106-17 in those 2 games.
Oct. 20	C Michigan (HC)	A													Last meeting between these 2 teams was '98. The result was a 28-0 victory for Marshall. Herd are 2-0 SU & ATS in this series.
Oct. 27	Akron	A													Herd are 3-0 SU but 1-2 ATS vs Akron since 1997. Marshall only beat Akron by 3 points last year, 31-28.
Nov. 3	at Kent St	A													MU is 4-0 SU & 2-2 ATS vs KSU, outscoring them 146-52. Marshall is 13-1 SU & 7-3 ATS in November.
Nov. 10	at Miami (Oh)	G													Marshall was 0-3 ATS on grass last year. Marshall is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Miami (Oh) in their last 4 meetings.
Nov. 17	Ohio U	A													The Thundering Herd lost SU LY 38-28 to Ohio U in Athens. Marshall is 3-1 SU & 2-2 ATS vs Ohio U.
Nov. 24															

STADIUM: MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STADIUM (38,016)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-2	12-3	15-0	10-2	11-1	12-0	7-5	79-13
ATS	0-0	0-0	1-0	10-1	4-6	8-3	3-8	26-18
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	5-0	3-2	4-2	2-2	15-6
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-4	4-1	0-2	7-8
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-4	3-4
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-0	8-1	3-6	8-3	2-4	22-14
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-4	4-4
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-0	0-3	6-6
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	9-0	3-4	4-3	3-5	20-12
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-1	3-6	6-3	3-6	20-16
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-2	6-2
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-1	3-5	7-3	1-5	18-14
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-3	5-3

Coach: BOB PRUETT (Career 58-9)
Pruett's records AT MARSHALL

6th Year at Marshall	15-6	Home Favorite
58-9 Straight Up	1-0	Home Underdog
26-18 Vs The Spread	7-8	Away Favorite
5-3 Off A S/U Loss	3-4	Away Underdog
20-16 Vs Conference	6-2	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Motor City	+1	Mississippi	31-34	L
98	Motor City	+3	Louisville	48-29	W
99	Motor City	-3	BYU	21-3	W
00	Motor City	+2	Cincinnati	25-14	W

MARSHALL (8-5) CONFERENCE: MAC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6* **Returning: 37 (18,17,2)**
DEFENSE: 4 **Lost: 22 (13,8,1)**

LETTERMEN:



MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP
5	28.2	20	113	3.6	293	60.4	14.4	+5	2000	6	22.8	20	169	4.0	181	55.4
9*	35.6	22	141	4.1	316	66.6	12.8	+16	1999	10	10.5	18	92	2.5	194	52.5
7*	31.2	24	148	3.9	301	64.8	14.4	+12	1998	5	18.2	18	124	3.0	203	54.4
3	37.2	23	140	4.5	310	58.0	12.1	+5	1997	5	19.9	20	183	4.0	175	47.3
6*	43.9	22	223	5.7	260	61.8	11.0	+7	1996	10	14.0	17	122	3.2	195	52.9
-	33.9	-	232	5.1	189	59.0	12.4	-	1995	-	15.4	-	117	2.9	109	50.0

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SBS BY	TURN
SW Missouri St	25	50-315	6.3	18-26	263	1	15	37-133	3.6	13-28	126	2	+2
at Michigan St	13	19-51	2.7	27-44	227	2	23	43-221	5.1	21-31	212	3	-1
at N Carolina	15	23-90	3.9	19-35	215	3	25	37-142	3.8	24-39	292	2	+2
Buffalo	26	46-148	3.2	28-41	483	2	10	25-6	0.2	15-28	186	2	0
W Michigan	21	35-90	2.6	26-54	324	4	20	47-286	6.1	12-22	121	3	+1
at Toledo	13	28-42	1.5	21-39	218	5	21	49-247	5.0	13-19	140	0	-3
Kent St	27	30-181	6.0	31-42	312	0	15	36-75	2.1	16-37	162	2	0
at Akron	25	28-43	1.5	26-49	393	6	28	52-235	4.5	11-25	170	1	0
at Bowling Green	16	31-65	2.1	20-35	202	5	14	40-85	2.1	12-24	123	6	+1
Miami (Oh)	24	39-196	5.0	21-33	290	1	24	49-185	3.8	21-39	283	2	+4
at Ohio U	18	20-72	3.6	27-40	299	0	28	66-401	6.1	10-14	87	0	-2
W Mich (MAC Title)	23	31-70	2.3	29-45	358	1	18	32-86	2.7	23-34	264	3	+1
Cincinnati (Bowl)	13	30-101	3.4	17-30	221	3	24	42-96	2.3	19-39	189	3	0
TOTALS	259	410-1464	3.6	310-513	3805	33	265	555-2198	4.0	210-379	2355	29	+5
AVERAGES	19.9	32-113	3.6	24-39	293	2.5	20.4	43-169	4.0	16-29	181	2.2	0.4

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Howard	NL	55-27	-	at W Virginia	+14	31-42	W	at Akron	-16	27-16	L	at Clemson	-2	13-10	W	SW Missouri St	NL	63-7	-
W Virginia St	NL	42-7	-	at Army	+5	35-25	W	at Troy St	NL	42-12	-	Liberty	NL	63-3	-	at Michigan St	+8	24-34	L
at Ga Southern	NL	29-13	-	at Kent St	-24	42-17	W	at S Carolina	+5	24-21	W	Bowling Green	-22	35-16	L	at N Carolina	+3	15-20	L
W Kentucky	NL	37-3	-	W Illinois	NL	48-7	-	at E Michigan	-14	26-23	L	Temple	-28	34-0	W	Buffalo	-43	47-14	L
UT-Chattanooga	NL	45-0	-	at Ball St	-14	42-16	W	Miami (Oh)	-2	31-17	W	at Miami (Oh)	-4	32-14	W	W Michigan	-6	10-30	L
at VMI	NL	45-20	-	Akron	-30	52-17	W	at Ohio U	-8	30-23	L	Toledo	-23	38-13	W	at Toledo	+7	0-42	L
W Carolina	NL	56-21	-	at Miami (Oh)	-2	21-45	L	Kent St	-35	42-7	L	at Buffalo	-44	59-3	W	Kent St	-21	34-12	W
at Appalachian St	NL	24-10	-	E Michigan	-21	48-25	W	Ball St	-30	42-10	W	N Illinois	-26	41-9	W	at Akron	-4	31-28	L
The Citadel	NL	56-25	-	at C Michigan	-23	45-17	W	at Bowling Green	-11	13-34	L	at Kent St	-34	28-16	L	at Bowling Green	-8	20-13	L
at E Tennessee St	NL	34-10	-	Bowling Green	-26	28-0	W	C Michigan	-19	28-0	W	at W Michigan	-11	31-17	W	Miami (Oh)	-5	51-31	W
Furman	NL	42-17	-	Ohio U	-11	27-0	W	Wofford	NL	29-27	-	Ohio U	-25	34-3	W	at Ohio U	+3	28-38	L

OHIO BOBCATS



QB Dontrell Jackson led the team in gross yards rushing and threw for 881 yards in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 the Bobcats gave a 17 year old true frosh the starting reins and Dontrell Jackson did much better than expected, leading the team in gross yards rushing and throwing for 745 yards (46%) with a 6-3 ratio, solid numbers in an option offense. He had an even stronger season as a soph throwing for 881 yards (45.5%) with an 8-8 ratio and rushed for 953 gross yards. Freddie Ray (6-2 200 So) was PS#236QB and is the stronger passer, throwing for 1,780 yards and 19 TD's as a senior in high school. He hit 8 of 10 here last year for 130 yards and also rushed for 29 yards in 7 games. Adam Porter (5-11 200 So) was PS#310. Rashad Butler (6-0 190 rFr) was PS#250. Ray will be called on from time to time in obvious passing situations but they need Jackson to stay healthy for this offense to work. Knorr says they will pass a little more, but all option teams say that prior to the season. This will be Jackson's third year running this offense (22 consecutive starts) and he should continue to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bobcats returned all of their top backs. They had their best rushing season yet, going from 262 ypg and 4.6 ypc rushing to 323 ypg and a super 5.5 ypc. Almost everyone is back this year but they do lose Raynald Ray who was a very versatile player, their top returnman (avg d 12.0 on PR's), leading receiver (with a 20.5) and #4 rusher (with an 8.3 ypc). He will be missed. Knorr actually has a couple of HT's to plug into his ZB position and I list them below. TB's Brinker and Patterson have combined for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two years and I list the top 3 FB's below with a very solid starter in Sherrill. Seven of the top 9 RB's saw action last year and 5 of those 7 had at least a 4.6 ypc in 2000. I like the talent here and even with the loss of Ray, this group looks just as solid as it did last year.

RECEIVERS - Obviously, this unit does not get much action. Last year they had to replace both starters so this year's group is much more experienced. Last year the top receiver was actually ZB Ray who had 15 rec's and a super 20.5 ypc. Joe Mohler was the top WR with 13 rec's and a 19.3 ypc. I list the 2 deep below which includes Youngstown State

transfer Chris Knaack who stepped into the starting TE job last year and had 6 rec's. Also listed below is WR Tierra Pought (6-0 175 So) who was PS#212 and was Jackson's favorite receiver in high school. He had just 1 rec in 6 games last year. Not listed below at TE are Randy Pennington (6-2 255 Jr) who has had 4 rec's in 14 games the last 2 years after moving over from WR. Jon Clark (6-1 230 So) who was PS#170TE, and Joe Bernatowicz (6-3 242 rFr) who was PS#145. This group is clearly more experienced than last year and has decent talent. I look for better production especially with Knorr saying that they will pass a little more.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Bobcats had a very young O-line but last year had only 2 starters and 2 backups depart. Four players returned with starting experience and they added 3 JUCO's to the group. Naturally with the wishbone offense OU's rushing stats are solid. They were in rare form last year as after averaging 4.5 and 4.6 yards rushing the previous 2 years they averaged 5.5 ypc and allowed just 7 sacks on the year. They accomplished that despite shuffling the line as only 1 player started all 11 games. He is their lone loss this year in OG Zach Holt (11 sts, 2nd TM MAC, 2 yr str). Seven players return with starting experience and I list them below. There are some solid rFr to plug in as well. While it will be tough to match last year's stats, this group looks just as strong in 2001, and that makes them one of the best O-lines in the MAC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - OU only had to replace one starter and one backup last year but surprisingly went from allowing 3.1 ypc rushing down to 3.7. They also lost ground in the sack department with 28 in 1999, and only 20 last year. This year they must replace DE Art Adams (5 sts, 31 tkl, 4.5 tfl), NG Damion Washington (11 sts, 43 tkl, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 2nd TM MAC) and DE Drew Dollmatsch (5 tkl, 1 sk). They return 4 players with starting experience and I list them below. Last year's D-line was deep enough to play 2 full units in games. I'm not wild about this year's depth among the 2nd stringers, but HT Garrett Bush should be a solid addition. Lamar Martin was an 8 game starter in 1999 that lost his job last year and now returns to his starting role. Despite the fact that this year's front wall is less experienced and does not have the depth of last year, they have 3 players back who were starters in 1999 when the DL was fairly productive and this unit could even be improved if the starters stay healthy.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Bobcats had to replace 2 starters and a backup but had 4 players back with starting experience. This year they are in much better shape as the only losses are SLB Matt Spiller (11 sts, 79 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and two 3rd teamers. Five of the top six LB's return including #1 tackler WLB Tom Weilbacher and 2nd Team MAC SLB Matt Weikert. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last season and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Traditionally OU has done well in my pass D rankings which is surprising because teams that field option offenses get very little practice against pass attacks and usually struggle in live action. They did drop to #79 in 1998 and fell even further to #103 in 1999. Last year they had 3 starters returning and moved up to #74, allowing 53.8% with a 12-13 ratio. This year they must replace one starter again in CB Donnie White (9 sts, 2 int's) and two backups in FS Duffey Duffy (4 sts, 41 tkl, 3 pbu) and SS Jason Whitehead (7 tkl). Four players return with starting experience and I list them below. Highlighting that returning group is Joe Sellers at FS, a rare HT, who certainly has the athletic ability to be one of the MAC's best, but has not lived up to that potential. With an extra year of seasoning, I look for continued improvement in the pass defense rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Grobe came over from the Air Force Academy, so you would expect him to have put a high emphasis on special teams. The Bobcats have always been strong in this area, including a finish at #35 in 1998. After finishing just #54 in 1999 they improved all the way up to #4 in my rankings this past year and have a shot at staying near the top should they discover another top-notch PR. With all the RB's on the roster they have plenty of talent vying for the PR role, including transfer Keith Warren (5-7 180 Jr) who was twice named Special Teams POY while at Morgan St. Dave Zastudil makes my All-American list this year at P and has simply been 1st Team MAC three straight years. Zastudil not only has a strong leg but is also very accurate and hits a high percent of his punts (19 out of 47, 40%) inside the 20. He had a 44.3 punting avg and a net of 39.7 last year. K Kevin Kerr also has a powerful leg, nailing two 50 yard+ FG's in 1999 with a long of 55 as a true frosh. Last year he hit 12 of 17 FG's

OHIO		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS										
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Dontrell Jackson		155	953	89	864	2	5.6					
Chad Brinker		147	769	35	734	10	5.0					
Jamel Patterson		114	697	37	660	7	5.8					
Raynald Ray		58	513	32	481	5	8.3					
Joe Sherrill		70	323	0	323	1	4.6					
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Dontrell Jackson		119	54	45.4	881	8	8					
Freddie Ray		10	8	80.0	130	1	0					
RECEIVING		REC		YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Raynald Ray		15		308	20.5	3	39					
Joe Mohler		13		251	19.3	3	40					
James Taylor		8		90	11.3	0	14					
Chris Knaack		6		70	11.7	2	28					
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Dave Zastudil		47	2084	44.3	-	39.7	0	19				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Kevin Kerr		4-4	3-4	5-8	0-2	12-18	48					
PLAYER		TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
Tom Weilbacher		92	1.5	6	1	1	Damion Washington	43	3	6	1	0
Matt Spiller		79	1.5	5	1	0	Bop White	41	0	0	6	3
Chris London		78	0	0	7	2	Duffey Duffy	41	0	0	3	0
Matt Weikert		47	5.5	10	4	2	Arden Banks	39	0	1	5	0
Greg Baskin		46	2	3	4	0	Lamar Martin	36	0	6	0	0
Donnie White		46	0	1	0	2	Keith Adamson	34	1	0	0	0
Mike Fox		43	3	2	0	1	Joe Sellers	33	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Raynald Ray		33	396	12.0	0	Chad Brinker	16	364	22.8	0		

with a long of 48 and missed two 50 yard attempts, but has the leg to nail the long ones. Top KR Chad Brinker is back and averaged 22.8 last year but the star of their special teams unit was Raynald Ray who averaged 12.0 on 33 PR's and he departs. OU also blocked 5 punts last year and will continue to be dangerous in that area. They allowed just 15.6 on KO returns, showing Kerr's strong leg. This is a very good special teams unit that could easily remain in the Top 20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Jim Grobe taking over, OU managed just 9 wins the previous six years. Grobe amazingly had a 33-33-1 record here including seasons like 1997 where they were 8-3 and last year going 7-4. Those were their only winning years since 1982 and they earned upsets of both Marshall and Minnesota. They lowered the field at Peden Stadium to gain the advantage of a louder crowd and also got a new scoreboard. This year they must deal with the loss of Grobe who left for greener pastures. Brian Knorr, the DC the past 2 years, takes over but must replace most of the assistants who jumped ship with Grobe. Personnel are few as OU must replace just 11 lettermen, the fewest in the MAC and among the fewest in the entire country. Defense was one of the main reasons for their success last year as they did not allow 30 points all year, one of just five teams to achieve that feat. There are 8 starters back on that side of the ball, and they will be tough once again and among the best in the conference. The new DC is Tim Kish who was the DC at Illinois for the last four years. On offense, they have 9 starters back including QB Dontrell Jackson who enters his 3rd year as a starter. They bring in a new OC Greg Gregory who ran a similar offense at Richmond and also at Army. Last year's offense set a school record with 4,599 yards and their 343 points was #2 in school history. With such a veteran cast they will be potent again. They get both Miami, OH and Bowling Green at home which is key in division play and with this team being among the most talented in the MAC, a repeat of a winning season is clearly within reach.

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DONTRELL JACKSON JR. 5-10 170 PS#100. 11 sts as true. 745 yds pass, 6-3 ratio, 641 rush, 11 sts in 2000, 881 yds (45.4%) 8-8 ratio, 953 gross yds rush (6.1). Freddie Ray PS#236.
TB CHAD BRINKER JR. 5-11 210 PS#283. Str'd L5 as rFr, 600 yds (5.0). 10 sts in 2000, 734 yds (5.0). 2nd TM MAC. Jamel Patterson (6-1 200 Sr) 581 yds (6.5) in 99, 660 yds (5.8) ly.
ZB Wiz White So. 5-9 200 PS#81. 140 yds (7.4) in 5 games as rFr. Stafford Owens (5-8 180 rFr) PS#77. Mareion Royster (6-1 186 Sr) 27 yards rush last 2 years. Blocker.
FB JOE SHERRILL JR. 6-0 230 PS#194. Str'd L5 as rFr, 410 yds (4.7). 8 sts in 2000 (inj) 323 yds (4.6), 5 rec (5.4). Keland Logan (6-1 270 So) PS#330 3 sts ly, 254 yds (5.4).
WR JOE MOHLER JR. 6-3 200 3 sts as rFr, 10 rec (10.6). 11 sts ly, 13 rec (19.3). James Taylor (6-0 190 So) PS#280, 4 sts, 8 rec (11.3). Tierra Pought (6-0 175 So) 1 rec ly.
TE CHRIS KNAACK SR. 6-3 253 PS#159RB. Str'd for Youngstown St NI'l Champs. 1 st here at FB in 99. 7 sts at TE ly, 6 rec (11.7). Derek Gandy (6-3 286 So) PS#77, 2 rec (15.0) ly.
C DOUG WOOTEN JR. 6-1 290 9 games as backup C, 86% grade in 1999. Started L5 games at C ly, 2L's. Taylor Ketchum (6-2 295 Sr) JC transfer started 1st 6 games @ C ly.
RG DAVID PATTON SR. 6-9 320 PS#163. 390 bench. 11 sts at LT in '99. 133.5 knockdowns, 84% grade. Started last six games as RG in 2000. Tim Givins (6-5 290 So).
LG NICK GLOWACKI SR. 6-5 312 PS#296. 2 starts at OG in 1998. 2nd Team MAC in 1999, 11 starts, 174 knockdowns in 703 plays. 88% grade. First 5 starts at LG in 2000, 6 gms.
RT CHRIS JACKSON JR. 6-3 280 8 games as backup in 99, 204 plays, 81% grade, 31.5 kDs. 3 starts at LT, 6 starts at RT in 2000. Erik Grahovac (6-3 278 Jr) 5 sts at RT ly.
LT DENNIS THOMPSON SO. 6-2 285 PS#128. 8 sts at LT as true ly. Eric McCrady (6-2 290 rFr) PS#227. Eric Brown (6-3 296 Sr) is JC trans. Paul Stanko (6-4 260 Jr) 8 gms as backup ly.
K KEVIN KERR JR. 6-0 176 PS#53. 57 yard FG in HS, 70% of KO's TB's. 9 of 13 FG's here in '99, L55, 2 of 2 from 50+ 12 of 17 last year, long of 48, 2 misses were from 50+.

OLB GREG BASKIN SR. 6-1 238 5 tkl, 2 tfl in 1998, 7 starts, 38 tkl, 5 tfl in 1999. 11 starts last year, 46 tkl, 5 tfl, 4 pbu. Willie Sherman (6-3 242 So) 9 tkl in 10 gms as a true frosh.
IL MIKE FOX SR. 6-4 264 12 tkl in 1998. 11 starts in 1999, 36 tkl, 3 tfl, 11 starts, 43 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 int in 2000. Keith Adamson (6-2 255 So) had 34 tkl, 1 sack in 10 gms in 2000.
NG Lamar Martin Jr. 6-1 286 8 sts, 28 tkl, 5 tfl in 1999, 11 games as backup ly, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. Garrett Bush (6-4 272 rFr) PS#73. Brian Brown (6-1 282 So) 4 games, 3 tkl in 2000.
RE ANDRE PARKER SO. 6-1 285 PS#264. 6 sts in 2000, 22 tkl, 6 tfl. Brandon Swiger (6-3 250 So) 3 tkl ly. Art Adams (6-4 252 Sr) 24 tkl, 5 sks in '99, 31 tkl, 4 hurries, 4.5 tfl ly.
OLB TRENDIALE PERKINS SR. 6-1 239 PS#295. 1 reception at TE in 1998, 31 tkl, 6 tfl in 1999. 7 starts, 22 tkl, 2.5 tfl in 2000. Hugh Grant (6-3 219 So) PS#323. 7 tackles as a rFr last year.
SAM Matt Weikert Sr. 6-1 225 3 tkl in 1998, 4 starts, 24 tkl, 3 tfl in 1999, 2nd Team MAC last year, 47 tkl, 5.5 sks, 10 tfl, 4 pbu, 2 int in only 4 sts. Demetri Taylor 13 tkl as true.
WILL TOM WEILBACHER JR. 6-0 230 11 sts, 89 tkl, 7 tfl, 1 int in '99, #1 tklr in 2000 with 92, 7.5 tfl, 1 int. Shawn Murphy (6-1 229 Sr) 28 tkl, 2 tfl in 3 years. Rich Constantine (6-0 230 So).
CB BOP WHITE JR. 6-0 175 8 starts, 35 tkl, 11 pbu, 5 int as true in '99, 11 starts, 41 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int ly. Thomas Stephens (6-0 175 So) PS#154QB. 20 tkl, 1 int for a TD ly.
CB Arden Banks Sr. 5-9 195 18 tkl as true. 1 start, 15 tkl in 1999, 3 starts, 39 tkl, 5 pbu in 2000. Travis Logan (6-0 194 rFr) PS#279. Jonah Booker (5-8 170 Jr) ly. PS#292.
SS CHRIS LONDON SR. 5-10 200 4.42 speed, 360 bench. 65 tkl, 3 pbu in 98. #1 tklr in '99, 107 tkl, 4 sks, 2 int, 10 tkl. 11 starts in 2000, 78 tkl, 7 pbu, 2 int. #4 in MAC in long jump.
FS JOE SELLERS JR. 5-10 190 PS#40. 1 start, 26 tkl, 1 int in 1999, 6 starts in 2000, 33 tkl. Roy McCullough (6-2 180 rFr) was PS#224WR. Darrick Bell (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#227.
P DAVE ZASTUDIL SR. 6-3 230 1st Team MAC 3 straight years! 45.3 avg in '98, #4 in NCAA, 60 punts with 43.2 avg in 1999, 47 punts in 2000, 44.3 avg & net of 39.7, 19 inside 20!

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Ohio does not play Ball St this year but the Bobcats are 1-6 SU but 6-1 ATS in the series.
Ohio is 3-7 SU & 5-5 ATS vs W Michigan.
Bobcats are 3-17-2 SU vs C Michigan since their 1st meeting back in 1972.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R S	A R T	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	at Akron (Thur)	A												
Sep. 8	at W Virginia	A												
Sep. 13	at NC State (Thur)	G												
Sep. 22	Iowa St	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Toledo	G												
Oct. 13	at C Michigan	A												
Oct. 20	Miami (Oh)	G												
Oct. 27	Kent St (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at Buffalo	G												
Nov. 10	Bowling Green	G												
Nov. 17	at Marshall	A												
Nov. 24														

OU is 0-2 SU & ATS the L2Y but 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS the previous 4 vs AU. Could apply: Bobcats are 3-7 ATS the L4Y as away chalk.
The Bobcats are 5-7-1 ATS the L6Y in their 2nd of B2B AG's. Ohio is 10-23-1 SU & 15-16 ATS in September since 1992.
Bobcats are 1-4 SU but 3-2 ATS vs the ACC since 1993. OU nearly pulled the upset as a 12 pt road dog in a 34-31 loss to NCS in '98.
Bobcats are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Iowa St.
Ohio is 6-1 ATS their last 7 lined games prior to a bye week.
Bonus: Ohio U is 3-5 SU but 5-3 ATS following a bye week.
Ohio is 17-20 SU but 23-13-1 ATS in October since 1992. The home team is 0-6 ATS in this series.
Ohio beat C Michigan 52-3 ATS LY as a 24 pt home favorite. Despite getting trounced LY, CM still lead the series 17-3-2 SU.
Mention this ad & take \$15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. Ohio is 2-9 SU & 3-8 ATS vs Miami (Oh) since 1990.
Bobcats are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS in their L5 Homecoming games. Ohio is 8-2-1 SU & 7-4 ATS in their last 11 meetings vs KSU.
Bobcats are 1-5 ATS their L6 as away favorites in November. The avg score the last 3 meetings is: Ohio 46, Buffalo 9.
Bobcats only had a total of 17 passing yards LY vs BG but won 23-21. Ohio is 4-7 ATS vs Bowling Green in their last 11 meetings.
Bobcats are 2-5 ATS the last 7 years in their season finale. Ohio is 1-3 SU in this series. Last year the Bobcats won 38-28.

STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (20,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	2-8-1	6-6	8-3	5-6	5-6	7-4	33-44-1
ATS	4-7	6-5	9-3	6-4	4-7	5-4-1	5-5	39-35-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-2	11-6
Home Dog	1-4	2-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	6-8
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-3	1-0	1-2	5-8
Away Dog	3-2	4-2	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3-1	2-1	17-13-1
Favorite	0-1	0-1	4-1	4-2	2-4	3-1	3-4	16-14
Dog	4-6	6-4	5-2	2-2	2-3	2-3-1	2-1	23-21-1
Grass	3-6	3-5	7-2	4-1	4-5	5-1	3-5	29-25
Artificial	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-3	0-2	0-3-1	2-0	10-10-1
vs Conf	3-6	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	27-29-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	12-6
Off SU Win	0-0	1-1	4-2	5-3	0-4	3-2	3-2	16-14
Off SU Loss	3-7	3-4	4-1	0-1	3-3	2-1-1	1-3	16-20-1

OHIO (7-4)

CONFERENCE:

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RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*

DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 44 (22,20,2)

Lost: 11 (4,6,1)



OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF		
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP		
7*	31.2	22	323	5.5	95	47.0	13.4	+4	2000	7	18.9	18	129	3.7	220	53.8	18.5
5	24.6	18	262	4.6	94	44.4	14.5	+2	1999	5	26.1	18	121	3.1	236	62.3	13.7
8	24.5	19	277	4.5	55	36.5	13.5	-6	1998	8	27.5	18	130	3.5	209	57.9	12.3
5*	27.4	17	302	5.1	37	27.6	12.4	+9	1997	8	16.1	20	143	3.3	189	49.7	20.7
5*	25.2	17	274	4.8	54	42.9	13.0	0	1996	6	19.8	17	115	2.9	184	52.0	15.1
9*	14.6	13	184	3.9	60	36.4	16.7	-12	1995	8	29.1	20	186	3.9	203	59.5	13.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Iowa St	18	41-179	4.4	9-25	130	2	16	40-204	5.1	16	30	196	0 -3
at Minnesota	22	73-363	5.0	3-9	90	2	14	26-147	5.7	10	28	223	2 +2
Tenn Tech	38	66-429	6.5	11-15	168	0	19	27-95	3.5	18	35	180	3 0
Akron	16	46-284	6.2	4-15	92	0	22	48-133	2.8	20	33	258	1 -3
at W Michigan	11	49-177	3.6	4-8	116	2	22	37-138	3.7	23	33	332	2 +2
Buffalo	25	62-367	5.9	4-8	109	0	22	45-140	3.1	18	32	267	4 +3
at Kent St	19	56-233	4.2	9-11	136	0	13	39-141	3.6	7	20	41	2 +1
C Michigan	28	62-444	7.2	4-11	63	0	19	32-111	3.5	18	37	179	0 +1
at Miami (Oh)	23	70-399	5.7	3-6	38	1	17	35-135	3.9	9	21	213	1 -1
at Bowling Green	18	55-277	5.0	2-12	17	0	14	36-102	2.8	14	25	236	5 0
Marshall	28	66-401	6.1	10-14	87	0	18	20-77	3.9	26	39	294	0 +2
TOTALS	246	646-3553	5.5	63-134	1046	7	196	385-1423	3.7	179-333	2419	20	+4
AVERAGES	22.4	59-323	5.5	6-12	95	0.6	17.8	35-129	3.7	16-30	220	1.8	0.4

Coach: BRIAN KNORR (Career 0-0) Knorr's records AT OHIO

1st Year at Ohio	0-0	Home Favorite	
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	42-49	-

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-6	44-14	W
at Hawaii	+16	21-10	W
at Army	+14	20-37	L
at Northwestern	+32	7-28	W
E Michigan	-3	7-0	W
at Ball St	+12	27-30	W
at Kent St	-7	24-15	W
Bowling Green	+1	38-0	W
at W Michigan	-4	38-0	W
at Miami (Oh)	+6	8-24	L
at E Carolina	+16	45-55	W
Toledo	-8	23-24	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-18	31-7	W
at Maryland	+12	21-14	W
at Kansas St	+24	20-23	W
Buffalo	NL	50-0	-
W Michigan	-14	31-7	W
at E Michigan	-8	47-7	W
Bowling Green	-19	24-0	W
at Akron	-23	21-17	L
at N Illinois	-23	35-30	L
Miami (Oh)	+2	21-45	L
at Marshall	+11	0-27	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina St	+12	31-34	W
at Wisconsin	+16	0-45	L
E Carolina	+2	14-21	L
at W Michigan	-3	37-35	L
at Bowling Green	-9	7-35	L
Marshall	+8	23-30	W
Akron	-5	28-14	W
at Miami (Oh)	+10	21-35	L
E Michigan	-13	49-21	W
N Illinois	-17	28-12	L
at Kent St	-23	31-21	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+22	7-33	L
N Iowa	NL	21-36	-
at Ohio St	+43	16-40	W
Buffalo	-22	45-6	W
Kent St	-14	31-3	W
at Akron	+1	28-41	L
at E Michigan	+1	26-27	T
Bowling Green	-6	17-14	L
at Ball St	-7	37-25	W
Miami (Oh)	+5	40-28	W
at Marshall	+25	3-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+13	15-25	W
at Minnesota	+20	23-17	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	52-14	-
Akron	-8	20-23	L
at W Michigan	+5	10-23	L
Buffalo	-31	42-20	L
at Kent St	-11	44-7	W
C Michigan	-24	52-3	W
at Miami (Oh)	-5	24-27	L
at Bowling Green	-9	23-21	L
Marshall	-3	38-28	W

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS



WR Kurt Gerling stays healthy the receiving corps should be one of the best in the MAC.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Ricky Schneider started the first 4 games but was suspended for the start of the Toledo game and unheralded rFr Andy Sahm started and, much like Wally Pipp, Schneider never regained his starting job. Sahm is among the best sized QB's in the MAC (6-6 220) and threw for 1,088 yards (50.7%) with a 7-3 ratio in 1999. Last year Sahm started the first 10 games until suffering a separated shoulder. He threw for 1,490 yards (50.4%) with an 8-9 ratio while also rushing for 226 yards. Schneider was the backup QB and threw 17 passes and then suffered a concussion in the 4th game which ended his football career. They were forced to take the redshirt off true frosh QB/RB Josh Harris due to injuries at the TB position and he even started one game at TB while rushing for 292 net yards (4.2). Harris alternated with Sahm at times and served as the running QB while also seeing action at TB but then started the season finale vs Toledo at QB. He threw for 243 yards in 6 games (47.9%) with an 0-2 ratio. Those two will battle for the job. David Azzi (6-2 195 rFr) could also contend. He was the top QB in Canada in 1999 and spent last year running the scout team where he was Player of the Week 4 times. Naturally new coaches like their own recruits and that means Cole Magner (PS#151) may also have a chance to contend. Sahm is a solid passing QB while Harris is the runner and they could be used in combination again. I look for better results and improvement at this position in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - BG appeared well stocked in this area heading into last year. Godfrey Lewis set the school's frosh rushing records in 1998 with 753 yards (4.6) and added 500 yards rushing in 1999. Joe Alls (5-10 190 Jr, PS#225) emerged in 1999 as the top back down the stretch and in the final 4 games he rushed for 467 yards (116.8 ypg) with a super 5.3 ypc. Both returned last year but Lewis was injured early and lost for the year. Alls then went down in the 5th game. FB John Gibson moved over to TB and he ended up leading the team in rushing with 514 yards but only 3.3 ypc. When Gibson was injured the redshirt was taken off of true frosh Josh Harris and he had one start at RB with 103 yards vs Miami. The good news is that Lewis, Alls and Gibson all return. Todd DiBacco (6-1 225 rFr) was PS#370RB and is also in the mix. As I stated before, new coaches like their own recruits and Meyer brought in a couple this year (see Top Newcomers). With everyone back healthy and some talent added, this unit should be far more productive.

RECEIVERS - Last spring BG appeared in solid shape as they were

losing just their starting TE but then their #2 receiver from 1999, Robert Redd, decided to transfer. More bad news came when both of their starting WR's, Kurt Gerling and Aaron Alexander, missed half of the year due to injuries. Gerling was injured in the opener and missed 4 weeks and after finishing with 53 rec's in 1999, had just 29 last year. Alexander missed 6 games and his production went from 35 to 6 rec's. JUCO David Bautista stepped into the starting role and led the team with 69 rec's (13.3). Three different TE's saw starting duty in 2000 and two return. Not only are Alexander and Gerling back this year but more good news comes as Redd decided to return and he had 39 rec's here (14.2) in 1999. Gerling tore his ACL in the spring and may not be ready for the start of the season. If Gerling is healthy all season this should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the NCAA this year and one of the MAC's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1998 BG's offensive line gelled down the stretch and it was the key to a dominating rush attack. In 1999 all 5 starters returned and big things were expected but unfortunately they did not put it together until the end of the season. After rushing for 4.3 ypc in 1998 they dropped to 3.4 in 1999. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had their star LT Rob Fehrman back. Starting C Eric Curl broke a bone in his foot and missed the first month and BG averaged 226 ypg without him but 260 ypg with him in the lineup over the last six. They allowed 51 sacks last year, the most in the MAC, and also lost starting RG Greg Kupke to injury after 6 games. The unit paved the way for only 2.5 ypc. This year they must replace C Curl (7 sts, 3 yr str), LT Fehrman (11 sts, 4 yr str) and backup tackle Eric Gilbo. Five players return with starting experience and they get the addition of some solid rFr. This does not look like an overpowering unit but is clearly more experienced than it was last year and can only improve upon 2000's relatively poor numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BG had a very young defensive front in 1999 including 4 frosh and 3 soph's. Last year it looked like the entire unit would return but they lost a starting DT prior to the season. The 4 DL's who began the year started all 11 games which made the DL BG's least banged up unit on the team. The defense got stronger, as BG went from allowing 4.0 ypc and recording 17 sacks in 1999 to giving up just 3.5 ypc and having 29 sacks. This year they must replace DE DJ Durkin (11 sts, 53 tkl, 5.5 sks, 4 yr str). Durkin was called the heart and soul of the defense and was a co-captain. Brandon Hicks is back for his fourth year as a starter on the DL after recording 7.5 sacks last year, and was the only All MAC honoree (2nd TM) on the team in 2000. Everyone else returns and there are now 4 seniors I list in the 2 deep below, making this a very veteran unit and one that should continue to improve, provided they can maintain the health they did last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last season BG had only one starter to replace but it was a 2nd Team MAC player who had 12 tfl. Six players came into last year with starting experience. They did lose starting LB Mitch Hewitt in the third week and he missed the final 8 games. This year the only loss is MLB Chris Della Vella (11 sts, 52 tkl, 5.5 tfl). Once again, 6 players return with starting experience including Hewitt as well as a HT rFr in Jovon Burkes (PS#129DB) who was a four time winner of the defensive scout team Player of the Week Award in 2000. Khary Campbell was the #1 tackler and he returns. This unit is even more experienced than it was heading into last year and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 BG finished #109 in my pass D rankings and last year had 3 starters returning. CB's Karl Rose and Ken Dobbs were burned early and often and BG started looking towards the future, playing frosh CB's over the second half of the year and getting better results. In games 7 through 11 they allowed only 1 TD pass despite facing the top 3 pass attacks in the MAC. In CB Janssen Patton's first start he snagged 3 int's. Thanks to the second half, BG improved to #89 in my pass D rankings, allowing 57.5% with a 16-11 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Ken Dobbs (5 sts, 6 pbu) and CB Emmanuel Hendrix (1 st, 8 tkl). The 2 frosh CB's are now soph's and both starting safeties also return, and they were the #2 and #3 tacklers last season. I look for BG to continue the improvement they showed last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - BG has blocked a total of 43 kicks since 1991 including 6 last year, although just 1 of those 6 was a punt. This was usually an area of strength under Blackney but after finishing #55 in 1999 they dropped to #75. They struggled at FG kicking with Mike Knapp being replaced at one point by Kyle Turano but he missed both of his FG attempts. Knapp returned and finished hitting 10 of 18 with a long of 40 but was just 1 of 5 from 40-49. Shaun Suisham had a 58 yard FG in high school

BOWLING GREEN 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
John Gibson	155	533	19	514	4	3.3					
Josh Harris	69	337	45	292	2	4.2					
Joe Alls	67	210	19	191	1	2.9					
Eric Clark	18	66	1	65	1	3.6					
Craig Jarrett	12	57	1	56	0	4.7					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Andy Sahm	244	123	50.4	1490	8	9					
Josh Harris	48	23	47.9	243	0	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
David Bautista	69	915	13.3	3	54						
Kurt Gerling	29	324	11.2	1	34						
Jason Van Dam	12	174	14.5	2	27						
Andre Pinchem	12	171	14.3	2	34						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Pat Fleming	59	2360	40.0	8	-	0	12				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Mike Knapp	5-7	4-6	1-5	0-0	10-18	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKL	TFL	PBU	INT
K. Campbell	95	1	2	8	1	M. Malone	45	0	1	5	0
Chad Long	88	0	3	3	1	Garry Fisher	44	1.5	6	3	0
Sergio Lund	70	1	5	4	0	J. Patton	42	0	8	4	0
D.J. Durkin	53	5.5	4	5	1	Karl Rose	38	2	5	4	1
C. Della Vella	52	1.5	4	1	0	C. Glantzis	35	2.5	2	1	0
C. Haneline	48	1	7	4	1	R. Wingrove	35	5.5	7	0	0
B. Hicks	47	7.5	6	1	0	D. J. Owchar	27	2.5	2	4	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Chad Long	23	139	6.0	0	Joe Alls	19	371	19.5	0		

in Canada and will battle VHT true frosh Nate Fry, provided Suisham gets over some offseason legal problems. Punter Patrick Fleming is back for his third year and has averaged over 40 yards per boot in each year and improved BG's net punting from 34.1 to 35.4. I look for continued improvement. Their top PR and KR man at midyear was Joe Alls but he was injured, forcing others into the fray. Alls averaged 13.7 on PR's prior to injury, and he should be around all year to greatly improve that unit. He also led the team in KR's at 19.5 ypr while 4 others had 19 KR's in his place. Meyer was the special teams coach at one time so count on him putting a high priority on this unit. Despite their low finish in 2000 this could be one of the MAC's better special teams units in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Gary Blackney era got off to a great start as they were 36-8-2 SU in his first 4 years with a pair of MAC Titles. In the last 6 years, however, they failed to achieve a winning record. Last year BG was just 2-9 but deserved better. They led in the 4Q of every MAC East game including against Marshall where they led 13-3. Buffalo got a TD with 1:27 left, vs Akron BG was twice SOD in the final 7:00 deep in Zip territory, and they missed a 40 yard FG versus Ohio U and lost by 2. Blackney resigned and they played inspired ball down the stretch, winning 5 of their last 7 ATS. The new Head Coach is Urban Meyer who was the WR coach at Notre Dame since '96 and has worked under Lou Holtz, Earl Bruce and Sonny Lubick. Last year BG had just 10 seniors and 24 juniors but will now have a more veteran unit. New OC Gregg Brandon inherits a team that had ten underclassmen starters at one point last season but also one that finished last in the MAC in total offense and FD's. With practically the entire unit back, they should be vastly improved on that side of the ball. BG was #4 in the MAC in total defense last year including #2 in sacks and return 8 of the top 10 tacklers with Tim Beckman, last year's DC, still on hand. They face a tough non-conf slate including road trips to Missouri and S Carolina and also pull both W Michigan and Toledo from the West. Their East schedule is favorable and they actually have a shot at 4 wins in division play. The Falcons are probably the most improved team in the MAC and with just 13 lettermen lost, and 17 starters returning (both are best in the conference), they will easily improve on last year's 2-9 finish. They actually have a shot at climbing as high as 2nd place in the East if they can upset OU on the road like they almost did in 1999.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB ANDY SAHM JR. 6-6 220 7 sts in 99, 1088 yds (51%) 7-3 ratio, 146 rush. 10 sts ly, 1490 yds (50%) 8-9 ratio, 226 rush. Josh Harris (6-3 205 So) PS#178, 243 pass, 337 rush as true.
RB GODFREY LEWIS JR. 5-9 190 1955 yds in Can in 97, 5 sts as true, 753 yds (4.6), 5 sts in 99, 500 yds (3.8) inj, RS ly. John Gibson (5-10 220 Sr) PS#440, 132 yds (5.1) as rFr, 109 yds in 99, 8 sts ly, 514 yds (3.3).
WR Robert Redd Jr. 5-10 195 PS#180, 4 starts, 17 rec's (18.6) in 1998, 7 starts, 39 rec's (14.2) in '99, DNP last year. Andre Pinchem (5-9 175 So) 3 sts, 12 rec (14.3) last year.
WR DAVID BAUTISTA SR. 6-0 180 27 rec at JUCO in 99, 10 sts here ly, #1 w/69 rec (13.3). Aaron Alexander (6-0 195 Sr) PS#99, 1 st in 99, 35 rec (13.2), 4 sts ly (inj) 6 rec (8.3).
WR KURT GERLING SR. 6-2 195 11 sts as rFr, 13 rec (19.3), 11 sts in 99, #1 w/53 (14.6), 5 sts ly (inj) 29 rec (11.2). Kevin Poindexter (6-3 175 rFr) PS#365LB, James Hawkins is PS#187.
TE ROSS DURHAM JR. 6-6 260 PS#148, 8 sts, 3 rec (8.3) last year. Jason Van Dam (6-6 260 So) 4 starts, 12 rec (14.5) in 2000. D'Monn Baker (6-4 260 So) redshirted last year.
C JON MAZUR JR. 6-2 280 420 bench, 555 squat. Lettered as backup C in 99. First 4 starts in C in 2000, moved to LG (last 7 sts). Ryan Yeager (6-4 275 Jr) 355 bench.
RG GREG KUPKE JR. 6-3 285 360 bench, 3 sts at RG in 99, 6 starts at RG last year. 2 letters. Mike Bodnar (6-3 290 Sr) PS#182, Backup in 99, 4 starts at RG in 2000, 2 letters.
LG Andrew Hart rFr. 6-4 270 #1 LG in spring. 3 time Scout Tm POW. Scott Mruzckowski (6-4 295 rFr) #2LG in spring. Frank Kaiser (6-4 290 So) 1 game as backup ly.
RT MALCOLM ROBINSON SR. 6-4 290 PS#313, 11 starts on DL in 99, 18 tkl, 11 starts at RT last year, 2 letters. Anthony Forgione (6-5 300 So) PS#307, 535 squat. Discus on Track tm.
LT DENNIS WENDEL JR. 6-7 303 PS#112, 1 start at TE in '99, 4 starts at LG in 2000, 2 letters. Beau Carmon (6-7 250 So) was PS#132TE. Did not see any game action last year.
K Nate Fry Fr. 5-10 200 PS#9K. Hit 11 of 18 FG's in high school last year. Long of 48. Shaun Suisham (6-0 180 rFr) 14 of 14 FG's, long of 58 in Canada in 1999.

DE Chris Glantzis Sr. 6-4 260 68 tkl, 2 sks in '97 & '98 at Youngstown St. Sat out '99. 35 tkl, 4.5 tfl at BG ly. Will Teague (6-5 225 Jr) was PS#323, 3 tkl in ten games last year.
DT DJ OWCAR JR. 6-3 275 355 bench, 570 squat. 6 tkl, 1 sk in 99. 11 starts, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl in 2000. Alex Glantzis (6-4 280 Jr) 7 tkl, 5 tfl in 99. 1 sack in 11 games ly.
NG BRANDON HICKS SR. 6-2 250 405 bench last year. 10 sts, 53 tkl, 4 sks, 12 tfl in 99.
2nd TM MAC LY. 47 tkl, 7.5 sks, 6 tfl. Rodney Dawson PS#160JC, 1 st, 29 tkl, 2 years.
DE RYAN WINGROVE SR. 6-3 250 PS#49TE, 11 sts, 39 tkl, 3 sks, 9 tfl in 99. 11 sts, 35 tkl, 5.5 sks, 7 tfl ly. Rick Maurer (6-3 240 So) 410 bench. Ron Blue (6-3 255 rFr) was PS#338.
WLB KHARY CAMPBELL SR. 6-2 215 11 starts, 75 tkl, 3 tfl in 99. 7 starts, 50 tkl, 3 tfl in 1999, 9 starts, 95 tkl, 8 pbu in 2000. Mitch Hewitt (6-1 210 So) had 3 starts, 16 tkl last year.
MLB Chris Haneline Jr. 6-1 215 PS#252, 405 bench. 2 sts, 31 tkl, 5 tfl in 99. 2 sts, 48 tkl, 8 tfl, 4 pbu ly. Jovon Burkes (6-1 220 rFr) PS#129DB, Marcus Allen (6-0 195 Jr) 47 tkl in 2Y.
SLB GARRY FISHER JR. 5-10 218 6 sts, 40 tkl, 2 tfl in 98. 6 sts, 25 tkl, 7 tfl in 99. 9 starts, 44 tkl, 7.5 tfl in 2000. Geno Burden (6-1 212 Jr) 3 starts, 28 tkl in 1999. 19 tkl last year.
CB JANSSEN PATTON SR. 6-0 180 6 starts as true, 42 tkl, 8 pbu, 4 int. Royce McKinney (5-10 180 rFr). Darnell Bond-Awls (5-8 175 Jr) had 5 tkl last year. Keon Newton is PS#438.
CB MIKE MALONE SO. 5-10 180 PS#352, 300 bench, 475 squat. 9 starts as rFr in 2000. 45 tkl, 5 pbu, Jason Morton (6-0 180 So) was PS#214, 14 tkl in 11 games last year.
SS CHAD LONG SR. 6-0 195 11 sts, 93 tkl in '98, #1 tkl, 11 sts, 111 tkl, 6 pbu in 99. 11 sts, 88 tkl, 1 int ly. Karl Rose (6-0 185 Sr) 148 tkl, 8 tkl, 13 pbu, 4 int in 18 sts the L'3Y.
FS SERGIO LUND SR. 6-0 185 PS#109, 2 sts, 27 tkl as true, 4 sts, 31 tkl, 3 tfl in 99. 10 sts, 70 tkl, 6 tfl, 4 pbu in 2000. Andre Davis (6-2 190 So) 20 tkl as true. RS last year.
P PATRICK FLEMING JR. 6-2 190 54 punts as rFr, 40.3 average, net of 34.1, 59 punts in 2000, 40.0 average & team net of 35.4 (#2 in MAC). 12 starts, 28 punts were over 50 yards.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

The favorite is 6-3 ATS the L/9 meetings between BG & Akron.
BGSU is 3-11 ATS the last 6 years as an away favorite.
Last year's +4 turnover ratio was Bowling Green's first positive ratio since 1996.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BG Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Missouri	G												
Sep. 8	Buffalo	G												
Sep. 15	at S Carolina	G												
Sep. 22	Temple	G												
Sep. 29	at Marshall	A												
Oct. 6	Kent St (HC)	G												
Oct. 13	at W Michigan	G												
Oct. 20	at Akron	A												
Oct. 27														
Nov. 3	Miami (Oh)	G												
Nov. 10	at Ohio U	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 23	Toledo (Fri)	G												

This will be the 3rd meeting between these two schools.
The Falcons last meeting with Missouri was a 37-0 loss in the '98 opener.

Falcons lost 20-17 last year to Buffalo as a 20.5 pt road favorite.
BG is 6-1 ATS their last 7 tries as a home favorite.

Coming into this season, the Falcons were 3-8 ATS in Sept the L3Y.
This will be the 1st ever meeting between these two schools.

BG is 2-6 ATS the last 3 years vs non-conference opponents.
Falcons have played Temple 3 times & are 2-1 SU & ATS.

Pending the Buffalo game, the Falcons are 17-7 ATS the L3Y vs MAC tms.
Bowling Green is 1-3 SU but 3-1 ATS vs Marshall.

Falcons are 10-3 ATS in October the last 3 years.
BGSU is 4-7 ATS but 9-2 SU vs Kent St since 1990.

Pending earlier results, BG is 8-2 ATS off a SU win the L3Y.
Falcons are 2-5-1 SU & 2-6 ATS vs W Michigan.

Bowling Green is 4-11 ATS their last 15 on artificial turf.
BG is 6-3 SU & ATS in their last 9 meetings with Akron.

Bowling Green is 6-1 ATS the L3Y as a conference home dog.
Falcons are 6-4 SU & 4-6 ATS vs Miami (Oh) the last 10 years.

Falcons are 6-4 SU & 7-3 ATS their last 10 vs Ohio U.
BGSU is 7-1 ATS their L/8 prior to a bye week, pending 10/20.

BG is 6-4 ATS the last 10 years in their final HG (3-0 L/3).
Bowling Green is 2-4 ATS & 1-5 SU in this series.

Bonus: BG is 4-1 ATS after a bye last 5.

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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	5-6	4-7	3-8	5-6	5-6	2-9	33-44
ATS	7-4	4-7	2-8	4-7	8-3	6-4	5-6	36-39
Home Fav	3-2	2-2	1-4	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	13-9
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-1	3-1	8-4
Away Fav	3-2	2-3	0-3	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	6-13
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	1-4	9-13
Favorite	6-4	4-5	1-7	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	19-22
Dog	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-4	5-2	4-3	4-5	17-17
Grass	4-3	3-6	2-6	4-3	6-3	5-1	4-5	28-27
Artificial	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-4	2-0	1-3	1-1	8-12
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	0-8	2-6	7-1	5-3	5-3	25-31
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	11-8
Off SU Win	5-4	1-3	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	15-15
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-3	1-4	2-5	5-1	3-2	3-5	18-20

BOWLING GREEN (2-9) CONFERENCE: MAC

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9* Returning: 47 (20,26,1)
DEFENSE: 9 Lost: 14 (9,4,1)

LETTERMEN:

EAST



BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	
5*	15.8	15	98	2.5	164	48.4	16.6	+4	2000	8	26.3	19	132	3.5	220	57.5	13.4
8*	26.9	21	150	3.4	201	51.7	13.1	-9	1999	7	28.4	18	150	4.0	225	58.7	13.2
7	26.5	21	215	4.3	151	50.2	13.8	-3	1998	7	28.4	18	160	4.3	221	60.4	13.4
7*	17.4	18	87	2.3	212	50.8	17.2	-2	1997	9	31.0	20	173	4.2	225	57.7	12.8
7*	16.0	14	117	2.8	142	45.3	16.1	+11	1996	9	21.8	18	128	3.4	231	52.4	16.5
7	20.5	18	144	3.3	152	48.8	14.4	-8	1995	6	20.7	16	165	3.9	155	46.7	15.4

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan	16	28-58	2.1	18-42	213	3	29	53-289	5.5	15-19	265	3	+1
Pittsburgh	14	39-35	0.9	19-39	197	7	19	35-36	1.0	22-32	321	6	+1
at Temple	12	29-26	0.9	14-28	202	2	22	38-127	3.3	24-34	272	0	+3
at Buffalo	13	50-112	2.2	5-20	63	6	18	31-64	2.1	24-38	183	3	+3
at Kent St	14	43-124	2.9	13-21	111	4	20	32-38	1.2	27-53	285	6	0
Akron	22	50-159	3.2	15-24	185	3	17	34-85	2.5	17-27	259	2	-1
at Miami (Oh)	19	42-159	3.8	16-36	222	5	19	37-141	3.8	24-43	222	6	-1
E Michigan	15	50-141	2.8	11-22	113	5	14	21-59	2.8	21-44	216	1	+2
Marshall	14	40-85	2.1	12-24	123	6	16	31-65	2.1	20-35	202	7	-1
Ohio U	14	36-102	2.8	14-25	236	5	18	55-277	5.0	2-12	17	0	0
at Toledo	13	30-81	2.7	14-31	136	4	19	47-275	5.9	11-23	174	0	-3
TOTALS	166	437-1082	2.5	151-312	1801	50	211	414-1456	3.5	207-360	2416	34	+4
AVERAGES	15.1	40-98	2.5	14-28	164	4.5	19.2	38-132	3.5	19-33	220	3.1	0.4

Coach: URBAN MEYER (Career 0-0)
Meyer's records AT BOWLING GREEN

1st Year at Bowling Green	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Mercy	NL	Fresno St	6-36	-
82	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	28-29	-
85	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	7-51	-
91	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	28-21	-
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34	-

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+25	7-21	W
Temple	-3'	20-16	W
at Miami (Oh)	-11	14-10	L
C Michigan	-6'	31-27	L
at Toledo	+2'	16-24	L
Kent St	-22'	31-24	L
Ball St	-1	11-16	L
at Ohio U	-1	0-38	L
at Akron	-6'	14-21	L
W Michigan	-7'	13-16	L
at UCF	NL	19-27	-

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+8	23-30	W
Miami (Oh)	+6	28-21	W
at Ohio St	+39	13-44	W
at Akron	-6'	31-28	L
at Kansas St	+28	0-58	L
N Illinois	-14'	35-10	W
W Michigan	-4	21-34	L
at Ohio U	+19	0-24	L
Toledo	+10'	20-35	L
at Kent St	-3'	20-29	L
at Marshall	+26	0-28	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+25	0-37	L
at Penn St	+38	3-48	L
UCF	+20	31-38	W
Ohio U	+9	35-7	W
at Miami (Oh)	+14'	12-24	W
at Toledo	+10	16-24	W
Kent St	-20'	42-21	W
Marshall	+11'	34-13	W
Akron	-7'	58-21	W
at W Michigan	-2'	27-56	L
at N Illinois	-9'	34-23	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+5	10-30	L
Tenn Tech	NL	40-15	-
at Marshall	+22	16-35	W
at Kent St	-16	27-41	L
Toledo	+2	34-23	W
Miami (Oh)	+7	31-45	L
at Akron	+3'	25-55	L
at Ohio U	+6'	14-17	W
C Michigan	-5'	31-7	W
Ball St	-15'	35-14	W
at UCF	+11	33-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+30	7-42	L
Pittsburgh	+7	16-34	L
at Temple	+9'	14-31	L
at Buffalo	-20'	17-20	L
at Kent St	+4'	18-11	W
Akron	+8	21-27	W
at Miami (Oh)	+13'	10-24	L
E Michigan	-9'	20-6	W
Marshall	+8'	13-20	W
Ohio U	+9	21-23	W
at Toledo	+25	17-51	L

MIAMI, OH REDHAWKS



WR Jason Branch is more like a tree with his 6-6 frame.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Bath departs as the all-time career passing leader for Miami. His stats had improved each year until they slipped some last year. In 1999 he had a 24-13 ratio but in 2000 he threw for 2,415 yards (49.2%) with just a 13-17 ratio while rushing for 409 yards including a 105 yard effort against Ohio State. Bath suffered from ankle and back injuries at midseason which hurt his performance. In 1999 he averaged 18.3 yards per completion but last year that number fell to just 12.8 so it's surprising to see that his percentage also dropped. Backup John Schacke also departs after having thrown 48 passes the last 2 years. Ryan Hawk (6-2 195 So) was PS#172 and got in 2 games as a true frosh with 3 pass attempts and 19 yards rushing. He was the #2QB at the end of last year. I expect Ben Roethlisberger (6-5 210 rFr PS#73) to win the starting job. He set an Ohio single season record for passing yards and TD's in high school and was heavily recruited by Ohio State but decided to come to Oxford instead. Also in the mix is Jeremy Thompson (6-4 200 rFr) who was PS#168. Despite losing a four year starter at QB this unit could even be improved should Roethlisberger live up to his promise.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had a string of 6 straight seasons with a 1,000 yard rusher snapped last year but Steve Little missed the mark by only 14 yards. Last year the Redhaws had to replace one of the NCAA's best all-time rushers in Travis Prentice. Little emerged in the spring as the projected starter but struggled in the preseason and Calvin Murray, a rFr, took over the starting job. Murray led the team in rushing in 2 of the first 4 games and had 226 yards in that span including a 4 TD performance vs Kent St. He got injured and Little reclaimed the starting job and thrived down the stretch. Little had five 100 yard games in the final 7, including 222 yards vs Buffalo. Little averaged 5.2 ypc which was an upgrade from Prentice's 4.7, and overall Miami's rush attack averaged 4.2 ypc compared to 3.5 in 1999. One difference in the team rushing total was Mike Bath who accounted for negative yardage in 1999, but had 279 net yards last year on 78 rush attempts. Both Little and Murray return this year. Overall Little rushed for 986 yards while Murray had 338 (4.7). Also in the mix is Andy Dooley (6-3 220 So) who had 26 yards, and Dan Murphy (5-11 205

rFr). Added to the group is Luke Clemens (PS#370) who had 20 tackles at FS as a true frosh and was impressive at RB after moving there in the spring. Hopefully Little and Murray will be healthy and with the added talent, this should be one of the top RB corps in the MAC.

RECEIVERS - Last year Miami lost their top WR, Trevor Gaylor, to the NFL and their starting HB to the LB position but they returned a 1998 starter as well as their star TE and looked to be in good shape. They called the receivers "Airhawk 345" for the numbers that Sly Johnson, Eddie Tillitz and Ty Buxton wore. The three led the team in receptions despite being banged up at the end of the year. Buxton played in just 9 games but had 42 rec's (12.2). Sly Johnson was a big, fast WR who averaged 16.8 ypc. Tillitz is the only returnee of the trio. Also gone this year is their TE Mike Sullivan who had 18 rec's (12.8). Jason Branch figures to be one of the starting WR's after finishing 4th with 31 rec's (15.0) in 2000. His height and jumping ability have led to comparisons with Gaylor. The receivers were clearly a strength of the team last season but with the loss of three starters, this unit looks weaker in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Miami's O-lines have bucked conventional trends the last few years. In 1998 they had an inexperienced O-line but they paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing and only allowed 7 sacks. They all returned and with a veteran front in 1999, big things were expected as 8 players had starting experience but the team averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing and allowed 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and with a less experienced group they actually improved to 4.2 ypc rushing and allowed just 22 sacks. Hoepfner can only hope to break that streak this year as he has a veteran group with the only losses being LT Alex Sulist (11 sts, 2nd Tm All MAC, 3 yr str, #6 DC of KC) and C Jeremy Lee (7 sts) as well as backup Brian Luebke (1 st). Paul Thaler took over the C job for the second half of last year so 4 full-time starters return and the projected 1st teamers average 294 lbs. They also add 3 solid rFr this year. This group should be one of the better OL units in the MAC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Miami's defensive front accounted for 32 of the team's 38 sacks and allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing. Last year just one player departed and Miami returned all 4 starters to the front wall but unfortunately DT Andy Aracri, who was 1st Team MAC in 1999 with 89 tackles, 9 sacks and 13 tfl, suffered a shoulder injury in the first game and that limited his effectiveness throughout the season. He had just 37 tackles, 6 sacks and 2 tfl in 10 starts as a senior. The team allowed 4.6 ypc rushing, their worst total in recent memory, while only recording 27 sacks. This year they must replace Aracri as well as DE Brian Potter (1 st, 46 tks, 7.5 sks), DT Joe Lyman (3 sts, 28 tks, 3 tfl) and DE Mike Montgomery (1 st, 10 tks). Their top DL last year was Ryan Terry who led the DL in tackles, tfl, and hurries. I list the 2 deep below. While this group is a little less experienced than it was heading into last season, the 2000 performance was very un-Miami-like, and this year I look for a return to the strong defensive front that is customary here.

LINEBACKERS - Last season Miami had to replace the MAC Defensive Player of the Year as well as another starter who had 116 tackles. Their lone returning starter, Nick Monk, was then injured after 2 games and missed the rest of the year. A true frosh, Terrell Jones, became the dominant player of the group as he recorded 94 tackles with 8 tfl, leading all true frosh nationally in tackles for the season. This year they must replace Monk (2 sts, 6 tks), OLB Robert Jordan (17 tks), Gary Richardson (6 sts, 34 tks, 5 tfl) and Andrew Jackson (6 tks). As I mentioned in the DL write-up, last season's rush defense was very poor by Miami standards and a good part of it was probably due to the inexperienced LB's. I list the 2 deep below, and there are even some HT's in this group. This unit should go from a weakness to a strength in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami was #49 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and had to replace 2 starters but had 4 players returning with starting experience. Surprisingly they dropped down to #84 last year and allowed 53.6% with a 15-12 ratio. This year the losses are even heavier as they lose CB Brandon Godsey (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, 12 pbu), CB DeMario Jones (10 sts, 48 tks, 4 int, 9 pbu) and S Jacob Yavassile (5 sts, 81 tks, 3 int, 11 pbu). Only 2 players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This is not an overwhelming group, and is less experienced than last year but even with those two factors, with an improved front 7, they could improve on their poor pass defense rankings from 2000.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Miami had ranked #50 and #61 in special teams in 1998 and 1999. Last year Hoepfner made a coaching change, moving long time assistant Ron Johnson, his right hand man, from the offensive backfield duties to special teams and said he would put the best players on this unit. He achieved the desired result as Miami sprang all the way up to #25 in my

MIAMI (OH) 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Steve Little	189	1052	66	986	8	5.2					
Cal Murray	72	352	14	338	5	4.7					
Mike Bath	78	409	130	279	3	3.6					
Darryl Robinson	14	64	2	62	0	4.4					
Julian Goodman	20	51	0	51	0	2.5					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Mike Bath	384	189	49.2	2415	13	17					
John Schacke	19	10	52.6	107	2	1					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Ty Buxton	42	511	12.2	2	32						
Eddie Tillitz	39	387	9.9	1	53						
Sly Johnson	37	620	16.8	5	91						
Jason Branch	31	465	15.0	4	54						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT0				
Kent McCullough	56	2344	41.9	-	34.3	0	12				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Andy Brumbergs	6-9	3-4	3-4	0-0	12-17	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Godsey	107	0	0	12	2	Bob Petrovic	53	1	6	4	0
Matt Robillard	104	2	2	4	0	DeMario Jones	48	0	0	9	4
Terrell Jones	94	3	5	1	0	Brian Potter	46	7.5	1	0	0
Jacob Yavassile	81	0	0	11	3	Phil Smith	43	1	1	0	0
Milt Bowen	76	0	3	11	2	Andy Aracri	37	6	2	0	0
Eddie Price	73	2	3	1	0	Michael Adams	35	0	3	4	0
Ryan Terry	68	3	8	0	0	G. Richardson	34	0	5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Eddie Tillitz	37	450	12.2	2	Milt Bowen	32	706	22.1	0		

special teams rankings. I pointed out in last year's magazine that Miami had not had a PR TD since 1974, the NCAA's longest streak. Eddie Tillitz cured that in the 2nd game versus EM as he returned not one, but two PR's for TD's. Tillitz finished fourth in the MAC with a 12.2 average on PR's after taking over Ty Buxton's duties. Their top KR last year was Milt Bowen who averaged 22.1 which was good enough for 4th in the MAC. The good news for Miami is that both are back. K Andy Brumbergs is solid, hitting 9 of 13 FG's in 1999 and 12 of 17 last year with a long of 49. They must replace 4 year punter Kent McCullough who was 2nd Team MAC last year and averaged 41.9 which was good enough for #2 in the MAC. Overall they were 5th in the league in net punting. Miami has blocked 2 punts in each of the last 2 years. Overall this looks like a quality group and should be among the MAC's best again provided they are able to find a replacement at punter.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Redhaws have now had 6 straight winning seasons but will need to bag 7 victories to accomplish that this year as they play 12 games. They have had a storied past going back to 1973, '74 and '75 when they won 3 straight Tangerine Bowls and were ranked #15, #10 and #12 in the country. Surprisingly they have not won the MAC Title since 1986. They continue to upset teams from the powerhouse conferences and beat Vanderbilt last year after beating Northwestern in 1999, N Carolina in 1998 and VT in 1997. This is the first time since 1989 that they have no all league players returning (that year they went just 2-8-1). Terry Hoepfner was the defensive coordinator here from 1995 to 1998 and took over as head man in 1999 when Randy Walker departed for Northwestern. Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with such former leaders as Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, Sid Gillman and Bo Schembechler. Since Hoepfner has taken over, the defense has not fared as well, allowing 24 and 26 ppg, which are their worst numbers since 1988. What was surprising last year was they only lost 6 lettermen from the defense but still allowed 4.6 ypc rushing. Miami loses the most lettermen in the MAC at 23 and has just 11 seniors on this year's squad. Despite a 6-5 record last year they were actually outscored by their foes on the season by 14 points. One positive that Miami has going for them is that they were -14 in the turnover ratio last year and still were able to bag a winning season and those double digit turnover years very rarely repeat (see Turnovers=Turnaround page 277). Their 7 year streak of winning seasons is clearly in peril with this year's rebuilding group.

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OFFENSE

QB Ben Roethlisberger rFr. 6-5 210 PS#73, 4041 yds, 54 TD's as Sr in HS, recruited by Ohio St. Ryan Hawk (6-2 195 So) PS#172, 19 rush yds as true. Jeremy Thompson (6-4 200 rFr) PS#168.
RB STEVE LITTLE SR. 5-10 206 PS#308, 217 yds (4.8) in 1998. 51 total yards in 99. 7 starts last year, 986 yds (5.2). Calvin Murray (5-10 175 So) PS#434, 338 yds (4.7) as true.
FB JULIAN GOODMAN SR. 6-2 242 PS#325LB, 16 tks in '98 & '99 at LB & DE. 10 starts at FB last year, 51 rush yds (2.5). Andy Capper (6-2 245 rFr). Derek Rehage (6-1 225 Fr).
WR Eddie Tillitz Jr. 5-9 175 PS#102QB. Moved to WR in 99. #2 rec yr, 39 rec (9.9). 37 PR (12.2). **Jamie Cooper** (6-3 185 rFr) PS#128. Corey Kirkpatrick (6-1 190 So) 3 rec (5.0) yr.
WR Jason Branch Jr. 6-6 218 4 rec (19.0) in 99. 4 sts, 31 rec (15.0) yr. Chaucney Henry (6-1 202 Sr) 12 rec (13.8) in 2Y. Randy Stegman (5-10 187 Jr) 4 rec (7.3) in 2 years.
TE Robert Frazier Sr. 6-4 253 1 rec (19.0) in '98, #5 in MAC in discus. No rec's in '99. 1 rec last year. James Thompson (6-2 230 So) moved from DL. 1 rec, 32 yards last year.
C PAUL THALER SR. 6-3 281 4 sts in 98. 1 st at LG in 99, missed most of yr w/ back inj. Won starting job at end of 2000. 1 st at RG then L4 sts at C. Frank Smith (6-3 275 So) backup ly.
RG PHIL HAWK SR. 6-5 313 5 starts at RT as true. 8 games as backup in 99. 10 starts at RG last year, 3 letters. Justin Smith (6-2 291 Jr) PS#455, 3 starts at RG in '99. 1L.
LG JOE COSTELLO SR. 6-6 314 PS#373, 5 starts in 98. 10 sts in 99. 10 sts at LG ly. Ben Harlings (6-4 260 rFr) PS#285. Ryan Meyer (6-5 265 Fr) had an 83% blocking grade in HS.
RT Caceless rFr. 6-5 275 PS#356. Added 15 pounds. Competing with Ben Herrell (6-7 270 So) for starting RT job in the spring. Ryan Fisher (6-4 300 Fr) has nice size.
LT JACOB BELL SO. 6-5 285 11 sts at RT as rFr in 2000. Switched to LT in spg & has adjusted well. David Rehker (6-5 305 rFr) PS#180OL and was recruited by Wisky & SC.
K ANDY BRUMBERGS JR. 6-5 225 9 of 13 FG's in 1999 with a long of 42. 38-39 xp's. 12 of 17 FG's in 2000 with a long of 49. 3 of 4 from 40-49. 30 of 33 xp's. Also did punts in 2000.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

DE BOB PETROVIC SR. 6-5 251 2 sts, 28 tks, 3 tfl in '98. 8 sts, 60 tks, 6 sks, 5 tfl in 99. 10 sts, 53 tks, 7 tfl ly. 4.7 speed. Will Rueff (6-4 255 rFr) PS#150, had 28 tfl as a HS senior.
DE Dino DiGandomenico Sr. 6-4 282 27 tks, 8 tfl in 98. 1 st, 18 tks, 4 tfl before suffering broken leg in 99. 23 tks, 2.5 tfl ly. Larry But (6-4 305 Fr) 15 sacks as Senior in high school.
DT RYAN TERRY JR. 6-2 315 8 sts, 28 tks, 4 tfl in 99. 10 sts, 68 tks, 11 tfl ly & improved speed in offseason. Geoff Robinson (6-4 260 So) was PS#185TE & moved to DL from LT ly.
DE Phil Smith So. 6-1 258 PS#261, 3 starts, 43 tks, 2 tfl in 2000 as LB. Moved to DE in the spring. Kurt Mester (6-4 263 Jr) 1 start, 23 tks, 3 sacks in 1999. 7 tks, 1 pbu last year.
OLB EDDIE PRICE JR. 5-11 221 PS#360RB, 10 tks in 99. 9 sts, 73 tks, 5 tfl ly. slowed by inj. Nathan Clayton (6-2 229 Jr) PS#130RB, 5 tks in 99. Inj'd ly, but 100% for this spring.
MLB TERRELL JONES SO. 5-10 220 PS#166RB, 6 sts, #3 tkl'r w/94, 3 sks, 5 tfl as true ly. #1 true frosh tkl'r in NCAA. **Matt Edwards** (6-2 241 Jr) PS#92RB, 16 tks in inj plagued career.
OLB MATT ROBILARD JR. 6-3 220 3 sts, 28 tks in '99. 6 sts at FS, 5 sts at OLB in 2000. #2 tkl'r, 104 tks, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. James Sterling (6-3 215 So) 1 st, 12 tks ly after moving from RB.
CB Michael Adams Sr. 5-9 186 5 sts, 34 tks, 9 pbu in '98. 11 sts, 39 tks, 6 pbu, 1 int in '99. 1 st, 35 tks, 4 pbu ly. 4.3 speed, 10.43 in 100m (#2 all-time at MU). Ryan Redd PS#407.
CB Ryan Sprague So. 5-10 175 PS#289RB, WR on scout tm in 99. Moved to CB ly, 5 tks. **Matt Pusateri** (5-11 190 Fr) PS#176, Alfonso Hodge (5-11 185 rFr) was All-OH as HS Sr.
SS MILT BOWEN JR. 6-2 213 PS#40WR, 12 tks, 2 pbu in 99. 76 tks, 11 pbu, 2 int, avg 22.2 on KR's ly. 10 sts at CB, moved to SS in spring. Van Monroe (6-3 175 rFr) has good speed.
FS Rod Clark Sr. 5-8 192 9 tks in 98. 19 tks in 99. 25 tks in 2000. Paul Tripp (6-0 180 Jr) JUCO transfer. Mike Smith (5-11 185 Fr) is PS#299 and had 6 int as HS senior.
P Andy Brumbergs Jr. 6-5 225 Starting PK the last 2 yrs & will contend for the P job with Michael Walz (6-4 200 rFr), a walk-on who had a very impressive spring & may win job.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miami is 16-7-2 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss.
Last year's -14 turnover ratio is Miami's worst since 1993 & their first negative ratio in 5 years.
Redhawks are 16-8-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1994.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Michigan	G												
Sep. 8	at Iowa	G												
Sep. 15	at Kent St	A												
Sep. 22	Cincinnati	G												
Sep. 29	at Ball St	G												
Oct. 6	Buffalo	G												
Oct. 13	Akron	G												
Oct. 20	at Ohio U	G												
Oct. 27	W Michigan (HC)	G												
Nov. 3	at Bowling Green	G												
Nov. 10	Marshall	G												
Nov. 17	at Hawaii	A												
Nov. 24														

MU's last meeting w/the Wolves was '95; a 19-38 ATS win as 30.5 pt dogs. Miami is 15-8 ATS in their last 23 September outings.

Redhawks are 37-15-1 ATS on grass the last 7 years. Miami Redhawks are 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs Big 10 teams.

MU has dominated this series S/'90 with an 11-0 SU & 8-3 ATS record. During that time Miami has outscored Kent St 412-117.

Could apply: Redhawks are 12-2 ATS their L/14 as a home dog. Miami is 1-4 SU & ATS vs Cincinnati the last 5 years.

Pending 9/15 result, Redhawks are 34-21-1 ATS the L7Y vs conf foes. Miami is 3-1 SU their L/4 meetings with Ball St, only loss L.Y.

Redhawks are 8-12 ATS in October the last 5 years. Miami only beat Buffalo by 1 pt last year, but won 43-0 in 1999.

The home team is 7-0-1 ATS & 7-1 SU in this series. Miami is 5-2 SU but 3-3-1 ATS their L/7 meetings with Akron.

Redhawks are 2-9 ATS off a SU win the last 2 years. Miami is 6-1 SU & ATS their last 7 vs arch rival Ohio U.

Redhawks are 12-5 ATS their L/17 sandwiched home games. This will be Miami's 1st meeting with WMU since '94's 25-28 loss.

Redhawks are 11-3 SU & 8-5-1 ATS the L5Y in November. Miami is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs BG the last 3 series meetings.

The Redhawks have been outscored 114-62 the L3Y vs Marshall. Miami is 0-3 SU & ATS in that span vs the Herd.

Redhawks are 10-0 SU & 6-4 ATS in their season finale. Pending the Kent St game, Miami is 8-15-1 ATS L7Y on artificial turf.

STADIUM: YAGER STADIUM (30,012)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-5-1	8-2-1	6-5	8-3	10-1	7-4	6-5	50-25-2
ATS	8-2-1	8-3	6-5	8-3	6-5	3-7-1	6-5	45-30-2
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	3-0	3-1	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	16-8-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	6-2
Away Fav	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	1-2	13-12
Away Dog	2-1-1	3-0	0-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	10-8-1
Favorite	4-1	4-3	5-2	5-2	5-4	3-5-1	3-3	29-20-1
Dog	4-1-1	4-0	1-3	3-1	1-1	0-2	3-2	16-10-1
Grass	7-1	7-3	5-1	6-2	4-2	3-4-1	5-2	37-15-1
Artificial	1-1-1	1-0	1-4	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-3	8-15-1
vs Conf	7-1	5-3	6-2	6-2	4-4	2-5-1	4-4	34-21-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	3-0	0-3	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	11-9-1
Off SU Win	3-1	6-1	2-3	5-2	5-4	0-6	2-3	23-20
Off SU Loss	4-0-1	2-0	3-2	2-1	0-1	2-1-1	3-2	16-7-2

Coach: TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 13-9)
Hoepner's records AT MIAMI (OH)

3rd Year at Miami (Oh)	3-3-1	Home Favorite
13-9 Straight Up	1-1	Home Underdog
9-12-1 Vs The Spread	3-5	Away Favorite
5-3-1 Off A S/U Loss	2-3	Away Underdog
6-9-1 Vs Conference	3-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
62	Tangerine	NL	Houston	21-49	-
73	Tangerine	NL	Florida	16-7	-
74	Tangerine	NL	Georgia	21-10	-
75	Tangerine	NL	S Carolina	20-7	-
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37	-

1996 RESULTS			1997 RESULTS			1998 RESULTS			1999 RESULTS			2000 RESULTS		
Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L	Opponent	Line	Score W/L
Kent St	-29	64-6 W	Ball St	-7	27-10 W	at N Carolina	+19	13-10 W	at Northwestern	-4	28-3 W	at Vanderbilt	+7	33-30 W
at Ball St	-6	16-6 W	at Bowling Green	-5	21-28 L	at Army	-7	14-13 L	at W Virginia	+3	27-43 L	at E Michigan	-10	34-17 W
at Indiana	+6	14-21 L	Akron	-19	49-20 W	Toledo	-6	28-14 W	E Michigan	-24	35-14 L	at Ohio St	+23	16-27 W
Bowling Green	+11	10-14 W	at Army	+4	38-14 W	at Marshall	+2	17-31 L	at C Michigan	-19	24-16 L	Kent St	-23	45-14 W
at Cincinnati	+3	23-30 L	at Virginia Tech	+19	24-17 W	Bowling Green	-14	24-12 L	Marshall	+4	14-32 L	at Akron	-5	20-37 L
C Michigan	-10	46-14 W	at Kent St	-22	62-26 W	at Ball St	-19	28-17 L	at Bowling Green	-7	45-31 W	Ball St	-28	10-15 L
at E Michigan	-14	35-25 L	Marshall	+2	45-21 W	at Cincinnati	-14	41-0 W	at Kent St	-24	17-10 L	Bowling Green	-13	24-10 W
at Akron	-25	7-10 L	Cincinnati	-6	31-34 L	Ohio U	-10	35-21 W	Cincinnati	-4	42-52 L	at Cincinnati	+5	15-45 L
Army	+3	7-27 L	at Toledo	+1	28-35 L	at N Illinois	-16	41-10 W	Akron	-9	32-23 T	Ohio U	+5	27-24 W
at Toledo	-3	27-7 W	at Ohio U	-2	45-21 W	Kent St	-34	56-0 W	at Ohio U	-5	28-40 L	at Marshall	+5	31-51 L
Ohio U	-6	24-8 W	N Illinois	-33	42-0 W	at Akron	-15	20-14 L	Buffalo	-33	43-0 W	at Buffalo	-21	17-16 L

MIAMI (6-5)

CONFERENCE:

MAC EAST

LETTERMEN:

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6

Returning: 36 (17,17,2)

DEFENSE: 6

Lost: 23 (10,12,1)



MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	OFF	PTS	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	PASS	%	DEF	YPP						
4*	24.7	20	155	4.2	232	48.8	15.7	-14	2000	7	26.0	21	213	4.6	192	53.6	15.6	1999	6	24.0	20	169	3.5	206	48.2	15.6	1998	6	12.9	17	149	3.5	151	47.7	23.2
10*	30.5	19	147	3.5	255	46.5	13.2	+9	1999	6	24.0	20	169	3.5	206	48.2	15.6	1998	6	12.9	17	149	3.5	151	47.7	23.2	1997	6	24.4	17	149	3.5	149	50.6	12.2
5	28.8	19	226	4.6	143	51.6	12.8	+9	1997	6	15.3	18	187	3.9	120	40.0	20.1	1996	6	15.3	18	187	3.9	120	40.0	20.1	1995	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7
7*	37.5	24	208	4.7	236	58.6	11.8	+7	1996	6	15.3	18	187	3.9	120	40.0	20.1	1995	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7	1994	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7
7*	24.8	17	172	4.2	146	53.9	12.8	+10	1996	6	15.3	18	187	3.9	120	40.0	20.1	1995	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7	1994	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7
6	29.6	19	206	4.5	157	49.8	12.2	+13	1995	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7	1994	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7	1993	4	15.0	15	111	2.8	141	45.5	16.7

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Vanderbilt	19	28-71	2.5	24-42	358	1	15	32-56	1.8	18-25	307	2	-2
at E Michigan	17	42-179	4.3	13-29	232	2	18	32-135	4.2	23-43	228	1	-1
at Ohio St	19	22-132	6.0	21-48	236	0	26	56-273	4.9	13-30	194	4	-3
Kent St	27	36-195	5.4	24-37	301	2	15	37-193	5.2	14-28	110	1	+1
at Akron	23	43-256	6.0	20-49	174	1	20	43-243	5.7	9-19	214	2	-1
Ball St	14	24-65	2.7	15-38	170	1	23	56-218	3.9	17-29	186	1	0
Bowling Green	19	37-141	3.8	24-43	222	5	19	42-159	3.8	16-36	222	7	+1
at Cincinnati	24	42-128	3.0	20-43	261	4	18	41-182	4.4	16-29	201	1	-4
Ohio U	17	35-135	3.9	9-21	213	1	23	70-399	5.7	3-6	38	3	+1
at Marshall	24	49-185	3.8	21-39	283	2	24	39-196	5.0	21-33	290	4	-4
at Buffalo	20	47-217	4.6	9-21	104	3	25	56-290	5.2	12-24	121	2	-2
TOTALS	223	405-1704	4.2	200-410	2554	22	226	505-2344	4.6	162-302	2111	28	-14
AVERAGES	20.3	37-155	4.2	18-37	232	2.0	20.5	46-213	4.6	15-27	192	2.5	-1.3

AKRON ZIPS



RB Brandon Payne was named 2nd Team MAC in 2000 hauling in 13 TD's on the year.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Butchie Washington was a 4 year starter and entering last year was already the Zips' career completion and passing yards leader. He leaves with almost all of UA's passing records. Last year he led the MAC in pass efficiency finishing 25th in the NCAA and improved each year from mostly an option QB in 1997 to a decent passer with a 17-11 ratio last year and earned 2nd TM MAC honors. Washington threw for 2,319 yards in 2000 which set a single season record and completed 50.5%. The elusive QB will be missed. Ryan Uhlenhake (PS#140) was the #3 QB in 1998 & '99, playing in 4 games each year and he has attempted a total of 7 passes. He broke his leg prior to last season and was the #2 QB at that time. Micah Faler (6-2 176 So) was PS#153 and was a strong armed option QB in high school. He became the #2 QB last year and played in 9 games throwing 4 passes with one rushing attempt. Charlie Frye (6-4 200 Jr) was PS#263. Those three are in the mix, but the starter looks like Nick Sparks (6-3 193 So) who originally signed at W Virginia. He's the most athletic of the QB's and is one of the 3 fastest players on the team. There is some talent here but with the loss of the school's career passing leader, this group is less experienced and clearly looks weaker in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Zips returned both of their starters including 1999's MAC Fresh of the Year Brandon Payne who rushed for 845 yards (4.1) as a rFr. Payne started out slowly, and it was Jimmie Gray who led the team in rushing after 3 games (277 yds). Gray, who possesses 4.45 speed, finished with 509 yards (4.6). Payne heated up as the season went on and with 167 yards in the season finale vs Kent St, he became the first ever Akron RB to top 1,000 yards in Div IA ball (UA joined IA in '87). He improved his ypc to 4.8 while also snagging 22 rec's (9.6) and adding 161 return yards. He is back for just his junior season, and if he maintains this pace will leave as UA's all-time rushing leader. Gray departs, depriving them of a speedy compliment at RB. However, Owens is very excited about true frosh Thomas Plummer, who is only PS#278 but has perhaps been overlooked since he played in Canada. He had 377 yards in only 4 games as a HS senior and Owens calls him a "prize recruit." They also lose solid starting FB Anthony McCray who was the team's Lifter of the Year and also possesses 4.52 speed. McCray contributed 352 yards in 1999 and 428 last year with a nifty 6.8 ypc. Also

gone is Ben Ruhlman who had 35 yards rushing. I list the 2 deep below. Also in the mix are Junior McCray (5-6 160 Jr) who had 23 yards and Bob Hendry (5-10 193 So) who had 26. Even though their top man is back, this unit is not as deep and hence looks a little weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - The Zips fielded a veteran receiving corps in 2000, welcoming all 3 starters back including Lavel Bailey who had led the team in receptions in each of the last 3 years. After an amazing 22.4 ypc in 1999, he was still outstanding last year, averaging 19.9 on 44 rec's. Bailey leaves as the school's all-time leading receiver and ranked #4 in NCAA in ypc last year. This year basically everyone returns with the exception of Bailey who was 2nd TM MAC and possesses 4.38 speed. Jake Schifino has been the #2 rec over the last 2 years and had a solid 18.5 ypc on his 42 grabs last year. Tim Ritley continues to improve at TE gaining size each year. I list the 2 deep below. Both projected starters and 4 of the top six are 6 foot or taller so this unit does have good size. While this is an experienced group, it looks a little weaker unless another deep threat emerges.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Zips had to replace 3 senior starters in '99 but Coach Owens was high on the OL, saying they were more athletic and would allow the team to run both left and right with more efficiency. He made a very accurate assessment as the Zips went from just a 3.8 ypc in 1999 to 4.6 last year and after allowing 30 sacks in 1999, decreased that total to just 10. They enjoyed a very healthy season as all 5 starters started every game. This year they have just one starter leaving, but it is a big one in RG Jeremiah Danielson who had 11 starts and was the team's top blocker. Also gone are a pair of backups in OG/C Shawn Kik and OG/OT Thomas McBride. With 4 starters back, this could be one of the MAC's best OL's this year especially if they stay as healthy as they did last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Zips had 8 of their top 9 DL's returning last year but surprisingly allowed 4.5 ypc rushing and the defense as a whole recorded just 21 sacks. Owens is happy with his defensive front this year, saying that there are 8 players that are "good MAC players" and he will be able to rotate the DL once again. I list the 2 deep below. Dwayne LeFall looks to be the star of this unit as Owens calls him "special". He increased his size in the offseason and should be their top pass rusher. They must replace DE Derek Wilborn (6 sts, 21 tkls, 3 tfl), DT Jermaine Williams (9 sts, 23 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Jason Wiggins (6 tkls) and DE Ade Edwards (3 sts, 9 tkls, 2 tfl). With 4 players back with starting experience this group should be tougher this year, but it is still a little on the light side with the front 4 averaging just 257 lbs.

LINEBACKERS - The Zips had to replace all 3 starting LB's last year but Owens was very high on the 3 projected starters: Hayes, Myers and Mackey in the spring, saying they were as good as any set of LB's they played against in 1999 with the exception of Penn St. The threesome did not live up to his billing, and in fact Myers and Hayes combined to start just 4 games. This year they must replace Louis Mackey (10 sts, 8 tfl, 67 tkls) but everyone else returns. Four players have starting experience and they also bring in true frosh Brendon Banks who could play either OLB or SS, but I've plugged him in the 2 deep here. Another true frosh, James Battle (PS#168), may also play. This group is much more experienced than it was heading into last season, and I look for some significant improvements, despite the fact that they were struggling to find a solid replacement for Mackey in the spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Zips had 7 of their top 8 DB's returning last year and after finishing #89 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 they improved all the way up to #56, allowing just 50.7% with a 9-12 ratio. Four players return with starting experience, so you would think they would be in great shape here, but they have a major loss in CB Dwight Smith. Smith had 10 of those 12 int's and was 1st Team AA and was named MAC Def POY. He led the NCAA in int's and will clearly be missed. Also gone are the team's top 2 tacklers in Mike Hughes who had 11 starts (5 @ OLB, 72 tkls, 8 tfl) and FS Rich Reliford (11 sts, 80 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and this looks like a decent group but clearly with the loss of a rare superstar like Smith (#3 DC of TB), this group looks not only less experienced, but significantly weaker in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Zips have done well in this area, finishing #77 in 1998, #72 in 1999 and last year #60 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their punter but he had only a net of 32.7 in 1999 and the new P Andy Jerdon improved upon that averaging 39.7 per punt with a 34.8 net. I look for him to continue to improve. Brandon Payne led the MAC in PR's in 1999 with a 12.5 avg and averaged a respectable 8.1 last year

AKRON 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG			
Brandon Payne		220	1108	46	1062	13	4.8			
Jimmie Gray		111	553	44	509	2	4.6			
Tony McCray		63	428	0	428	6	6.8			
Butchie Washington		52	164	65	99	0	1.9			
Ben Ruhlman		7	35	0	35	0	5.0			
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT			
Butchie Washington		283	143	50.5	2319	17	11			
Micah Faler		4	2	50.0	12	0	0			
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG				
Lavel Bailey		44	876	19.9	8	80				
Jake Schifino		42	778	18.5	4	85				
Brandon Payne		22	211	9.6	3	27				
Tim Ritley		16	250	15.6	1	35				
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK			
Andy Jerdon		52	2064	39.7	-	34.8	0			
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG			
Zac Derr		4-4	4-5	3-6	0-1	11-16	44			
PLAYER	TKL	SCR	TFL	PBU	INT	TKL	SCR	TFL	PBU	INT
Rich Reliford	80	0	0	11	0	Ed March	33	2	1	0
Mike Hughes	72	1	7	1	1	Ryan Myers	32	1	2	0
L. Mackey	67	1	7	2	0	T. Colbert	30	0	1	1
D. Smith	58	0	2	9	10	Chris Smith	26	2	3	0
C. Amos	45	0	1	6	0	J. Williams	23	3	2	0
Mike Young	41	0	0	4	0	D. Wilborn	21	0	3	0
B. Detwiler	37	0	2	2	0	R. Gargasz	21	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Brandon Payne		20	161	8.1	0	Jimmie Gray	35	692	19.8	0

and he returns. Jimmie Gray broke school records for KR's and yards with his 4.36 speed. He averaged 19.8 per KR and will be missed. Zac Derr hit a super 12 of 15 FG's in 1999 with a long of 48 including 6 of 6 from 40+. Last year he hit 11 of 16 with a long of 44 with one miss from 50+. His strong KO's had UA among the leaders in kick return defense, allowing just 18.8 per return. Despite the loss of Gray, this unit looks strong and is capable of improving upon last year's solid ranking.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron was a Div II team in 1979 and its first year of IAA ball was 1980. After making the IAA playoffs in 1985, they moved to IA in 1987 under Gerry Faust and they were 7-3-1 in 1992. The Zips had 6 straight losing years, two under Faust and 4 with Lee Owens, prior to 1999 when they went 7-4. Last year they were MAC East Co-Champions with a 5-1 MAC East record and came within .26 of beating Marshall and winning the MAC East outright. Yes, the Zips program has progressed well but last year was the 100th year of college football at Akron and they still have zero championships. Akron was the most penalized team in the MAC last year and draws small crowds (10,637 average in 2000) to the spacious Rubber Bowl. On the positive side, the offense set a school record last year, scoring 30.3 ppg, but must replace their star QB Butchie Washington. Practically everyone else is back. Sparks should do a good job replacing Washington, and they should be potent once again. Defensively they've changed coordinators as they promoted Bob Morris. Morris was Purdue's DC under Jim Colletto and has been on the UA staff since 1998. Last year the Zips thought they could have one of their best defenses ever but they were ripped apart by opposing offenses and allowed 403 yards per game. The defense must replace their top 2 CB's including Dwight Smith who was a rare 1st TM AA and led the NCAA in int's. The Zips are 9-2 SU vs MAC East opponents the last 2 years. Owens talked about winning the MAC last year, saying that the team's only weakness was finding a punter, but this year Owens must replace nineteen letter winners. However, this year's squad has 13 seniors as projected starters. The Zips have just four home games this year and the non-conference slate includes road trips to Ohio St and Purdue. In MAC play they have to travel to Marshall, Miami and W Michigan. Last year they had six home games and had their second consecutive winning season but with only 12 starters back and a tougher schedule it will be tough for the Zips to make it three straight.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Nick Sparks So. 6-3 206 PS#220, WV trans. Ryan Uhlenhake (5-11 205 Sr) PS#140. 5 of 7 for 61 yards in 8 career gms. Inj ly. Micah Faler (6-2 176 So) PS#153, 4 passes, 9 gms in 2000.
RB BRANDON PAYNE JR. 5-10 197 11 sts as rFr. 845 yds (4.1), MAC Fresh of Yr. 2nd TM MAC ly. 1062 yds (4.8), 22 rec (9.6). Thomas Plummer PS#278 from Canada. "Prize recruit."
FB Matt Zuercher Sr. 6-0 241 77 total yds in '98 & '99, 20 gms. 25 yds rush, 46 yds rec ly as backup. Dan Basch (6-0 228 So) PS#246, 32 yds, 10 tkls as true. Duane Griffin (5-11 233 Fr).
WR Matt Cherry So. 6-1 184 PS#177WR, 0 rec last year. Andrew Wilson (5-11 191 Sr) PS#108WR, 1 rec L2 years. Bates Szakos (6-3 187 So) PS#233WR, 0 rec in 2000.
WR JAKE SCHIFINO SR. 6-1 205 PS#206, 2 starts, 16 rec (15.6) as true. 9 starts, 37 rec (12.2) in '99. #2 last year w/42 rec, solid 18.5 ypc, 37" VL. Morris Ellington (5-11 179 Fr).
TE TIM RITLEY SR. 6-3 243 PS#71, 1 st in '98, 9 rec (12.4), 11 sts in '99, 11 rec (12.9), 9 sts ly, 16 rec (15.6). Mike Brake (6-4 252 So) 1 start, 1 rec ly. 4.6 speed, +22 lbs.
C SCOTT SMITH SR. 6-3 275 PS#298OL, lettered as backup in '98. 9 starts in '99. 11 starts at Center last year. 365 bench. Jim Borrioli (6-3 289 rFr) PS#467, +19 lbs since 2000.
RG PAUL ONDRUSEK SR. 6-2 309 PS#292OL. Lettered as OL/DL in '97. RS in '98. 3 OL sts in '99. 11 sts at RG ly. 430 bench. Aaron Feller (6-4 289 rFr) PS#469 has added 19 lbs.
LG Bryan Shaw So. 6-3 304 PS#410OL. Lettered as backup at LG & LT ly. Aaron Conley (6-3 300 rFr) PS#272OL, +20 lbs. Hugh Cummins (6-4 303 So) PS#449OL, 0 letters.
RT JEFF GRZESKOWIAK SR. 6-5 309 5 starts in '98. 11 starts in '99. 11 sts at RT ly, 3 letters.
Co-OL of the Year. Mike Grzeskowiak (6-6 315 rFr) PS#283, was 2nd string LT ly, still RS.
LT KONRAD DEAN SR. 6-4 297 11 starts at Temple in '97 as true frosh. 9 starts in '98. Sat out '99 after transfer. 11 starts here last year at LT, Co-OL of the Year, 2nd TM MAC.
K ZAC DERR SR. 5-8 155 9 of 15 FG's in '98, long of 44. 12 of 15 FG's in '99, long of 48. 6 of 6 from 40+. 11 of 16 FG's in 2000, long of 44, solid on KO's, 38-41 XP's.

DE Dwayne LeFall So. 6-3 248 PS#370, 3 starts, 18 tkls, 4.5 sacks, 4 tfl as true in 2000. Outstanding Frosh Award. Amin Harville (6-3 242 So) has played both OL and DL here.
DT Chris Smith Sr. 6-3 280 1 st, 5 gms as true in '98. 10 tkls, 6.5 tfl in '99. 3 sts, 26 tkls, 5 tfl in 2000. Keenan Johnson (6-2 300 rFr) PS#228, Mark Conley (6-2 285) is PS#161.
DT RYAN SCHULTZ JR. 6-3 250 15 tkls, 4 tfl in '99, 9 sts, 18 tkls, 4 tfl in 2000. 4.93 spd. 410 bench. Quentin Murdoch (6-1 269 So) 2 tkls in 6 games as true. Dorian Beard is PS#355.
DE RYAN GARGASZ JR. 6-5 250 Shot putter on track team. 5 tkls in '99 as true. 11 sts last year, 21 tkls, 2 tfl. Sub 5.0 speed. Doug Sutton (6-4 217 So) 6 tkls, 3.5 tfl in 2000 as true.
WLB DEB MARSH SR. 5-11 223 20 tkls, 1 start in 1998 & 1999. 10 starts in 2000, 33 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int. Eric Culberson (6-3 207 Sr) was PS#240JUCO. 10 tkls, 1 sk, 11 games in 2000.
MLB Terrell Colbert Sr. 6-2 237 JUCO transfer. 30 tkls, 1 tfl in 4 starts, 7 games here ly. Ryan Myers (6-1 226 Jr) 3 starts, 32 tkls, 3 tfl in 2000. James Battle (6-0 225) PS#168.
RB Marques Hayes So. 6-1 240 PS#131LB. 18 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 start last year. Brendon Banks (6-0 190) is PS#138DB. Matt Robinson (6-1 228 So) had 2 tkls, 1 tfl last year.
CB Corvin Amos Jr. 5-9 187 5 tkls in 1999 as true. 5 sts, 45 tkls, 6 pbu in 2000. 4.36 spd & 38.5 VL. Rickey McKenzie (6-0 184 So) 1 start, 10 tkls, 3 pbu as true in 2000.
CB Kris Williams Jr. 5-11 178 PS#240JC in 2000. RS here ly. 5 int's at JC in 1999. Maurice Taylor (5-11 179 rFr). Greg Williams (5-10 185 Fr) PS#285DB. Montae Murphy PS#431.
SS Brad Detwiler Sr. 5-9 192 PS#239, 35 tkls at Buffalo as true in '97. 19 tkls here in '99. 5 sts, 37 tkls, 2 pbu ly. 4.45 spd. 570 sqat. Marcus Suber (6-1 185 Jr) PS#573JC.
FS Mike Young Sr. 5-8 186 PS#128, 9 tkls in '98 & '99. Torn ACL in '99, 5 starts, 41 tkls, 4 pbu in 2000. John Fuller (6-2 192 rFr). Jesse Smith (6-1 191 So), 2 tkls in 5 gms ly.
P ANDY JERDON SO. 5-11 199 52 punts as rFr, 39.7 avg, 14 inside 20 & only 2 TB's. Net of 34.8. John Gambone (6-3 185 rFr). Invited walk-on who will compete for the starting job.

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DB Brendon Banks 6-0 190 PS#138
 DL Mark Conley 6-2 285 PS#161
 LB James Battle 6-0 225 PS#168
 OL Justin Hein 6-7 335 PS#218
 OL Chris Wooten 6-0 240 PS#219
 RB Thomas Plummer 6-1 215 PS#278
 DB Greg Williams 5-10 185 PS#285
 LB Diontre Earl 5-11 230 PS#275
 LB Chase Blackburn 6-4 215 PS#292
 LB Dorian Beard 6-1 250 PS#355
 OL Jeremy Jacobs 6-4 245 PS#464
 DB Montae Murphy 5-10 173 PS#431
 WR Jason Montgomery 6-1 189 PS#569
 RB Jerrell Ringer 5-11 195 PS#627
 DB Marcus Suber 6-1 185 PS#573JC

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year's +4 turnover ratio was Akron's 1st positive ratio since at least 1995.

Akron has not played Toledo since 1998, but Akron is 0-5 SU & ATS vs Toledo in the last 5 meetings.

The Zips are 3-1 ATS but 0-4 SU in their season openers the L4Y.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Ohio U (Thur)	A												
Sep. 8	at Ohio St	G												
Sep. 15	E Michigan	A												
Sep. 22	at Purdue	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at W Michigan	G												
Oct. 13	at Miami (Oh)	G												
Oct. 20	Bowling Green (HC)	A												
Oct. 27	at Marshall	A												
Nov. 3	at UCF	G												
Nov. 10	at Buffalo	G												
Nov. 17	Kent St	A												
Nov. 24														

Akron is 7-3 ATS last 10 & 11-5 ATS last 16 as a home favorite. The home team is 6-2 ATS in the last 8 series meetings.

AU's last meeting vs the Big 10 was vs Penn St & they lost 70-24 in '99. Zips are 0-2 SU & ATS vs the Big 10 S/96, combined score is 31-108.

Akron is 14-2 ATS & 13-4 SU in sandwiched HG's since 1992. Zips are 19-26-1 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss.

Akron came into 2001 with an 8-4 ATS mark in Sept the L3Y. Pending the 9/8 result, Akron is 11-21-1 ATS as an AD the L7Y.

Akron's last meeting with W Michigan was in '99 & they lost 24-10. Pending earlier results, the Zips are 7-15-1 ATS on grass the L7Y.

The Zips are 2-3 SU but 3-1-1 ATS vs Miami (Oh) the last 5 yrs. Akron is 1-9 ATS L/10 in the final game of a 2(+) road trip.

BG was Akron's Homecoming opponent in 1999, the result was a 55-25 pounding by the Zips as 3.5 pt favorites.

Pending earlier results, Akron is 25-15 ATS on art turf the L5Y. The Zips are 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS vs Marshall.

UCF was 7-4 SU, 4-4 ATS last year as an Independent. Last year's meeting was the 1st since '86. Zips are 3-0 SU all-time.

Akron is 5-10 ATS as an away favorite in the last 10 years. Akron is 2-0 SU & 1-1 ATS vs Buffalo the last 2 years.

The Zips are 8-2 ATS in their final lined home game. Akron is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS vs Kent St the last 4 years.

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (35,202) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	4-7	2-9	4-7	7-4	6-5	26-51
ATS	3-7	3-8	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	7-4	35-40-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	7-4
Home Dog	1-3	1-3	3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	14-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-2	3-5
Away Dog	2-3	1-5	2-3	1-6	2-3	1-1-1	2-0	11-21-1
Favorite	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	3-3	2-3	10-9
Dog	3-6	2-8	5-4	4-6	4-4	2-2-1	5-1	25-31-1
Grass	2-2	1-3	0-2	0-3	0-2	2-2-1	2-1	7-15-1
Artificial	1-5	2-5	6-3	5-3	6-3	3-3	5-3	28-25
vs Conf	3-6	3-5	4-4	4-5	5-4	3-4-1	5-3	27-31-1
Vs Non-Conf	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	8-9
Off SU Win	0-0	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	4-2	3-2	13-10
Off SU Loss	3-6	2-6	3-3	4-4	3-3	1-2-1	3-2	19-26-1

Coach: LEE OWENS (Career 25-41) Owens' records AT AKRON

7th Year at Akron	7-3	Home Favorite
25-41 Straight Up	13-7	Home Underdog
32-33-1 Vs The Spread	3-5	Away Favorite
16-20-1 Off A S/U Loss	9-18-1	Away Underdog
24-25-1 Vs Conference	8-8	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Rice	NL	Louisiana Tech	13-33	-
76	Pioneer	NL	Montana St	13-24	-

AKRON (6-5)

CONFERENCE:
MAC
EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 46 (20,24,2)

Lost: 19 (9,10,0)



AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
8*	30.3	21	207	4.6	211	50.7	13.8	+7	2000	6	26.8	23	197	4.5	207	50.7	15.0
6*	28.6	20	188	3.8	178	53.7	12.8	-1	1999	7	28.6	18	183	4.5	208	50.2	13.7
10*	24.1	20	187	4.3	188	49.7	15.6	-2	1998	8	27.2	21	198	4.2	177	53.2	13.8
5*	19.8	16	224	4.9	119	47.7	17.3	-4	1997	9	39.5	25	249	5.6	247	62.5	12.5
9*	15.9	15	161	3.6	129	41.4	20.0	-10	1996	5	24.5	19	185	4.2	132	52.1	13.0
7	12.8	15	95	2.4	169	47.9	20.2	-15	1995	8	38.9	22	252	5.2	181	59.5	11.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia Tech	20	44-162	3.7	14-30	248	2	25	48-335	7.0	9-16	214	1	+2
at C Michigan	15	39-184	4.7	8-24	68	0	17	50-171	3.4	9-19	173	1	-2
UCF	26	50-279	5.6	15-25	228	0	26	32-126	3.9	25-43	306	3	+2
at Ohio U	22	48-133	2.8	20-33	258	0	16	46-284	6.2	4-15	92	0	+3
Miami (Oh)	20	43-243	5.7	9-19	214	1	23	43-256	6.0	20-49	174	2	+1
at Bowling Green	17	34-85	2.5	17-27	259	3	22	50-159	3.2	15-24	185	3	+1
N Illinois	15	28-116	4.1	12-28	329	0	31	57-360	6.3	15-23	139	1	-2
UConn	24	50-289	5.8	17-32	142	0	25	43-106	2.5	22-35	293	3	-3
Marshall	28	52-235	4.5	11-25	170	1	25	28-43	1.5	26-49	393	6	0
Buffalo	22	42-263	6.3	12-25	287	2	22	54-243	4.5	9-26	100	0	+2
at Kent St	23	60-284	4.7	11-20	113	1	18	29-82	2.8	17-38	205	2	+3
TOTALS	232	490-2273	4.6	146-288	2316	10	250	480-2165	4.5	171-337	2274	22	+7
AVERAGES	21.1	45-207	4.6	13-26	211	0.9	22.7	44-197	4.5	16-31	207	2.0	0.6

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio	+6	14-44	L
Virginia Tech	+38*	18-21	W
Toledo	+14	10-27	L
at Illinois	+27	7-38	L
W Michigan	-7*	27-7	W
at Kent	-3*	17-32	L
at C Michigan	+13	0-42	L
Miami (Oh)	+25*	10-7	W
at N Illinois	+4	34-17	W
Bowling Green	+6*	21-14	W
at E Michigan	+9	17-20	W

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+58	14-59	W
at Miami (Oh)	+19	20-49	L
Bowling Green	+7	28-31	W
at LSU	+42	0-56	L
C Michigan	+5	53-14	W
at Marshall	+30	17-52	L
at E Michigan	+9	0-45	L
Ohio U	+23	17-21	W
at Ball St	+9*	14-32	L
Kent	-2	45-35	W
at Toledo	+21	10-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+16	16-27	W
at Penn St	+9	35-28	W
Ball St	-7*	52-14	W
at Pittsburgh	+12*	0-35	L
at Kent	-9*	45-16	W
at Ohio U	+5*	14-28	L
Toledo	+6	17-24	L
at C Michigan	+2*	27-28	W
at Bowling Green	+7*	21-58	L
E Michigan	-8	24-21	L
Miami (Oh)	+15*	14-20	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+45*	24-70	L
at Buffalo	-20	17-10	L
Temple	+1	25-15	W
at E Michigan	-1	17-38	L
at Ball St	-1	31-9	W
Ohio U	-1*	41-28	W
Bowling Green	-3*	55-25	W
at Navy	+10	35-29	W
W Michigan	+1	10-24	L
at Miami (Oh)	+9	23-32	T
Kent St	-16	37-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+32	23-52	W
at C Michigan	-6	7-17	L
UCF	+2*	35-24	W
at Ohio U	+8*	23-20	W
Miami (Oh)	+5	37-20	W
at Bowling Green	-8	27-21	L
N Illinois	+1	35-52	L
UConn	-22	35-38	L
Marshall	+4	28-31	W
Buffalo	-29	49-14	W
at Kent St	-12	34-6	W

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES



RB Chante Murphy was the Golden Flashes' rushing leader with 800 yards in 2000.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Kent had to replace Jose Davis, who left after his career passing leader, making Zach Williams the starter. After three games, Pees alternated QB's constantly throughout the rest of the year. Williams finished throwing for 1,120 yards in his 8 starts (53.5%) with a 4-8 ratio. Jeff Valentino (6-3 195 So) was PS#258DB and is a fiery leader but has average arm strength. He had 3 starts last year, passing for 545 yards and rushing for 98 more after moving from FS. He "won" the job this spring but his hold on the position is tenuous and I expect someone else to be starting if not in the opener, then early in the year. Ben McDaniels (6-0 175 So) was PS#117QB and appeared on his way to taking over the starting job but got injured early and attempted just 10 passes in 4 games. It's no wonder that KSU was last in the MAC in pass efficiency. The only loss out of the group is Williams who graduated. Bill Liber (6-3 185 Fr) was PS#56 and threw for 2,970 yards (57%) his senior year in HS. I think Liber has a great shot at winning the starting job, and this unit can only get better.

RUNNING BACKS - Dean Pees put an emphasis on the running game when he took over and has had a big, bulky offensive line the last 2 years. In 1998 they averaged just 87 ypg rushing (2.6) but moved up to 138 ypg (3.7) in 1999. Last year they surprisingly took a step backwards, averaging 111.6 ypg (3.0) despite having all of their top rushers from the previous year returning. Perhaps one of the reasons is that their QB in 1999 rushed for 370 net yards, and last year the QB's produced just 9 net yards which is a 33 ypg difference so the RB's themselves actually gained a few more yards. This year once again all the top rushers are back. Chante Murphy has led the team the last 2 seasons and had 800 yards (4.0) last season while splitting time at TB with Booker Vann (5-11 210 Jr). Vann's best game came vs Miami, OH when he rushed for 71 yards and he also had 51 vs W Michigan. I list the top 2 FB's below and they are slowly incorporating that position into the offense. DeMarlo Rozier (PS#115) led the team in rushing in 1998 as a true freshman, but has seen his role limited the last 2 years. Also in the mix at RB but not listed below are Daryl Moore (6-0 195 So) who was the Scout Team Offensive POY in 1999 and had 8 yards last season, Marcus Quincy (5-9 195 Fr) who was the Offensive Scout Team POY last year, David Alston (5-9 195 So), Mikal Lundy (5-10 185 So) who had 52 yards last year and 4 true frosh (including 1 HT) that Pees signed this year. With everyone back this unit looks stronger in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year KSU had to replace their star in TE Jason Gavadz who was the #6 DC of PIT and was by far the team's leading receiver, and they also lost their #3 receiver. However this year the only loss is Shawn Shoemaker who started 7 games (20 rec, 8.9). Overall the top 3 receivers are back and 6 of the top 7. I list the two deep below, but do not see any NFL caliber players in the group. They are more experienced than last year and have added some talent as some frosh were forced to play last season. Reggie Gordon (6-0 185 Fr) attended Fork Union Academy in 1999 and could see action right away. TE Reikowski moved to OT. This is an underwhelming group, but still looks stronger this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Kent had 4 starters returning but Pees shuffled the unit a couple of times in the spring and during the season. For the first 8 games of 1999, they averaged just 15.4 FD per game but once he got the lineup settled, they averaged 25.7 down the stretch. Last year Pees had 4 players returning from 1999's final starting unit. The OL allowed just 12 sacks and averaged 3.7 ypc in 1999. I expected a lot out of the Kent OL last year as they came in averaging 6-3 305 lbs and even Coach Joe Tiller of Purdue said, "those were big suckers and they are physical in their style of play." Surprisingly, Kent allowed 21 sacks and only averaged 3.0 ypc rushing. This year they must replace C Jeff Krysiak (11 sts, 4 yr str), LG Jason Hupp (9 sts, 3 yr str) and LT Cory Zwick (11 sts). This unit still has decent size and 4 players are back with starting experience. This group is less experienced than last year, but I feel that last season's contingent under performed, so Kent may improve upon the offensive numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Pees has made a solid effort to improve this group and they keep getting stronger year after year. After an abysmal performance in 1998 when they allowed 6.0 ypc rushing and the team recorded just 4 sacks, they improved in 1999, giving up "just" 4.5 ypc rushing and recording 10 sacks. 1999's DL had 6 underclassmen in the 2 deep. Last season almost everyone returned with just 1 starter lost. In 2000, they allowed just 3.7 ypc rushing while getting 21 sacks. This year the only loss is DT Richard Bender (7 sts, 31 tkl, 1.5 sks) and six players return with starting experience. They are also switching to a 3-4 although I have not reflected that in my two deep. This should be yet another year of improvement for the Kent D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Kent has had one of the most experienced LB units in the country in both of the last 2 years. In 2000 they returned all 6 LB's and had no less than 7 players with at least 2 games of starting experience. This year they must replace MLB Matt Rayl (7 sts, 82 tkl, 8 tfl), Ryan Altizer (2 sts, 8 tkl), Curtis Witherspoon (1 st, 29 tkl, 2 tfl) and Dave Holderbaum (11 tkl). They still have 4 players returning with starting experience including 2 full-time starters and the MLB spot is occupied by an HT in Heath Hommel (PS#133) who has 9 career starts to his credit and he is backed by a Mich ST transfer who may take a starting position with the defensive switch. Although this group is less experienced than last year, they look just as strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 Kent had to replace 3 starters and ended up with 3 true frosh earning starting roles for parts of the season. Last year they had to replace 3 starters again and after finishing #97 in my pass D rankings in 1999, they dropped even further to #114 allowing 64% with a 19-6 ratio. They finally have a veteran secondary this year. The lone loss is SS Sam Sharp (2 sts, 12 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and Pees has a couple of solid Fr that will compete for time. I list the 2 deep below. As this year's unit is vastly more experienced than the 2000 version, I expect a decent increase in their pass defense rankings in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This was an area of concern in a couple of games last year but they do have some capable players on the unit. In 1998 they ranked #72 in my special teams rankings but dropped to #97 in '99 and held steady last year, finishing #97 overall. K David Pavich hit 6 of 9 FG's as a true frosh in 1998 and had an outstanding year in 1999, hitting 13 of 16 with a long of 44 but with two of his misses from 50+. Last year he slipped a bit hitting 6 of 10 but did have a long of 49 although he did miss 3 xp's. He was 2 of 2 from 40+ and has a strong leg. Due to injury Jared Fritz took over the punting duties in 1999 as a Fr and had 8 punts with a 36.9 avg. Last year he had 72 punts and a 40.4 avg ranking #47 in the NCAA and should continue to improve. KR Shawn Shoemaker averaged 26.7 per KR in 1999 but slipped to 21.0 last year and departs. They should at least be able to match last year's average. PR Juron Kelly had a sensational 1998 season, averaging 14.2 per PR, best in the MAC. He slipped to 9.0 in 1999 and last year KSU finished last in the MAC in PR's and he averaged just 5.7. I look for him to recapture that 1998 form. There is some talent on hand and I look for KSU to move up solidly in the special teams rankings this year.

KENT ST 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Chante Murphy	199	827	27	800	3	4.0					
Booker Vann	103	390	25	365	1	3.5					
Mikal Lundy	15	55	3	52	0	3.5					
Jeff Valentino	33	98	62	36	2	1.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Zach Williams	213	114	53.5	1120	4	8					
Jeff Valentino	107	54	50.5	545	4	3					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Juron Kelly	37	393	10.6	2	30						
Matt Curry	35	511	14.6	2	60						
Chante Murphy	23	193	8.4	0	29						
Shawn Shoemaker	20	178	8.9	1	31						
Neil Buckosh	18	153	8.5	1	24						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Jared Fritz	72	2908	40.4	-	33.4	2	13				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Dave Pavich	2-3	2-5	2-2	0-0	6-10	49					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
J. Harrison	106	3	10	1	1	N. Dyer	43	0	0	1	0
Rashan Hall	95	1	3	0	0	S. Armstead	36	2	0	4	0
Matt Rayl	82	2	6	1	1	Roy Attieh	36	0	6	1	0
Jacon Avery	77	0	2	3	1	H. Hommel	36	0	0	0	0
R. James	75	0	1	0	0	John Nurczyk	33	3	2	0	0
D. Turner	67	1	4	0	1	R. Bender	31	1.5	0	1	0
M. Strickland	46	4	7	0	0	Delvin Barker	29	1.5	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Juron Kelly	12	68	5.7	0	S. Shoemaker	26	546	21.0	0		



LB James Harrison (#16) was the #1 tackler in 2000 with 106.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1989 KSU has been extremely poor as they have just 16 SU wins in 12 years. They appeared to be making strides, going from 1 win in 1995 to 2 in 1996 to 3 in 1997, which was Dean Pees' first year as HC. However, 29 players left the program after his arrival, he changed the schemes on both sides of the ball, and they went 0-11 in 1998, being outscored by an average of 41-13 with the defense allowing 474 ypg. In 1999 they improved to 2-9 and again appeared to be making strides. Last year they were expecting big improvement but instead slipped to 1-10 with their only win in 2 OT's vs C Michigan. The school awarded Pees with a 2 year contract extension even though he has a 3-30 record and Pees pointed out that not since the early 1960's at this school has a player finished his career playing for the same coach who recruited him, so his extension is good for continuity. Of his 46 scholarship players recruited, 42 are still on the team. There were some positives to come out of last year's 1-10 season, as they had an 8-5 FD edge and had outgained Pitt at the half, and only trailed Marshall 17-12 after 3Q's. Another thing to note is that KSU played the 5th toughest schedule among MAC teams, going against 3 bowl teams including Rose Bowl participant Purdue. Twice last year they faced a team the week after it was announced the coach would not return for next season (BG and Buffalo) and lost those games to emotionally charged opponents. At one point in the season, Pees took over the play calling duties for OC Charley Molnar. Molnar had been with the team for 5 years, leading it to 30.6 ppg in 1997 behind the passing of Jose Davis, was let go in the offseason. They finished last in the MAC in scoring last year, averaging 11.6 ppg but have 7 starters back this year so naturally they should be more potent. DC Greg Colby is back for his 4th year and has 9 starters back on that side of the ball. They did allow opponents to convert more than 50% of their 3rd downs, the only MAC team to do so, but have grown steadily stronger vs the run. In 1998 they allowed 311 ypg rushing, they trimmed it to 214 in 1999 and last year allowed just 164.4 which was their best total since 1983. This team will definitely improve on last year's 1 win total and I expect them to pull a surprise or two as they continue to gain depth and experience.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB Ben McDaniels So. 6-0 175 PS#117 48 yds pass ly. Jeff Valentino (6-3 195 So) 545 yds pass, 50.5%, 4-3 ratio, 3 sts ly. Bill Liber (6-3 185 Fr) PS#56, 2970 yds, 57%, 41 TD's L2Y in HS.
RB CHANTE MURPHY SR. 6-0 210 55 yds, 407 KR yds as Fr. 7 sts in 99, 676 yds (4.2), 20 rec (9.6), 11 sts in 2000, 800 yds (4.0), 23 rec (8.4). Booker Vann (5-11 210 Jr) 608 yds, 2 yrs.
RB DeMARLO ROZIER SR. 5-9 220 PS#115 7 yds as true #1 w/621 yds (3.4), 23 rec (7.1), 5 sts in 99, 219 yds. 1 start last year, 21 tkl yds. Charles Newton (6-1 250 Fr) PS#255.
WR JURON KELLY SR. 6-0 170 5 sts as true, 31 rec, 7 sts in 99, 38 rec (9.3), 5 sts ly, #1 w/37 rec (10.6). Maurio Medley (6-6 210 So) PS#124, Reggie Gordon (6-0 185 Fr) Fork Union in 99.
WR MATT CURRY SR. 6-0 180 PS#210 4 sts as true, 5 rec, 5 sts in 99, 15 rec (15.2), 10 sts ly, #2 w/35 rec (14.6), 4.5 spd. Joshua Bostick (6-2 200 Jr) 11 sts, 26 rec (11.9) in 98 & 99.
TE Neil Buckosh So. 6-3 245 4 starts as a Fr, #5 w/ 18 receptions (8.5). Ray Quinn (6-3 220 Jr), 5 sts, 17 rec (8.9). Brycen Erbe (6-4 245 Jr) PS#185. Tried at DE in spp, but moved back.
C Steve Smith So. 6-4 265 PS#285OL. Served as backup C in 2000, earned letter. Mike Jenkins (6-5 285 Fr) PS#243OL. Deion Bowling (6-3 280 Jr) PS#292, 2nd string OG ly.
RG BRIAN HALLETT SR. 6-4 295 PS#150 in 98, 3 sts, 7 games as true, MAC Champion in shut out, 11 starts in 1999, 11 starts at RG in 2000, 3 letters, 465 bench, 575 squat.
LG VICTOR VRABEL SR. 6-4 300 PS#305 4 gms as bkup in '98, 5 sts at LG in '99, 2 sts at LG, 7 sts at RT ly, 3L. Travis Vesper (6-3 300 Fr) PS#218. Outstanding Scout Tm Off Player ly.
RT Kevin Jamieson Jr. 6-4 295 PS#222. Lettered as backup in '99, 4 starts at RT ly.
OT Henry Rucker (6-4 300 So) PS#164. Daniel Carter (6-4 315 Fr) attended Hargrave ly.
LT Joel Reikowski Jr. 6-5 255 PS#98TE. 3 starts as Fr, 9 receptions (5.6), 10 starts ly, 11 receptions (7.8). Jason Andrews (6-5 285 Fr) PS#460. Averaged 92% blk grade in HS.
K DAVID PAVICH SR. 6-1 170 6 of 9 FG's with a long of 35 as true, 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 44 in 1999, 24-24 PAT's. 6 of 10 FG's in 2000 with long of 49, 12 of 15 PAT's in 2000.

DE JOHN NURCZYK JR. 6-4 240 PS#92 19 tkl, 1 sk in '99, 6 starts, 33 tkl, 3 sks in 2000. Fastest DL. Shawn Armstead (6-4 225 Jr) 20 tkl in '99, 5 sts, 36 tkl, 2 sacks last year.
DT ROY ATTIEH JR. 6-1 305 2 starts, 27 tkl, 3 tfl in 1999, 11 sts, 36 tkl, 6 tfl in 2000. Roger Attiehl (6-0 280 Fr) Hargrave Military ly. Alan Williams (6-3 255 So) had 3 tkl last year.
DT Aaron Mayer Sr. 6-2 275 15 tackles in 1998, 10 starts, 45 tackles, 1 sack in 1999, 2 starts, 9 tackles last year. Tom Crook (6-3 260 So) had 3 tackles in 7 games in 2000.
DE MARK STRICKLAND SR. 6-1 250 PS#260 2 sts, 44 tkl, 4 tfl in '98, 11 sts, 51 tkl, 5 tfl in 1999, 11 sts, 46 tkl, 4 sks, 7 tfl in 2000. Delvin Barker (5-11 240 So) 29 tkl, 4.5 t fl last year.
OLB RASHAN HALL SR. 5-11 230 8 starts, 96 tkl, 3 tfl in 1998, 10 sts, 1 tkl, 125 tkl, 5 tfl in '99, 11 starts, 95 tkl, 4 tfl in 2000. Justin Gatten (6-2 220 Jr) 17 tkl the last 2 years.
MLB Heath Hommel Sr. 6-0 225 PS#133 4 sts, 54 tkl as true, 2 sts, 33 tkl in '99, 3 sts, 36 tkl ly. Pierre Wilson (6-4 265 Jr) PS#308, 2 tkl at Michigan St in 99. Sat out ly after transfer.
OLB JAMES HARRISON SR. 6-1 235 PS#178RB. 3 sts, 67 tackles, 9 tfl in 1999, 8 sts, #1 tackler with 106, 3 sacks, 10 tfl, 1 int in 2000. Josh Chilcote (6-2 235 So) 9 tackles last year.
CB NASHVILLE DYER JR. 5-10 175 5 starts, 28 tkl, 1 int in 1999, 7 starts, 43 tkl, 1 pbu in 2000. Justin Baughman (5-10 185 Jr) 6 sts, 21 tkl, 4 pbu, 1 int in 1999, 3 sts, 26 tkl, 1 int ly.
CB JACON AVERY JR. 5-11 170 2 starts at SS as true, 32 tkl, 11 sts, 77 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int in 2000. Ray Kelly (5-11 195 So) 2 starts, 10 tkl, 1 int in 2000. Darrell Dowery is PS#59.
SS DESMOND TURNER SO. 6-0 190 10 starts, 10 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 int in 2000. Reggie Crook (6-0 195 Sr) PS#166, 10 tkl in '98, 11 tkl, 1 int the last 2 years. Keith Roberts (5-11 185 Fr).
FS ROBERT JAMES JR. 6-4 200 7 tackles in 10 games as true, 9 starts, 75 tackles in 2000. Scott Booker (6-2 195 Jr) PS#350 had 21 tackles, 1 sack, 1 pbu in 11 games in 2000.
P JARED FRITZ JR. 6-2 185 8 punts in 99, avg of 36.9, 72 punts in 2000, averaged 40.4 with 13 inside the 20, 33.4 net, 2 blocked. Strong leg. Shared Sp Tms Award last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

DB Darrell DOWERY 5-11 165 PS#59
DB Gary Magee 5-11 190 PS#74
K Travis Mayle 6-0 180 PS#7
QB Joshua Cribbs 6-1 185 PS#102
RB Mohammed Bah 5-9 170 PS#173
RB Eddie Beccles 5-9 175 PS#191
DL Chad Bandiera 6-4 255 PS#236
LB Antonio King 6-1 210 PS#290
DB DeMarkus Robinson 5-11 175 PS#329
QB Larry Polk 6-2 190 PS#216
OL Luke McKenzie 6-6 270 PS#424
LB Eric Mahl 6-2 215 PS#343
DB Tyrell McElroy 6-0 180 PS#424
OL Matt Howbert 6-4 265 PS#538
WR Reggie Gordon 6-4 185 PS#550

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

KSU is 24-40-1 ATS vs MAC teams the last 8 years.
Golden Flashes are 18-27 ATS the last 6 years off a SU loss.
Kent St was outscored 359-128 by their opponents last year.
KSU is 11-4-1 ATS as a home dog in November since 1990.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Iowa	G												
Sep. 8	Bucknell	A												
Sep. 15	Miami (Oh)	A												
Sep. 22	at W Virginia	A												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	at Bowling Green	G												
Oct. 13	N Illinois	A												
Oct. 20	Buffalo (HC)	A												
Oct. 27	at Ohio U	G												
Nov. 3	Marshall	A												
Nov. 10	at Ball St	G												
Nov. 17	at Akron	A												
Nov. 24														

Kent St is 3-6 ATS the last 9 years in their season opener.
KSU is 1-4 ATS in their 1st lined road game of the season.

Golden Flashes are 1-6 SU their last 7 "NL" games.
Bucknell Bison were 6-5 SU LY in the Div IAA Patriot League.

KSU is 29-46-1 ATS the last 8 years as an underdog.
Golden Flashes are 0-11 SU & 3-8 ATS vs Miami (Oh).

KSU is 0-2 SU & 1-1 ATS in this series.
Kent St is 1-4 SU & ATS their last 5 prior to a bye week.

Bonus: KSU is 7-16 ATS as an away dog in October since 1990.

Golden Flashes are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS their L/4 following a bye week.
Kent St is 2-9 SU but 7-4 ATS vs Bowling Green.

Flashes were 15-22 ATS the L7Y on artificial turf prior to 2001.
Only meeting between these 2 schools was in '99. KSU lost 50-7.

If favored, KSU is 3-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1993.
Kent St lost 20-17 last year in OT at Buffalo.

Golden Flashes were 15-29 ATS the L8Y as an AD prior to 2001.
KSU is 2-8-1 SU, 4-7 ATS & 1-4 as an away dog vs Ohio U.

Golden Flashes are 0-4 SU & 2-2 ATS in this short series.
Marshall has outscored Kent St 146-52 over those 4 years.

Pending earlier results, KSU was 16-25-1 ATS the L8Y on grass.
Kent St is 0-7 SU & 2-4-1 ATS vs Ball St in the last 7 meetings.

Golden Flashes are 2-7 ATS in their last 9 season finales.
Kent St is 3-7 SU & 4-5 ATS vs Akron since 1990.

STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (30,520)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-9-1	2-9	3-8	0-11	2-9	1-10	11-65-1
ATS	6-4	4-6-1	3-6	4-6	3-7	6-5	3-7	29-41-1
Home Fav	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	3-1
Home Dog	1-2	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	0-3	12-15-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	14-24
Favorite	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	3-2
Dog	4-4	4-6-1	3-6	4-6	3-7	5-5	3-5	26-39-1
Grass	6-2	3-4-1	3-4	0-3	1-3	0-1	1-2	14-19-1
Artificial	0-2	1-2	0-2	4-3	2-4	6-4	2-5	15-22
vs Conf	5-4	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	2-6	5-3	1-7	22-34-1
vs Non-Conf	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	7-7
Off SU Win	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-6
Off SU Loss	5-2	3-4-1	2-5	2-4	3-6	5-3	2-6	22-30-1

Coach: DEAN PEES (Career 3-30)
Pees' records AT KENT ST

4th Year at Kent St	1-1	Home Favorite
3-30 Straight Up	4-7	Home Underdog
12-19 Vs The Spread	0-1	Away Favorite
10-15 Off A S/U Loss	7-10	Away Underdog
8-16 Vs Conference	4-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21	-

KENT ST (1-10) CONFERENCE MAC EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
OFFENSE: 6 Returning: 45 (20,23,2)
DEFENSE: 9 Lost: 15 (6,8,1)



KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	OFF	PTS	FD	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
7		11.6	16	112	3.0	156	51.2	23.0	-2	2000	8	32.6	23	164	3.7	244	64.0	12.5											
8*	19.4	18	138	3.7	192	57.6	17.1	-11	1999	5	34.2	23	214	4.5	174	56.8	11.3												
6*	13.5	17	87	2.6	217	55.9	22.4	-13	1998	7	41.3	24	311	6.0	163	57.7	11.5												
8*	30.6	22	149	4.5	294	52.1	14.4	-8	1997	8	44.5	25	262	5.9	235	60.0	11.2												
8*	23.2	18	124	3.7	230	53.4	15.3	+1	1996	8	44.7	26	268	5.4	218	56.4	10.9												
10	11.6	13	106	2.8	122	48.8	19.6	-10	1995	3	35.5	22	232	4.4	107	63.9	12.1												

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Pittsburgh	17	35-83	2.4	18-32	205	1	19	32-119	3.7	13-26	293	1	-2	
at Purdue	17	33-129	3.9	20-30	190	1	32	37-168	4.5	36-54	437	0	+2	
Youngstown St	17	36-97	2.7	20-34	178	2	17	50-81	1.6	10-15	127	3	0	
at Miami (Oh)	15	37-193	5.2	14-28	110	1	27	36-195	5.4	24-37	301	2	-1	
Bowling Green	20	32-38	1.2	27-53	285	6	14	43-124	2.9	13-21	111	4	0	
at C Michigan	14	56-188	3.4	10-21	132	1	18	40-109	2.7	20-34	271	1	+4	
Ohio U	13	39-141	3.6	7-20	41	2	19	56-233	4.2	9-11	136	0	-2	
at Marshall	15	36-75	2.1	16-37	162	2	27	30-181	6.0	31-42	312	2	0	
W Michigan	9	32-94	2.9	7-16	27	1	28	51-241	4.7	22-35	261	1	0	
at Buffalo	17	39-108	2.8	18-31	185	3	24	50-73	1.5	23-36	323	6	0	
Akron	18	29-82	2.8	17-38	205	1	23	60-284	4.7	11-20	113	1	-3	
TOTALS	172	404-1228	3.0	174-340	1720	21	248	485-1808	3.7	212-331	2685	21	-2	
AVERAGES	15.6	37-112	3.0	16-31	156	1.9	22.5	44-164	3.7	19-30	244	1.9	-0.2	

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miami (Oh)	+28	6-64	L
at Pittsburgh	+29	14-52	L
Youngstown St	NL	28-12	-
at Nevada	NL	42-63	-
Akron	+3	32-17	W
at Bowling Green	+22	24-31	W
Ohio U	+7	15-24	L
at E Michigan	+13	10-51	L
C Michigan	+14	51-52	W
at Ball St	+24	6-50	L
at W Michigan	+11	27-76	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio U	+18	7-31	L
at Youngstown St	NL	23-44	-
Marshall	+24	17-42	L
at E Michigan	+21	41-38	W
UCF	+20	43-59	W
Miami (Oh)	+22	26-62	L
at W Michigan	+15	27-50	L
C Michigan	+2	60-37	W
Bowling Green	+3	29-20	W
at Akron	+2	35-45	L
at Navy	+27	29-62	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	3-56	L
Youngstown St	NL	10-24	-
at Navy	+21	24-38	W
at C Michigan	+7	7-46	L
E Michigan	+8	17-26	L
Akron	+9	16-45	L
at Marshall	+35	7-42	W
at Bowling Green	+20	21-42	L
W Michigan	+16	23-48	L
at Miami (Oh)	+34	0-56	L
Ohio U	+23	21-31	W

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+19	3-41	L
Navy	+18	28-48	L
at Pittsburgh	+33	23-30	W
Bowling Green	+16	41-27	W
at Ohio U	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+19	7-47	L
Miami (Oh)	+24	10-17	W
at N Illinois	+14	7-50	L
Buffalo	-14	41-20	W
Marshall	+34	16-28	W
at Akron	+16	34-37	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+26	7-30	W
at Purdue	+43	10-45	W
Youngstown St	NL	20-26	-
at Miami (Oh)	+23	14-45	L
Bowling Green	-4	11-18	L
at C Michigan	+4	24-21	W
Ohio U	+11	7-44	L
at Marshall	+21	12-34	L
W Michigan	+24	0-42	L
at Buffalo	-7	17-20	L
Akron	+12	6-34	L

BUFFALO BULLS



WR Andre Forde was #1 in receptions for Buffalo in 2000 with 590 yards (16.4).

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 the Bulls had to replace their star QB Chad Salisbury who had over 7,000 career yards passing. Only one player returned with experience but he was injured prior to the opening game and Joe Freedy, who was 3rd on the depth chart heading into August, took over and started 11 games, throwing for 1,775 yards (50.5%) with an 8-11 ratio. He improved as the season went on and had a 5-2 ratio over the final 4 games. Freedy started all 11 games again last year and threw for 2,060 yards while increasing his completion percentage to 54.4% with a 14-18 ratio and 65 yards rushing. He will have to fight off Randall Secky (6-5 215 rFr, PS#61) who has a cannon for an arm and is clearly the QB of the future. He led the Blue Squad to a win in the spring game but hit just 7 of 19 for 63 yards. Adam Johnson (6-5 210 Jr) is a big, mobile QB with a very strong arm and was PS#141 in 1998 (JUCO in 1999). He also plays on the basketball team and got bigger in his redshirt year. With the addition of Secky and Johnson this group has more talent than it did last year. It would not surprise me to see Freedy lose his job to one of the above, but if not, he should improve in his third year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bulls had to replace their top rusher and this year the top 5 all return. Bam McDonald (5-9 177 Jr), who was a NY State track champ in high school, began last year as a starter but has a slight build and injuries were a concern. McDonald rushed for 244 yards in 3 starts in 1999 and added 133 last year, playing in just 6 games as he missed 5 with injuries. McDonald had a 72 yard run in the opener but had just 61 yards on 43 carries the rest of the year. Albert Grundy had a pair of 100 yard games vs Ball St and N Illinois and finished as the #2 rusher. Marquis Dwarthe emerged at the end of the season with 173 and 156 yard efforts in the final 2 games to lead the team in rushing. Grundy, Dwarthe and McDonald all return for 2001. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Derrick Gordon was the #2 rusher in 1999 with 517 yards, but had just 204 last year in 6 starts. Marvin Brereton has 362 yards and 5 starts in 3 years. Maurice Bradford (5-11 185 Jr, PS#74JC) could become the top back this year as he rushed for 1,603 yards at JUCO in 1999 and redshirted last year. Tom Shaughnessy (5-11 240 So) was PS#377RB. Naturally with everyone back and the addition of a top-notch transfer like Bradford, this unit looks even stronger in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year Buffalo had to replace super receiver Drew Haddad who was drafted by the Buffalo Bills as well as their starting TE. Haddad had 5 times as many receptions as the #2 receiver in '99. In 2000 they spread the ball out, splitting the passes between 3 WR's. True frosh Zeke McKine looked like he would lead the team in receptions and had 32 (13.0) but was injured midseason and saw little action after that.

Andre Forde (PS#162) and Dahnel Singfield (PS#140) filled the void and were 1-2 in receptions. This year they must replace TE Brandon Shaughnessy who was 2nd Team MAC and the #4 receiver. I list his replacements below. This unit has much more experience, adds a couple of HT rFr and should be solidly improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In the Bulls' first year of IA ball they had a veteran offensive front and averaged 3.2 ypc while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters due to graduation but brought in a starting TE to one of the OL spots. The unit held its own compared to 1999 as they once again averaged 3.2 ypc but cut the sack total to 27. The O-line improved greatly as the season went on as they averaged just 53.2 ypg rushing the first five compared to 196.2 ypg over the last six. This year they lose RG Gabe Kogler (10 sts), LT David Puce (11 sts, 3 yr str) and G Rob Meyer (2nd string). Seven of the top 10 are back as is Josh Stello, a 3 year starter on both the OL and DL who missed last year due to injury. Six players return with starting experience and this group has good size and averages 295 lbs per man. I also list some promising rFr in the 2 deep below. This group is starting to resemble a decent IA O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls went from a 4-3 to a 3-4 defense last year but have switched back to the 4-3 this season. Last year they had to replace 2 starters due to a position move and graduation. Prior to the start of the season they lost 2 more players who combined for 9 starts in 1999. After allowing 5.1 ypc in their inaugural year of IA ball they chopped that to 4.4 and increased the sack total for the defense from 12 to 25. This year they must replace DE Joe McKoy (11 sts, 22 tkl) but have everyone else back. Duane Williams, who started at OLB last year, will move to one of the DE spots so overall 5 players return with starting experience. Terrance Dawson could also emerge as a starter somewhere along the front as he originally signed at Indiana and was PS#106DL. Omari Jordan had just 11 tackles at DE last year but is more suited to the DT position he played in spring. I list the 2 deep below. With the return of their two stars from last year, Duane Williams and Bob Dzonick, call this another improved unit for the Bulls.

LINEBACKERS - As mentioned in the DL write-up the Bulls are switching back to the 4-3 defense they employed in 1999. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for only 12 starts and had a very experienced group. This year they must replace 2 of their top 3 tacklers in ILB Chris Gray (11 sts, 99 tkl, 12.5 tfl) and OLB Marcus Cole (11 sts, 11 tfl, 55 tkl). Also gone are Noah Burroughs (21 tkl, 3 tfl), Kulaa Bacheyie (7 tkl) and Brandon Nishnick (6 tkl, 1 tfl). OLB Duane Williams also moves to DE (#2 in MAC in sacks). Two players return who started a grand total of 11 games in 2000. They have a couple of top-notch rFr in Chris Bonner and Rodney Morris to fill in as well as Lamar Wilcher who should be recovered from his knee injury by August. Last year's unit was not overwhelming but this year's is a little less experienced and looks weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulls were dead last in my pass efficiency defense rankings in their first year in IA ball despite the fact that they had a veteran secondary (of course that secondary had never played IA ball). Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 12 starts but had 3 full-time starters returning. They moved up a little, finishing #109 while allowing 57.2% with a 24-11 ratio. This year they must replace CB Carlos Spencer (11 sts, 45 tkl, 3 pbu) and S Tony Smith (11 sts, 79 tkl, 4 pbu). RFr Mark Graham emerged as the starter at one CB spot at year's end and after the group had just 6 int's in 1999 they grabbed 11 last year. Craig Rohls, who had 10 starts in 1999, missed 5 games due to injury but should be back to full health. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This group won't be compared to secondaries like the one at Florida St, but clearly looks stronger in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Buffalo actually finished #63 in my special teams rankings in their first year in Div IA ball with PR Drew Haddad being the star. Haddad departed last year and the unit dropped to #111. One reason for the dropoff was that the punting game struggled. After a super net punting average of 37.7 in 1999 by Mike Masucci they dropped to 29.6 last year. Masucci was benched for one game after failing to run on the field for a punt vs Syracuse and Dallas Pelz saw some action with 28 punts (35.4). Overall Masucci averaged 41.4 per punt. They also lose K Scott Keller but he hit just 6 of 13 FG's with a long of 40. The team allowed 24.8 per KR and should improve in that area even with a new KO man. All of the top returnmen are back. They struggled in the KR area, averaging just 15.9 ypr and should improve as they have good speed while the PR game was solid averaging 12.0 ypr with McDonald, Singfield and McKine all putting up good stats. Even with the loss of their punter, they should improve upon last year's very poor finish.

BUFFALO 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Marquis Dwarthe	129	651	40	611	1	4.7					
Albert Grundy	80	451	29	422	4	5.3					
Derrick Gordon	61	244	40	204	0	3.3					
Marvin Brereton	29	157	1	156	0	5.4					
Bam McDonald	44	171	38	133	0	3.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Joe Freedy	338	184	54.4	2060	14	18					
Mike Gaydosz	16	4	25.0	56	1	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Andre Forde	36	590	16.4	6	72						
Dahnel Singfield	33	485	14.7	4	42						
Zeke McKine	32	416	13.0	2	48						
Brandon Shaughnessy	21	240	11.4	0	25						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT				
Mike Masucci	38	1575	41.4	-	Tm (29.6)	0	11				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Scott Keller	4-6	1-3	1-3	0-1	6-13	40					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Gray	99	3.5	9	1	0	B. Jordan	37	0	0	2	1
Tory Smith	79	0	5	4	2	B. Dzonick	33	0.5	4	0	0
Marcus Cole	55	4	7	6	1	Y. Marcellus	28	0	2	0	0
D. Williams	53	9	6	6	3	Chris Shelly	26	0	1	0	0
C. Spencer	45	0	4	3	0	Mike Lambert	26	0	1	2	1
Craig Rohls	43	0	3	1	0	Joe McKoy	22	0.5	2	0	0
Mark Graham	38	1	0	5	3	Jamie Guerra	22	2	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Bam McDonald	6	45	7.5	0	Andre Forde	20	362	18.1	0		



Marquis Dwarthe thwarted opposing defenses as the Bulls' #1 rusher.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Craig Cirbus, who was just 19-47 here, was let go prior to the end of last season. He had a definite talent disadvantage, as he was trying to take a IAA team to IA ball, and his dismissal surprised me a little. They bring in Jim Hofher who was the QB coach at Syracuse in 2000, but was also the head coach at Cornell from 1990 to 1997 where his teams went 44-36. Hofher is Cornell's all-time winningest head coach. When Cirbus was let go, some players were bitter but they seemed to be over it as spring rolled around. Last year they had their first win over a IA opponent in 30 years and actually won 2 MAC games while losing to Miami (Oh) by just one point and they only trailed Marshall 17-14 at the half on the road. They did not have much fan support, as in that almost upset of Miami there were only 15,000 fans on hand. They were a much more solid team at home as they were 2-3 SU and all 5 games were decided in the last 2:00. On the road they were blasted by an average of 44.6 ppg. The Bulls made some strides offensively last year, going from 11.8 ppg to 16.1. They have 8 starters back including QB Freedy and will continue to improve. Defensively, they gave up 41.1 ppg, the worst in the NCAA, and must replace 5 starters. They bring in a new DC in Thurman Moore who was the DL coach at Syracuse and are switching to a 4-3 and can only get

tougher on that side of the ball. They pull the 2 weakest teams from the West Division on the schedule and continue to get more competitive each year. In their 4 home games vs MAC competition they had an average 22-18.5 FD edge and have 4 MAC home games again this year. The Bulls didn't catch many breaks last year, finishing -18 in turnovers (see page 277), so good things are in store for them this year. Teams will not overlook Buffalo like they did last season but the Bulls do have a shot at topping last year's two wins overall, as Cirbus left the cupboard far from empty.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB Jeff Powell 6-3 215 PS#84	Get my 2001 Fresh Report
RB Aaron Leeper 5-10 180 PS#150	Just \$15.00
OL Alex Alvarez 6-5 290 PS#114JC	1-800-654-3448
RB Jesse Jones 5-10 190 PS#190	
WR Matt Kneuev 6-2 200 PS#167	
RB Dave Dawson 5-8 180 PS#211	
OL Zachary Love 6-5 285 PS#230	
LB Obadiah Harris 6-3 230 PS#252JC	
DL Derrick Smith 6-2 250 PS#247	
WR Gabriel McClover 6-2 210 PS#230	
PB P.J. Piskorik 6-1 205 PS#305	
DL Bill Meholf 6-2 250 PS#314	
DL Phillip Jacques 6-3 227 PS#316	
RB Tim Dance 5-11 185 PS#392	
DB Martin Gagnon 6-0 205 PS#440	

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JOE FREEDY SR. 6-2 194 PS#183. 11 sts in 99, 1775 yds (50%), 8-11 ratio. 11 sts ly, 2060 yds (54%), 14-18 ratio. **Randall Secky** (6-5 215 rFr) PS#61. Adam Johnson PS#141 in '98.
RB MARQUIS DWARTE SO. 5-6 165 8 sts as rFr, 1 w/611 yds (4.7), 12 rec (6.8). **Maurice Bradford** 1603 yds (6.5) at JUCO in 1999. **RS ly.** Bam McDonald 377 yds (3.7), 18 rec 2Y.
FB ALBERT GRUNDY SR. 6-3 230 687 yds at JC in 99. 1 st ly, 2 100 yd gms. 422 yds (3.3), 9 rec. **Derrick Gordon** (5-8 203 Sr) 721 yds 2Y. **Marvin Brereton** (6-2 237 So) 362 yds (5.2), 5 sts, 3 yrs.
WR ZEKE MCKINE SO. 5-9 170 5 sts as true (inj). 32 rec (13.0), #1 tfl inj. **Dahnel Singfield** (6-0 171 Sr) PS#140. 3 rec (15.7) in 99. 5 sts ly, #2 w/33 rec (14.7), 362 ret yds.
WR ANDRE FORDE JR. 5-10 206 PS#162RB. 12 rec (12.3) as true. 9 sts ly, #1 w/36 rec (16.4). **Robert Barber** (6-0 199 So) PS#327. 2 sts, 5 rec (9.0) in 2000. **Alvin Jennings** PS#161 ly.
TE Chad Bartoszek Jr. 6-6 251 2 rec (9.5) in 9 games as true. 6 rec (10.7), 2 TD's in 10 games ly. **Jason Smalzer** (6-3 245 So) PS#74TE. 0 rec ly. **Marc Campnella** (6-1 230 So).
C JOHN NOLAN SR. 6-3 270 JUCO transfer. Started last 9 gms at Center last year. **Kevin Dunn** (6-1 269 So) started the 1st 2 gms @C ly, then 2nd string rest of yr. 1L.
RG Josh Stello Sr. 6-2 309 8 sts at RG as true in 97. Moved to DT & 33 tkl's in 2Y w/18 sts. **Inj ly.** UB's strongest: 600 lb leg press 20 times. **William Paris** (6-3 324 rFr) PS#177.
LG MATT BANIEWICZ JR. 6-0 260 2 letters. 10 starts in 2000. **Dan Minocchi** (6-3 290 rFr) was PS#281OL. **Eric Weber** (6-5 300 rFr) PS#284. Sat out last year with broken leg.
RT TIM HEDGES SR. 6-5 307 3L. Lettered as backup in 98 & 99. 11 sts (1st 2al LG & L/9 at RT) in 2000. True frosh **Zachary Love** (PS#230OL). **Eric Zeppuhar** (6-3 288 rFr).
LT BRIAN JONES SR. 6-6 328 Lettered as primary OL backup in 1999. 1st 2 starts at RT in 2000. 2L. **Andy Avery** (6-6 263 So) 5 tkl's in 4 games last year. Played OL & DL.
K Michael Baker Jr. 5-11 185 PS#75K this year. Strong leg. 47 of 89 KO's were TB's in HS last year. **Dallas Pelz** (5-11 176 So) hit 52 yd FG in HS (longest in Western NY history).

DE DUANE WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 240 RS as JC transfer in 99. **HM MAC** with 53 tkl's, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, 3 int. 10 starts & #2 in the MAC with 9 sacks in 2000. **Lorenzo Jones** had 8 tkl's, 2 tfl ly.
DT Omari Jordan Sr. 6-6 316 PS#54TE. RS as JC transfer in 99. 2 starts, 11 tkl's w/ 3 tfl in 9 games last year. **Marcus Claret** (6-1 300 So) 9 tkl's, 2 tfl w/1 st as a true in 2000.
DT BOB DZONICK SR. 6-1 260 47 tkl's, 6 tfl, 11 starts as true in 98. 17 tkl's, 5 starts, 9 games in 1999. 33 tkl's, 4.5 tfl in 11 starts in 2000. **Derrick Smith** (6-2 250 Fr) is PS#247.
DE JAMIE GUERRA JR. 6-3 246 28 tkl's, 6 tfl in 11 gms in 99. 22 tkl's, 5 tfl in 8 sts ly.
Terrance Dawson (6-4 275 So) PS#106DL. Orig at Indiana. 4 tkl's ly, but med RS - shoulder inj.
DL Brandon Jordan Sr. 5-10 208 46 tkl's, 3 starts in 9 games as true. #3 tkl'r w/73, 4 tfl, 8 sts in 10 games in 1999. 37 tkl's, 5 sts in 10 games last year. **Rodney Morris** (6-0 225 rFr).
ILB CHRIS SHELLEY SR. 6-1 227 80 tkl's, 11 tfl, 11 sts, 2nd Tm IAA Ind in 98. #1 tkl'r w/ 89 in 11 starts in 99. 26 tkl's, 6 starts in 11 gms in 2000. **Richard Sanders** (6-0 235 Fr) PS#411.
OLB Demetrius Austrum So. 6-1 226 PS#323LB. **Lamar Wilcher** (6-1 234 So) PS#169LB. 17 tkl's, 6 tfl, 9 games last year, missed spr - knee inj. **Chris Bonner** (6-1 220 rFr) PS#263LB.
CB MIKE LAMBERT JR. 5-8 195 PS#203RB. 4 tkl's, 9 games in 99. 26 tkl's, 2 pbu, 1 int. 6 starts, 11 games in 2000. One of the team's fastest. **Darren Hicks** (5-9 165 rFr) was PS#380.
CB Mark Graham So. 6-0 184 38 tkl's, 5 starts, 5 pbu, 3 int's in 11 gms ly. **Javunt Pratt** (5-9 184 Sr) 20 tkl's, 3 blk'd K's in 3 years. 4.47 in 40. **Terek Henderson** (5-9 170 Jr) 4.50.
SS Youldain Marcellus Jr. 5-9 196 28 tackles, 10 gms, 3 starts in 2000. **Jason Coley** (6-0 202 Jr) 15 tkl's in 10 gms the last 2 years. 3 special teams standout. **Martin Gagnon** is PS#440.
FS CRAIG ROHLS FS SR. 5-10 192 43 tkl's, 5 sts as true in 98. 86 tkl's, 10 sts, 5 int's in 99. 43 tkl's, 3 tfl, 6 sts (inj) ly. **Bobby Johnson** (6-1 205 Sr) JC trans. 2 sts here, 20 tkl's, 2 tfl in 2000.
P Dallas Pelz So. 5-11 176 PS#47K. 28 punts as rFr, 35.4 avg. 7 inside the 20. Took over P job 2H of the year. Hit a 52 yard FG in high school. **Robert Barber** is PWR.

BUFFALO BULLS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Buffalo averaged 53.2 ypg rushing in the first 5 games last year, but 193.8 ypg the final 6 games.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UB Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Rutgers (Thurs)	G												
Sep. 8	at Bowling Green	G												
Sep. 15	at Army	A												
Sep. 22	at UConn	G												
Sep. 29	C Michigan	G												
Oct. 6	at Miami (Oh)	G												
Oct. 13	Marshall (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Kent St	A												
Oct. 27	at E Michigan	A												
Nov. 3	Ohio U	G												
Nov. 10	Akron	G												
Nov. 17														
Nov. 24														

Rutgers beat Buffalo 59-0 last year in New Brunswick. Buffalo lost their season opener last year 63-7 to Syracuse.

The Bulls are 4-7 ATS as an away dog the last 2 years. Bowling Green was the victim LY in UB's 1st ever MAC win.

Army is 1-6 L/7 ATS in September vs non-conference opponents. Buffalo is 1-4 ATS on artificial turf the last 2 years.

Connecticut was 2-2 SU & ATS vs MAC teams last year. UConn was 3-8 SU & 3-4 ATS LY in their 1st year in Div IA.

In 2000, Buffalo saw all 5 of their home games decided in the final 2 minutes & they registered a 2-3 SU home record.

Miami (Oh) is 9-14 ATS the last 6 years in October. Buffalo only lost by 1 pt last year to Miami (Oh).

Bulls have been outscored 106-17 vs Marshall the last 2 years. Buffalo was 5-0 ATS as a home dog last year.

Kent St is 11-76-1 SU the last 8 years. 32-48-1 ATS over that span. Buffalo beat Kent St 20-17 last year in overtime.

E Michigan is 9-13-1 as a home favorite since 1990. This will be Buffalo's 1st meeting with E Michigan.

The average score in this series is Ohio 44 Buffalo 13. Buffalo has been outscored 87-26 vs Ohio the last 2 years.

The Bulls lost 17-10 (at home) in 1999 & 49-14 in Akron LY. Akron is 4-10-1 ATS the last 5 years on grass.

STADIUM: UB STADIUM (31,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	8-3	2-9	4-7	0-11	2-9	22-55
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	10-10
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-0	6-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-4	4-7
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	10-10
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-5	6-1	9-6
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-4
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	8-8
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-2
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	8-8

Coach: JIM HOFHER (Career 44-36) Hofher's records AT BUFFALO

1st Year at Buffalo	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

BUFFALO (2-9)

CONFERENCE: **MAC EAST**



RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 8* **Returning: 43 (21,18,4)**
DEFENSE: 6 **Lost: 20 (8,11,1)**

LETTERMEN:

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	16.1	19	130	3.2	193	52.9	20.0	-18	2000	6	41.1	22	209	4.4	217	57.2	10.4
9	11.8	17	129	3.2	171	49.0	25.4	-6	1999	9	38.7	25	234	5.1	260	65.9	12.8
-	29.0	22	224	5.1	203	53.0	14.8	-5	1998	-	28.6	21	226	5.0	188	56.0	14.4
-	20.1	21	80	2.1	298	54.3	18.2	-	1997	-	37.5	21	177	4.3	226	59.5	25.0
-	18.1	17	149	3.3	132	41.7	15.5	-	1996	-	23.5	16	156	3.5	176	51.3	14.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Syracuse	14	33-102	3.1	16-36	168	3	23	50-304	6.1	6-9	82	2	-4
at Rutgers	17	37-107	-0.2	24-45	223	4	19	39-187	4.8	19-29	266	0	-3
UConn	21	36-101	2.8	26-40	259	1	22	38-139	3.7	20-37	199	3	-1
Bowling Green	18	31-64	2.1	24-38	183	3	13	50-112	2.2	5-20	63	6	-3
at Marshall	10	25-6	0.2	15-28	186	2	26	46-148	3.2	28-41	483	2	0
at Ohio U	22	46-145	3.2	17-31	262	4	25	62-367	5.9	4-8	109	0	-3
Ball St	21	44-252	5.7	14-24	172	0	24	57-192	3.4	13-18	248	4	0
at N Illinois	12	30-160	5.3	9-29	121	0	33	54-286	5.3	21-32	360	2	-4
Kent St	24	50-73	1.5	23-36	323	6	17	39-108	2.8	18-31	185	3	0
at Akron	22	54-243	4.5	9-26	100	3	22	42-241	5.7	12-25	287	0	-2
Miami (Oh)	25	56-290	5.2	12-24	121	1	20	47-217	4.6	9-21	104	3	+2
TOTALS	206	442-1429	3.2	189-357	2118	27	244	524-2301	4.4	155-271	2386	25	-18
AVERAGES	18.7	40-130	3.2	17-32	193	2.5	22.2	48-209	4.4	14-25	217	2.3	-1.6

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	41-35	-
UConn	NL	3-20	-
at Colgate	NL	36-16	-
at Lehigh	NL	34-20	-
Edinboro	NL	17-7	-
Cornell	NL	41-24	-
Youngstown St	NL	6-17	-
at Massachusetts	NL	20-41	-
at Hofstra	NL	14-10	-
New Haven	NL	24-20	-
at Maine	NL	35-31	-

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Lock Haven	NL	30-7	-
at Illinois St	NL	28-40	-
Delaware St	NL	40-30	-
at Ohio U	NL	0-50	-
W Chester St	NL	27-30	-
at UConn	NL	0-55	-
at Youngstown St	NL	17-52	-
Massachusetts	NL	20-26	-
Hofstra	NL	26-37	-
Maine	NL	13-52	-
at Villanova	NL	28-42	-

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Maine	NL	13-30	-
Lock Haven	NL	40-17	-
at Lafayette	NL	16-14	-
at Massachusetts	NL	27-51	-
at Cornell	NL	31-34	-
Morgan St	NL	35-17	-
Canisius	NL	47-0	-
at Liberty	NL	24-27	-
W Illinois	NL	6-41	-
at Villanova	NL	40-65	-
at Hofstra	NL	36-44	-

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	+20	10-17	W
at UConn	NL	0-23	-
at Ohio U	+22	6-45	L
N Illinois	+16	21-45	L
C Michigan	+17	19-38	L
at W Michigan	+33	17-45	W
Marshall	+44	3-59	L
at Kent St	+14	20-41	L
Hofstra	NL	13-20	-
at Virginia	+49	21-50	W
at Miami (Oh)	+33	0-43	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+43'	7-63	L
at Rutgers	+24'	0-59	L
UConn	+14'	21-24	W
Bowling Green	+20'	20-17	W
at Marshall	+43'	14-47	W
at Ohio U	+31	20-42	W
Ball St	+10'	35-44	W
at N Illinois	+34	10-73	L
Kent St	+37	20-17	W
at Akron	+29	14-49	L
Miami (Oh)	+21	16-17	W

TOLEDO ROCKETS



TB Chester Taylor has earned 1st Team MAC honors each of the past two years.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999's magazine I called for Tavares Bolden to win the starting QB job but he did not take over until the season's fifth game. In the first four, Toledo averaged just 20.8 ppg but Bolden's insertion into the lineup put them in high gear and they averaged 30.1 ppg the last 7. Bolden threw for 1,354 yards (53.7%) with a 9-7 ratio and rushed for 442 yards in '99. Last year he was inconsistent at times but in his 11 starts threw for 1,597 yards (56.9%) with an impressive 13-4 ratio and rushed for 464 yards. He benches 325 and has 4.6 speed and was named 1st Team MAC. Keon Frazier (6-1 190 So) was PS#93 and had 17 pass attempts last year and added 64 yards rushing. JR Winchester (5-10 190 Jr) was PS#370 DB and is in the mix. Brian Jones is PS#150 JUCO and may vault into the 2nd string job as he threw for 5,600 yards and 52 TD's in a similar offense at JC the last two years. Bolden had just 4 int's last year which was the 2nd lowest in the NCAA, was sacked only 3 times and lost only 1 fumble. He does have to learn an entirely new offense and terminology, but is the perfect QB for the spread with a strong arm and his mobility will be used often. As long as Bolden stays healthy, I look for solid improvement from him this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Toledo has finished in the top 10 in the NCAA in rushing in both of the last two years thanks mostly to super RB Chester Taylor. Taylor is the school's 2nd leading career rusher with 3,229 yards and is within 1,000 of becoming the all-time leader. Taylor added 10 lbs to his frame last year but maintained his 4.49 speed and was named the MAC Off POY in 2000. Toledo is switching to a spread offense, but that may not effect his numbers as much as expected as less defensive players are in the box and he may find more room to run (just ask Damien Anderson of N'Western). Taylor is the #3 returning rusher in the NCAA. Antwon McCray (5-11 200 Sr) rushed for 424 yards (5.9) in 1999 and 567 (4.8) last year and is also back. William Bratton (5-8 225 Sr), who was PS#326, had 486 yards in 1999 (3.9) and 169 last year (4.8). Adam Cuomo (5-9 195 So) had 62 yards rushing in 2000. Both return. As long as Taylor stays healthy, this unit could be even stronger this season.

RECEIVERS - With the change to the new spread offense, this position

should see a bigger share of the action. I list the 2 deep of WR's below. There is some talent available although they lose their all-time career leading receiver in Mel Long who led the team last year with 50 rec's (11.7). Last year almost all of the top players were back but they had to replace their top TE. This year all of the top TE's are back. Greg Grothous (PS#34) was starting to emerge with 4 rec's against N Illinois when he broke his leg and was out for the year. Pinkel had high expectations for him. I list the rest of the backup TE's below and Jason Spiece (PS#41) is another HT. Long will be tough to replace, but this unit appears to be in solid shape and I'll call it on par with last year's group. They will clearly land a lot more receptions in the new offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 Toledo's excellent offensive line paved the way for 5.3 ypc rushing and allowed just 8 sacks on the year. Last year they had to only replace one starter and a pair of backups but that starter was a 2 time 1st Team All MAC LT. Surprisingly, although it's tough to improve upon those 1999 stats, Toledo did so allowing just 3 sacks on the year, the fewest in the nation, while rolling for 5.4 ypc rushing. This year they have 8 of the top 10 back but the 2 losses are big in RT Jim Harding (11 sts, 4 yr str, 1st Tm MAC, Top OL) and LG Michael Schaefer (11 sts, 3 yr str, 2nd Tm MAC). C Nick Otterbacher missed this spring practice due to injury, but should return healthy for the fall. This is a fairly experienced group with 3 full-time starters back and 4 players with starting experience, but with the loss of their top 2 players, it will be tough to match last year's tremendous performance.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rockets have always had a solid defense with Amstutz as the coordinator. In 1999 they allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing and recorded 32 sacks. Last year they returned all 4 starters to the DL with only 1 backup departing and no less than 6 players came back with starting experience, as they improved to allowing just 2.5 ypc with 35 sacks. This year they only lose one player but it is DE DeJuan Gouldie (11 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 73 tkl, 9 sks, 8 tfl, Top DL Award) who was a runner-up for the MAC Defensive POY Award. Amstutz is very high on this group saying they are 2 deep in talent and if you look at the unit listed below, you will see that the second string is indeed strong with DE Frank Offili having 4.59 speed, Sameer Hamood having started 12 games in 1998 and is now 100% healthy and the other 2 are HT's. Amstutz says he has two sets of 1st string linemen and will rotate them often. This clearly is one of the MAC's best defensive lines, but with the loss of its star, it will be tough to match last year's outstanding production.

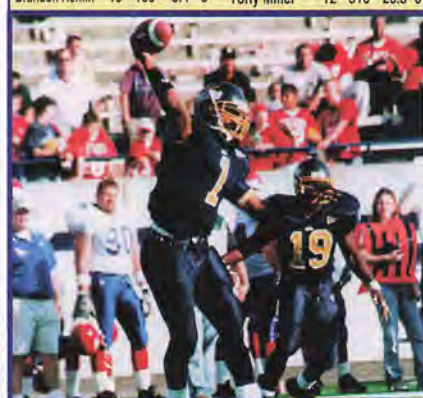
LINEBACKERS - Toledo runs a 4-4 defense but I list the ROV at SS and the WHIP LB with this unit. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler as well as one other starter and one backup. This year they lose their #1 tackler again in Kevin Rollins (11 sts, 95 tkl, 10 sks, HM MAC) but return 5 of the top 6 and surprisingly have a couple of VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. All 3 first teamers have starting experience and Tom Ward had 70 tackles last year and was PS#40TE. Even with the loss of their star, this unit still is one of the MAC's best LB corps and they have equal experience to last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Toledo ranked #71 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace one starting CB but had 4 players back with starting experience. Naturally they improved in the rankings but surprisingly only to #53 although they allowed just 53.3% with a 5-15 ratio, they took on a very soft slate of opposing pass attacks. This year they must replace ROV Ira Singleton (11 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 82 tkl, 12 tfl, 9 pbu) backup CB Marcus Hill (3 sts, 22 tkl in '99) and CB Fabian Burke (17 tkl). Both starting CB's are back as is top-notch FS Boyd who was voted the team's top DB last season. I list the 2 deep below and look for Toledo to rise in the pass defense rankings again this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Toledo ranked just #74 in my special teams rankings in 1998 and had to replace their top P, KR and PR in 1999 and slipped to #88. Last year everyone was back including Groza Semifinalist K Todd France and the unit made substantial improvement, rising up to #45. France is back for his 4th season and was 1st Tm MAC last year while hitting 15 of 19 FG's with a long of 45. He did have a 51 yarder in 1999 and a 49 yarder as a true frosh. His KO's were solid and a big reason why Toledo allowed just 17.7 per KR. All of the top returners are back and KR Tony Miller led the MAC with a 26.3 average on KR's. For the 2nd straight year Toledo used a true frosh at P and Brandon Hannum averaged 37.9. Toledo blocked 2 punts last year. With everyone back, this looks like the MAC's best special teams unit.

TOLEDO 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Chester Taylor	250	1501	31	1470	18	5.9					
Antwon McCray	119	580	13	567	3	4.8					
Tavares Bolden	73	464	74	390	5	5.3					
William Bratton	35	174	5	169	3	4.8					
Keon Frazier	5	64	0	64	0	12.8					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Tavares Bolden	283	161	56.9	1597	13	4					
Keon Frazier	17	8	47.1	61	0	0					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Mel Long	50	587	11.7	6	83						
Donta Greene	31	288	9.3	2	22						
Lyle Green	23	160	7.0	1	15						
Chester Taylor	17	129	7.6	1	25						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	in20				
Brandon Hannum	55	2083	37.9	-	32.6	0	14				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Todd France	4-4	8-9	3-6	0-0	15-19	45					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Rollins	95	10	4	3	3	Jehu Anderson	64	2	1	10	1
Andy Boyd	95	1	1	6	3	Leo Frierson	61	3	4	1	0
David Gardner	82	1	11	3	0	Sid Daniels	55	0	4	3	0
Ira Singleton	82	5	7	9	1	Jake McLean	52	5	3	1	0
Corey Morris	75	2	4	2	2	Brandon Hefflin	44	0	1	7	3
DeJuan Gouldie	73	9	8	0	0	David Bockmore	44	3	3	1	0
Tom Ward	70	0	4	5	1	Sameer Hamood	27	3	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Brandon Hefflin	19	159	8.4	0	Tony Miller	12	316	26.3	0		



QB Tavares Bolden leads a potent offense for the Rockets.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Pinkel did a tremendous job here and last season had just six starters lost and returned 52 of 60 members from a 6-5 team. Toledo was clearly the best team in the MAC last year and deserved a bowl bid. They ended the season #25 in the polls (highest since 18th in 1997) and beat Penn St and Marshall by a combined 66-6. They set an attendance record last year averaging 26,884 (102% of capacity) and their overall record of 49-16-1 is the ninth best in the NCAA since 1995. They also have the most wins in the MAC since 1990 but surprisingly have not won a MAC Title since 1995. Toledo had just one slipup last year, a 21-14 loss to W Michigan, and were home for the holidays despite ranking in the top 40 in both my offensive and defensive rankings (the only MAC team to do so). This year 78 of the 84 players improved their speed in winter conditioning and 11 players ran a 4.40 or better, the best ever here. The Rockets return 15 starters and only lose 14 lettermen from last year and are clearly capable of a season much like 2000. I do, however, have 3 major concerns. First of all, Toledo benefitted from a +22 turnover margin last year (see Turnovers-Turnaround on page 277). Secondly, they must replace head coach Gary Pinkel and almost every one of his assistants went with him to Missouri. Tom Amstutz, who has been the DC here since 1994 and was the assistant HC last year, takes over the duties. Lastly, they're radically changing the offense, moving to the spread pass attack bringing in Robert Spence, the co-offensive coordinator from Louisiana Tech. Last year's team averaged 36.4 ppg and 5.4 ypc rushing but QB Tavares Bolden and the rest of the 7 returning starters on offense struggled a little in the spring learning the brand new schemes. If Toledo can overcome those 3 major factors, and their first two opponents which will be tough tests in Minnesota and Temple, they have an excellent shot at matching or beating last year's record and are my choice to get to the MAC Title Game from the West Division.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB	Brian Jones	6-2 215 PS#150JC
DL	Chris Wakeman	6-5 250 PS#213
LB	David Thomas	6-2 215 PS#238
LB	Keon Jackson	6-0 190 PS#280
QB	Bruce Gradkowski	6-2 190 PS#195
QB	Shawn Nixon	6-1 180 PS#209
LB	Melvin Butler	6-2 220 PS#308
DL	Ballard Winbush	6-4 260 PS#444
QB	Terrance Matthews	6-2 180 PS#288
RB	Trinity Dawson	5-10 180 PS#629
OL	Steve Vierk	6-6 300 PS#705
LB	Danard Mansfield	6-0 230 PS#559

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2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
QB TAVARES BOLDEN SR. 6-1 205 PS#103. Str'd L/R as rFr, 1354 yds (54%) 9-7 ratio, 442 yds rush, 11 sts in 2000, 1597 yds (57%), 13-4 ratio, 464 rush, 4.6 spd, 1st Tm MAC.	DE LEO FRIERSON SR. 6-2 245 9 starts, 48 tkl, 5 sks, 10 tfl in '99, 10 sts, 61 tkl, 3 sks, 4 tfl last year. Frank Offili (6-3 240 So) 4.59 speed, 355 bench, 38" VL, 21 tkl, 6 sks last year.
RB CHESTER TAYLOR SR. 5-10 205 2 sts in '98, 570 yds (5.5), 1st Tm MAC in '99 & 2000, 1176 yds (6.5) in '99, 1470 yds (5.9), 17 rec (7.6) ly. Antwon McCray (6-0 205 Sr) 991 yds (5.2) 2 yrs.	DT Phil Gibson Sr. 6-2 295 2 sts, 24 tkl, 4 tfl in '99, 6 sts, 21 tkl, 3 tfl ly. 4.85 spd, 400 bench. Sameer Hamood (6-3 270 Sr) 12 sts, 55 tkl, 6 tfl in '98, 5 sts, 51 tkl, 6 tfl L/2Y.
WR DONTA GREENE JR. 5-7 180 PS#253WR. 30 rec (11.6) in '99, 31 rec (9.3) in 10 sts ly. Corter Reese (6-2 175 rFr) PS#109, 4.45 speed. Kentucky HS record in receiving as a Jr.	DT JAKE MCLEAN SR. 6-4 280 4 sts, 17 tkl as true, 10 sts, 51 tkl, 4 sks, 10 tfl in '99, 9 sts, 52 tkl, 5 sks ly. Chaz Williams (6-3 287 Jr) PS#95, 405 bench, 5.1 spd, Jim Barker, 55 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y.
WR Manny Johnson Jr. 5-7 155 PS#235WR. 5 starts, 13 rec (11.0) in '99, 7 starts, 15 rec (10.3) in 2000, 4.35 speed. Miquel Irvin (6-2 180 Jr) PS#83, 2 starts, 3 rec in 2 years.	DE DAVID BOCKMORE SR. 6-4 249 PS#291RB. 2 sts, 25 tkl, 5 tfl in '99, 7 sts, 44 tkl, 6 tfl ly. Torrance Cradeth (6-2 243 Jr) PS#74LB. 8 tkl, 4 tfl in '99, 18 tkl, 3 tfl ly. 4.67 spd.
WR Carl Ford Jr. 6-1 170 PS#280WR. 6 starts, 15 rec (11.5) in '99, 3 starts, 9 rec (9.6) last year. Terrence Hudson (6-1 180 rFr) 4.5 speed, 'Starter' this year 4 WR sts.	ILB Tom Ward Jr. 6-1 236 PS#40TE. 24 tkl in '99, 2 starts, 70 tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int last year. Anthony Abron (6-2 220 Jr) PS#287LB. Jake Huntoon (5-11 236 So) was PS#223.
TE GREG GROTHOUS JR. 6-6 240 PS#34, 1 rec in '99, 9 starts last year (tfl int), 10 rec (16.0). Jason Spiece (6-2 230 Jr) PS#41, 4 sts, 2 yrs, 7 rec. Andrew Clarke (6-4 240 rFr).	ILB DAVID GARDNER JR. 6-2 231 PS#186RB. 4 starts, 59 tkl, 7 tfl, 6 pbu, 1 int in '99, 9 starts, 82 tkl, 12 tfl, 3 pbu ly. Jason Manson (6-1 226 Sr) was PS#47LB. 28 tkl in 3 years.
C NICK OTTERBACHER SR. 6-1 280 9 starts at C in '98, 10 sts in '99, HM MAC in 2000, 10 sts. InJ'd in spring, 400 bench. Chris Tuminello (6-3 282 Jr) PS#211, 1 start, 2L in career.	WHIP COREY MORRIS SR. 6-0 208 PS#32DB. 5 tkl in '98, 1 st, 29 tkl, 3 pbu in '99, 11 sts ly, 75 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 int, 4.56 spd, 400 bench. Sid Daniels (5-10 190 Sr) 24 tkl in '99, 55 tkl, 4 tfl ly.
RG Archie Godfrey Jr. 6-5 281 Started last 3 games at RG last year, 1 letter. David Odenthal (6-2 292 So) PS#47OL. HS in Germany. Can play OG/OT. John Polczak (6-2 290 Jr).	CB BRANDON HEFFLIN SO. 6-1 170 PS#240WR. 11 sts as rFr, 44 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int. Avg 8.4 on 19 PPR's. Scored 2 def TD's ly. James Stanley (6-1 185 Jr) had 15 tkl, 2 tfl in '99, 4 tkl ly.
LG MATT COMER SR. 6-3 283 Lettered as backup in 1998, 6 starts at OG in 1999. First 8 sts @ RG ly. 3L, 400 bench. Wael Jarbou (6-5 285 rFr). Mike Sacco (6-7 280 rFr).	CB JEHU ANDERSON JR. 6-1 186 8 sts, 48 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int in '99, 11 sts ly, 64 tkl, 10 pbu, 1 int, 4.45 spd. Tony Miller (5-9 179 Jr) 4.43 speed, 11 tkl, avg 7.0 on PPR's, 26.3 on KR's ly.
RT Erik Faasen So. 6-8 335 PS#207. HUGE! Will compete to start at RT along with Tim Dirksen (6-4 285 So). Nic Kaczur (6-6 300 Fr) is from Canada. PS#449 ly, delayed enrollment.	ROV Paul Dye So. 6-2 206 4.55 speed, 13 tkl, 2 pbu last year. Dorian Kaulder (5-10 192 So) 17 tkl in 2000. Will challenge to start and also play in nickel & dime packages.
LT NOAH SWARTZ JR. 6-5 302 Lettered as backup in '99, 11 sts at LT in 2000. Also saw time at OG in spring. 5.1 spd. Darric Randolph (6-3 272 So) PS#449, #2 LT in spring.	FS ANDY BOYD SR. 6-2 203 4.49 speed, 8 sts, 76 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int in '99, 10 starts, 61 tkl, 3 int in '99, 11 sts, 95 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int ly. Demetris Simms (6-2 196 Jr) 9 tkl L/2Y.
K TODD FRANCE SR. 6-3 185 11 of 19 FG's, long of 49 as true, 18 of 26 FG's, long 51. 2nd Team MAC in '99, 15 of 19 FG's in 2000, 1st Tm MAC, long 45, 3 of 6 from 40-49.	P BRANDON HANNUM SO. 6-3 222 55 punts as true, 37.9 avg, net of 32.6, 14 inside 20, Jason Robbins (5-10 180 Fr) PS#8K ly. Delayed enrollment to 2001 and will challenge for job.

TOLEDO ROCKETS

Toledo, Ohio
Weather (419) 332-5111

2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rockets are 2-5 ATS their last 7 tries as a home dog.
Toledo is 30-16-2 ATS the last 7 years as a favorite.
Rockets are 6-2 ATS as a home favorite the last 2 years.
Toledo has had a positive turnover ratio every year since 1995.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 31	Minnesota (Fri)	A												
Sep. 8	at Temple	A												
Sep. 15	Youngstown St	A												
Sep. 22	at C Michigan	A												
Sep. 29	N Illinois	A												
Oct. 6	at Ohio U	G												
Oct. 13														
Oct. 20	at Ball St	G												
Oct. 27	Navy (HC)	A												
Nov. 6	W Michigan (Tues)	A												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	E Michigan	A												
Nov. 23	at Bowling Green (Fri)	G												

Rockets are 2-6 ATS as a dog since 1998.
Toledo is 29-20-2 ATS on artificial turf the last 7 years.
If favored here, UT is 15-6-1 ATS the L7Y as an away favorite.
Could apply: Toledo is 13-5 ATS their last 18 off a SU loss.
Rockets are 4-0 SU in "NL" games since 1996, 8-1 since '93.
YSU is a Div IAA powerhouse & have won several National Titles.
Toledo is 5-1 ATS & 6-0 SU their L6 meetings with the Chippewas.
In those 6 years, Toledo has outscored C Michigan 173-64.
Rockets are 6-1 ATS in their last 7 sandwiched home games.
Toledo is 7-0 SU & 5-1-1 ATS vs N Illinois since 1990.
This will be OU & UT's 1st matchup since 1996.
Toledo is 3-6-1 ATS their last 10 prior to a bye week.
Toledo is 7-3 ATS their last 10 after a bye week.
Rockets are 7-4 ATS vs Ball St since 1990.
Toledo beat Navy last year 35-14 as 18 pt favs in Annapolis.
The road team is 2-0 SU & ATS in 2 meetings since 1990.
Toledo is 8-3 ATS & 9-2 SU vs W Michigan the last 11 years.
The Rockets are 11-7 ATS the L5Y in November & December.
Toledo is 8-3 SU but 6-5 ATS vs E Michigan the last 11 years.
The Rockets are a perfect 11-0 SU in their final HG, 9-2 ATS.
Toledo is 4-2 ATS & 5-1 SU their L6 meetings with BG.
Rockets are 9-2 ATS the last 11 years in their season finale.

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	10-0-1	7-4	9-3	7-5	6-5	10-1	55-22-1
ATS	5-4	7-3	6-4	7-5	4-6-2	5-5	7-2	41-29-2
Home Fav	1-0	2-3	2-1	2-2	2-2-1	3-1	3-1	15-10-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-0	0-2	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	4-6
Away Fav	2-1	2-0	2-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	3-1	15-6-1
Away Dog	0-2	3-0	2-0	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	7-7
Favorite	3-1	4-3	4-2	5-3	3-3-2	5-2	6-2	30-16-2
Dog	2-3	3-0	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-0	11-13
Grass	1-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	11-9
Artificial	4-2	4-3	4-3	5-3	4-4-2	4-4	5-1	30-20-2
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	6-2	5-4	4-4-1	5-3	5-2	35-21-1
vs Non-Conf	0-1	2-0	0-2	2-1	0-2-1	0-2	2-0	6-8-1
Off SU Win	3-3	5-3	3-2	5-4	1-5-1	2-2	5-2	24-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	13-5

Coach: TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 0-0)
Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

1st Year at Toledo	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0 Straight Up	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0 Off A S/U Loss	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0 Vs Conference	0-0	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
70	Tangerine	NL	William & Mary	40-12	-
71	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	28-3	-
81	California	NL	San Jose St	27-25	-
84	California	NL	UNLV	13-30	-
95	Las Vegas	E	Nevada	40-37	W

TOLEDO (10-1) CONFERENCE: **MAC WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (16,23,2)
Lost: 14 (8,5,1)



TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	FD	OFF	YPC	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	DEF	PTS	DEF	FD	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
9*	36.4	22	254	5.4	151	56.3	11.1	+22	2000	8	11.4	15	82	2.5	188	53.3	23.7										
8	26.6	21	239	5.3	171	52.9	15.4	+8	1999	7	20.8	19	107	3.1	240	62.0	16.7										
10*	19.1	18	120	3.3	208	55.0	17.2	+2	1998	5	18.0	18	163	3.8	196	56.9	19.9										
5	29.7	23	171	4.2	248	53.7	14.1	+8	1997	8	22.3	18	128	3.5	223	52.5	15.7										
6*	18.2	19	122	3.2	189	54.1	17.1	+5	1996	7	23.5	18	160	3.8	203	54.7	15.5										
8	34.3	23	251	5.0	179	56.8	12.6	+16	1995	10	22.0	16	134	3.7	220	57.2	15.8										

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Penn St	25	54-245	4.5	18-28	140	3		9	27-30	1.1	10-24	136	7	+1	
Weber St	26	45-205	4.6	18-27	201	0		15	35-22	0.6	17-35	198	4	+4	
E Illinois	20	45-258	5.7	11-28	103	0		23	29-108	3.7	25-46	414	2	+4	
at W Michigan	19	29-124	4.3	23-50	188	0		17	40-132	3.3	18-37	231	4	+1	
C Michigan	29	56-311	5.6	15-26	146	0		8	24-43	1.8	14-24	125	1	+1	
at E Michigan	26	58-281	4.8	16-26	123	0		9	26-66	2.5	14-22	107	1	+3	
Marshall	21	49-247	5.0	13-19	140	0		13	28-42	1.5	21-39	218	5	+3	
at Navy	18	41-251	6.1	17-28	135	0		14	46-127	2.8	10-18	105	3	0	
at N Illinois	25	55-335	6.1	21-26	226	0		18	36-165	4.6	13-26	193	1	0	
Ball St	14	35-260	7.4	6-19	82	0		21	44-81	1.8	24-36	200	3	+2	
Bowling Green	19	47-275	5.9	11-23	174	0		13	30-81	2.7	14-31	136	4	+3	
TOTALS	242	514-2792	5.4	169-300	1658	3		160	365-897	2.5	180-338	2063	35	+22	
AVERAGES	22.0	47-254	5.4	15-27	151	0.3		14.5	33-82	2.5	16	31	188	3.2	2.0

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	+3	6-40	L	Purdue	+9	36-22	W	Temple	-12	24-12	T	Syracuse	+13	12-35	L	at Penn St	+18	24-6	W
at Akron	-14	27-10	W	E Michigan	-7	38-35	L	at Ohio St	+37	0-49	L	at Ball St	-6	23-10	W	Weber St	NL	51-0	-
at E Michigan	E	24-7	W	at W Michigan	-2	23-13	W	W Michigan	-8	35-7	W	Massachusetts	NL	24-3	-	E Illinois	NL	31-26	-
Weber St	NL	31-24	-	Nevada	+1	31-13	W	at Miami (Oh)	+6	14-28	L	at Bowling Green	-2	23-34	L	at W Michigan	-2	14-21	L
Bowling Green	-2	24-16	W	at C Michigan	-12	41-10	W	UCF	+3	24-31	L	Kent St	-19	47-7	W	C Michigan	-22	41-0	W
at Louisiana Tech	-1	20-61	L	N Illinois	-30	41-14	L	Ball St	-19	27-6	W	at Marshall	+23	13-38	L	at E Michigan	-17	42-14	W
W Michigan	-8	10-7	L	at Bowling Green	-10	35-20	W	Bowling Green	-10	24-16	L	E Michigan	-10	13-20	L	Marshall	-7	42-0	W
Miami (Oh)	+3	7-27	L	Miami (Oh)	-1	35-28	W	at Akron	-6	24-17	W	Louisiana Tech	+6	17-34	L	at Navy	-18	35-14	W
C Michigan	-2	23-20	W	at Ball St	-11	3-35	L	at N Illinois	-13	16-3	T	at C Michigan	-6	32-13	W	at N Illinois	-5	38-24	W
at Ball St	+12	14-24	W	Akron	-21	42-10	W	C Michigan	-13	17-14	L	N Illinois	-6	44-14	W	Ball St	-32	31-3	L
at Ohio U	+8	24-23	W	at UCF	+6	17-34	L	at E Michigan	-12	7-10	L	W Michigan	-3	45-21	W	Bowling Green	-25	51-17	W

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES



RB Thomas Hammock didn't take a rest last year, rushing for over 1,000 yards and 16 TD's.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 this was the most injury prone position in the NCAA as the Huskies were down to their 6th string QB, Craig Harmon, at the end of the year. Harmon had 8 starts and 795 yards passing but a 2-9 ratio. The returning starter that year was Chris Finlen but he broke his collarbone in August and redshirted. In 1999 Finlen started the last 8 games and had 9 starts overall and threw for 1,551 yards (59.3%) with a 12-11 ratio and was #3 in the MAC in completion percentage. Finlen can bench 225 lbs 15 times and squats 415 with a 34" vertical jump. Last year he started all 11 games and set an NI Division IA record with 1,857 passing yards (57%) with an 11-9 ratio and rushed for 190 yards. He was 26th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Finlen has worked hard in the offseason and has lost 10 lbs getting leaner and stronger. Dan Urban (6-1 195 Jr) got in 33 pass attempts last year, throwing for 325 yards (51.5%) with a 2-2 ratio. He missed spring to play baseball but will likely be the backup. Joshua Haldi (6-2 184 Jr) was PS#264. JUCO Kyle Padia (6-3 220 Jr) threw for 1,112 yards (41%) with a 6-10 ratio at JC last year and was #2 coming out of the spring. As long as Finlen stays healthy, he will probably break the records he set last year and have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year I thought for the 3rd straight year that NI would be returning their solid TB duo of William Andrews and Ivory Bryant. Andrews rushed for 1,127 yards (4.7) in 1999 and Bryant had 828 (3.7) in 1997. The position looked to be in great shape but both players were ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. I thought the world of last year's O-line for the Huskies and while they deserve a lot of credit for NI's rushing game last year, the contributions of Thomas Hammock and Michael Turner cannot be discounted and in fact should be commended. Hammock rushed for 1,083 yards (5.0) in just 9 games. He was among the NCAA leaders in rushing when he went down with an injury (deep cut in ankle) and missed the last two games. True frosh Turner had 472 yards in the first 9 games, but then rushed for 230 and 281 yards in the final 2 games and set an NCAA frosh record with 52 rush attempts vs CM. Their ability to step up when called upon was a key to NI's success on offense last year. I list the FB's below and they are in solid shape at that position. Also in the mix at TB are Jason Hawkins (6-2 211 Jr) who was PS#145LB, Kevin Woods (5-10 180 Jr) who was PS#205DB as well as DuJuan Johnson (6-1 180 So, PS#273DB). While the O-line looks weaker this year and the production from this unit may not match last year's high standards, the talent and experience makes this unit stronger than last year.

RECEIVERS - Coming into last season NI had basically everyone back to this unit but they lost returning starter Darrell Hill to injury after 2 starts and then Hill's replacement, PJ Fleck, missed 4 games and parts of others after injury. Turner Pugh saw action in 8 games, but missed the last 3 with injury. At the end of the season Randee Drew played both CB and WR to fill in for the depleted depth. The good news last year was that Justin McCareins was back and he had another exceptional year with 66 rec's and a career best 17.7 ypc. He was voted 1st Team MAC at WR and the MAC Special Teams POY and was the #4 DC of TEN. He leaves as the school's record holder in rec's, yards and TD's and had 2,013 all-purpose yards last year. Everyone else is back including Hill who was granted an extra year of eligibility due to last season's injury. Hill is as big as McCareins was and is even faster, but is still a track guy playing football and needs to work on his skills although he has captured the attention of NFL scouts. I list the two deep below. Also last year TE Matt Dunker was injured after 8 starts and he returns. WR Rob Lee (6-0 181 Jr) who was PS#149 is also in the mix. While this unit has better depth than it had last season, it will be tough to replace McCareins, and I'll call this unit weaker in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - To illustrate the strength of the Huskie O-line you need only to look at the fact that they lost their top 2 RB's just prior to the season but still helped Thomas Hammock emerge as one of the top rushers in the NCAA. When he went down in Week 9, Michael Turner rushed for 511 yards in 2 starts, showing the power of the front wall. CM Coach Mike DeBord said, "I could run behind that O-line and get 1,000 yards." In 1999 NI got off to a slow start because of a lack of continuity on the O-line. Three starters missed spring and summer and they didn't really begin to work together as a unit until August. They became more effective as the season went on and last year had all 5 starters back. This was the most underrated offensive line in the country. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace C McAllister Collins (10 sts, 3 yr str), LG Kyle Jakubek (11 sts, 3 yr str) and their star RT Ryan Diem (11 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 4 yr str, #4 DC of IND). Those 3 combined for 103 starts in their careers. Also gone is backup RG Matt Cockrum. Tim Vincent is back at tackle and has a good shot at All-MAC honors this year. I list the 2 deep below with a couple of HT Jr adding talent. Not listed below is Joel Ellis (6-5 302 So) who benches 340 and was PS#287OL. This still looks like a good unit this year, but clearly is less experienced and will not be as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Huskies only had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup but surprisingly with 3 starters back went from allowing 3.9 ypc rushing in 1999 to 4.1 last year and recorded just 19 sacks as a team. This year they must replace DE Lewis Miskowicz (11 sts, 36 tkls, 3 sks) and will most likely lose DT Darian Tate (9 sts, 30 tkls, 3 pbu). There is a slim chance Tate will qualify academically and be able to return. They have 2 full-time starters back and 3 players with starting experience from last year's group. They have talent in the 2 deep I list below including plenty of HT's and I look for this group to improve upon last year's production.

LINEBACKERS - NI had a veteran LB corps last year with all 3 starters back and each ran the 40 in 4.75 or less. This year they must replace LB Cameron Saulsby (11 sts, 64 tkls, 10 tfl), MLB Kevin Selover (11 sts, 80 tkls, 4 tfl) and backup Rocky Newton (22 tkls, 1 tfl). I project true frosh Jason Hutton into the 2 deep at LB, and they do return their star in Larry Williams who led the team in tackles, was 1st Team All-MAC and added 13 tfl. This has the makings of a decent group, but is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies ranked #82 in my pass D rankings in 1998 and improved to #64 in 1999 with 4 starters back. Last year they had 7 of their 8 DB's returning but had to replace their Defensive MVP and #1 tackling FS. They then lost both starting CB's prior to the season, so they ended up having just 1 starter returning. CB Demerist Whitfield was the star with 5 int's and 11 pbu. UCF's Coach Krueczek was impressed with the group, calling them "the assassins." NI however dropped to #95 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.6% with a 19-12 ratio. This year they must replace FS Buster Sampson (11 sts, 107 tkls, 2nd Tm MAC), SS Jermaine Hampton (11 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 112 tkls) and CB Chauncy O'Neal (11 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and this group has basically more returning starters than last year and although having to replace a pair of All Conference performers will be tough, they could rise in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 NI finished -4 in the TD/bk category and plummeted to #109 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to break in a new P and K and also lost their top returnman, PJ Fleck, to injury at midseason. Fortunately Justin McCareins stepped in and averaged 19.1 per P to easily lead the MAC in that category and also helped by his 22.8 KR avg was voted the MAC's Special Teams POY. JUCO P Erwin was #10 in the MAC in punting with a 38.1 average and a net of just 30.6. K Steve Azar not

N ILLINOIS 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Thomas Hammock	215	1108	25	1083	16	5.0					
Michael Turner	200	1036	53	983	7	4.9					
Jon Lanum	41	204	25	179	2	4.4					
Chris Finlen	43	190	100	90	5	2.1					
Justin McCareins	8	73	0	73	0	9.1					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Chris Finlen	231	131	56.7	1857	11	9					
Dan Urban	33	17	51.5	325	2	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
Justin McCareins	66	1168	17.7	10	99						
Keith Perry	35	462	13.2	1	41						
PJ Fleck	17	146	8.6	0	22						
Matt Dunker	9	128	14.2	2	44						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20				
Jimmy Erwin	44	1675	38.1	-	30.6	0	13				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Steve Azar	8-9	4-4	2-2	0-0	14-15	44					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
L Williams	112	4	9	1	0	D. Whitfield	53	0	4	11	5
J. Hampton	112	0	4	3	0	J. Busald	41	3	5	1	0
B. Sampson	107	0	3	2	0	L. Miskowicz	36	3	1	0	0
K. Selover	80	0	4	1	0	N. Duffy	30	0	0	1	0
V. Thompson	69	1	2	4	0	D. Tate	30	0	2	3	0
C. Saulsby	64	3	7	3	0	R. Drew	26	0	2	2	0
T. Clemen	54	1	3	6	0	R. Newton	22	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
J. McCareins	19	362	19.1	1	J. McCareins	18	411	22.8	0		

only hit 14 straight FG's last year (school record) but also greatly improved the KO's as they allowed just 16.6 per return. The team also blocked four punts and McCareins had 1 PR TD for a +5 in the TD/Bk category. Overall, it was good enough for NI to rank #8 in my special teams rankings. The big loss this year is McCareins and I look for the return game to clearly drop-off this season with his absence. I do expect improvement in the punting while the kicking should remain strong. As long as they continue to block kicks, this will remain a top-notch unit. While I don't think the Huskies will get into the Top 25, they should remain in the upper half of my special teams rankings in 2001.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Entering last season the Huskies had not had a winning season since 1990. Joe Novak came to the program in 1996 and preached patience. He bit the bullet 4 years ago, playing a lineup that had just 6 seniors and 18 frosh on the 2 deep and actually had the #47 recruiting class in the nation that year. A good portion of those frosh were seniors last year and after having just 3 wins in his first 3 seasons, NI had 5 in 1999 and finally broke through for a winning season last year. In 1999 they opened the season 0-4 SU with a loss to a IAA team but since then have gone on an 11-7 run. They almost upset Vanderbilt and W Mich in 1999 and last year, thanks in part to a big, veteran offensive front, broke a school record for points in a season, averaging 37.2 ppg. They had a 1,000 yard rusher, passer and receiver for the first time in school history and led the MAC in total offense with 427.8 ypg. The majority of the skill players are back but they must replace their star WR Justin McCareins as well as 4 offensive linemen. It will be tough to match last year's production on offense. Defensively, they must replace 6 starters from a unit that allowed 25.5 ppg, their best performance since 1992. NI could have easily been 7-4 last year as they led E Michigan 32-12 with 12:00 left but let up and lost. Despite only a 6-5 record they outscored their foes by 11.7 ppg on average for the season. I really like the strides NI has made since their 0-11 1997 season. The progress has been gradual but they are still 0-9 versus Marshall, Toledo and W Michigan. This year they host Marshall and W Michigan and it's possible they can get their first win against the big boys on Oct. 20th. They have an excellent shot at improving their record for the 4th straight year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

TE Jason Hutton	6-2 220 PS#44
OL Brian Van Acker	6-4 260 PS#138
QB Joe Stamm	6-2 185 PS#112
TE Matt Ohmen	6-6 225 PS#70
DL Shea Fitzgerald	6-8 245 PS#219
DB Ray McIntyre	6-3 180 PS#195
DL Justin McNlyne	6-1 310 PS#229
WR Dan Sheldon	5-10 170 PS#252
OL Zak Jensen	6-4 280 PS#295
DL Pat Raleigh	6-5 215 PS#296
RB Javan Lee	6-3 215 PS#372
OL Andrew DuFrenne	6-5 250 PS#418
OL Jacob Ebenhoch	6-5 260 PS#419
QB Richard Pickens	5-9 180 PS#380JC
QB Kyle Padia	6-3 220 PS#465JC

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB CHRIS FINLEN SR. 6-3 205 5 sts as true, 1107 yards (58%), Med reds in 98. 9 sts in 99. 1551 yards (59.3%) 12-11 ratio. 11 sts ly, 1857 yards (58.7%), 11-9 ratio & 190 yards rush.
RB THOMAS HAMMOCK JR. 5-10 218 PS#313. 9 sts ly, 1st Tm MAC, 1083 yards (5.0) in 99. 1127 yards (4.7) as true (230 & 281 yards) 983 yards (4.9), 7 TD's.
FB ALAN ROOD SR. 6-0 246 PS#171LB. 8 yards, 236 snaps in 99. 5 sts ly, 23 yards. James Johnson (5-10 244 Jr) 36" VL. Jon Lanum (5-10 198 Jr) 179 yards (4.4), 2 TD's last year.
WR PJ FLECK JR. 5-10 176 PS#167. 23 rec (9.9) as true. 3 sts, 17 rec (8.6) ly. Missed 4 gms w/should, Mike Archie (6-1 204 So) PS#168. 1 rec, 42 yds. Rob Lee (6-0 190 Jr) PS#149.
WR DARRELL HILL SR. 6-3 195 PS#153. 4.37 spd, 44" VL. 12 rec (9.2) in '98. 32 rec (18.1), 11 sts in '99. 6 rec (14.2) until inj. Keith Perry (6-3 222 So) 5 sts, 35 rec (13.2) ly.
TE MATT DUNKER JR. 6-4 253 PS#124TE. 83 snaps as backup in '99. 8 sts, 9 rec (14.2) before knee inj. Joey Reed (6-6 240 Sr) 1 rec, 86 snaps in '99. 6 sts, 2 rec (7.0) ly.
C Todd Ghilani So. 6-3 259 PS#179. Lettered as bkup C ly. Saw action in 8 gms. Matt McElghy (6-4 284 Jr) PS#355, added 24 lbs. Shea Fitzgerald (6-8 245 Jr) PS#219DL.
RG GREG CLEMENS JR. 6-5 299 49 snaps as backup in '99. 9 sts at RG, 1 Letter in 2000. Graham Sleight (6-3 310 Jr) 23 snaps in '99. 2 starts at RG, backup rest of 2000. 1L
LG John Pedersen Sr. 6-6 296 PS#300. 8 sts at LG in '98, 119 snaps as backup in '99. Missed most of 2000 w/broken leg. 3L Ben Lueck (6-4 308 Jr) PS#103. Could win job.
RT Gary Young Jr. 6-5 300 PS#78 competing with Mark Orzula (6-7 318 So) for starting RT spot. Shaun Schroeder (6-2 284 So) PS#212. Converted DL. 0 letters among candidates.
LT TIM VINCENT JR. 6-6 275 365 bench. 6 starts, 511 snaps in 1999. 11 starts at LT in 2000. 2 Letters. Added 39 pounds of muscle L2 years. Jake Verstraete (6-4 283 Jr) K
K STEVE AZAR SO. 5-7 193 15 of 22 as Sr in HS, L52. 14 of 15 FG's here in 2000, long 44, HM MAC, has hit 14 straight (NIU record). Brian Grider (6-1 204 Jr) 2 of 4 on FG's ly.

DE Joe Busald Jr. 6-4 243 PS#93TE. 17 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 41 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. Jason Frank (6-5 242 So) was PS#163. 9 tkls, 1 sack as true. Lundy Swilley (6-2 244 So).
DT Anthony Falbo Jr. 6-5 265 PS#128. 18 tkls as true. 6 starts, 19 tkls, 3 tfl ly. Jon Peters (6-3 273 Sr) PS#162JC. 15 tkls, 2 sacks in 2000. Brian Peterson (6-1 279 So) PS#340.
NT ERIC DIEDER JR. 6-5 278 26 tkls in 330 snaps in '99. 19 sts, 5 tfl, 6 press, 8 sts in 2000. Rashad Walker (6-0 263 Sr) PS#240JUCO. 10 tkls, 1 tfl ly. Charles Johnson PS#97.
DE TRENT CLEMEN SR. 6-3 240 PS#97. 24 tkls as true. 11 starts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 11 starts, 54 tkls, 4 tfl, 6 pbu, 8 pressures ly. Sean Hopson (5-10 263 Jr) had 32 tkls, 1 tfl in '99.
SLB Ryan Laurenti Sr. 6-2 228 PS#94. 16 tkls, 1 start in 1998 & 1999. 12 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000. Vinson Reynolds (6-2 227 So) had 16 tkls in 2000 as a backup. Javan Lee is PS#372.
MLB Nick Duffy So. 6-1 231 PS#189. 30 tkls, 1 pbu as true in 2000. Kursten Strothman (6-3 214 Jr). Jason Hutton (6-2 220 Jr) PS#44TE. Travis Moore (6-2 219 Jr).
WLB LARRY WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 230 PS#175. 10 sts, 69 tkls, 4 tfl in '99. 1st Team MAC, #1 tkfl, 112 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl in 2000. 35" VL, 360 bench. Chris Maholy (5-10 207 Sr) 2 tkls last year.
CB DEMERIST WHITFIELD JR. 5-11 182 PS#108. 2 sts, 15 tkls, 5 pbu in '99 as true. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 11 pbu, 5 int ly. Randee Drew (5-10 181 So) 26 tkls, 2 pbu in 2000. 1 st as NB, 2 sts at WR.
CB VINCE THOMPSON JR. 5-11 169 1 start, 19 tkls in '99. 11 starts, 69 tkls, 4 pbu, 5 int in 2000. Devron Francis (5-10 175 Jr) PS#380. Richard Pickens (5-9 180 Jr) is PS#380JC.
SS Aki Grant So. 5-10 182 PS#256. 16 tackles in 9 games as a true. Justin Dole (6-0 197 Jr) PS#220. 14 tackles in 1999. 8 tkls in 2000, 460 squat. Ray Smith (6-3 180) is PS#195.
FS Jon Pendergrass Sr. 6-0 206 PS#290. 42" VL, 345 bench, 505 squat, 3 starts, 46 tkls, 2 tfl in '99. 15 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000. Gerard Taylor (5-9 182 So) had 12 tkls as true in 2000.
P JIMMY ERWIN JR. 6-2 215 PS#26. 39.9 average punt at JUCO in 1999. 44 punts here last year, 38.1 average (#10 in MAC) and net of 30.6. 13 inside the 20. Zero blocked.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Do not play this year, but N Illinois is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Buffalo, & has outscored the Bulls 118-31 in those 2 games.

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STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	1-10	0-11	2-9	5-6	6-5	23-54
ATS	6-3	2-8	2-7-1	6-5	6-3-1	7-3	6-4	35-33-2
Home Fav	2-0	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0	8-4
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	0-2	4-2	1-2-1	1-0	0-1	7-9-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	4-3-1
Away Dog	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	5-1	2-3	1-2	16-17
Favorite	3-0	0-4	0-2-1	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	12-7-1
Dog	3-3	2-4	2-5	6-5	6-3-1	3-3	1-3	23-26-1
Grass	1-2	1-4	1-2-1	1-2	4-0	2-1	2-2	12-13-1
Artificial	5-1	1-4	1-5	5-3	2-3-1	5-2	4-2	23-20-1
vs Conf	3-3	0-5	1-1-1	4-4	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	23-20-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-3	1-6	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	12-13
Off SU Win	3-1	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	3-1	3-2	10-9-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-3	2-5-1	6-4	4-3	4-2	3-1	24-19-1

Coach: JOE NOVAK (Career 14-41)

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

6th Year at N Illinois	6-2	Home Favorite
14-41 Straight Up	6-7-1	Home Underdog
27-22-2 Vs The Spread	3-1-1	Away Favorite
19-15-1 Off A S/U Loss	12-12	Away Underdog
20-12-2 Vs Conference	7-10	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Las Vegas	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13	-

N ILLINOIS (6-5)

CONFERENCE:

MAC
WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

LETTERMEN:

OFFENSE: 7* **Returning: 44 (20,21,3)**
DEFENSE: 5 **Lost: 16 (6,10,0)**



ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPS	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPS
7*	37.2	23	228	4.7	200	54.4	11.5	+8	2000	8	25.5	19	151	4.1	210	59.6	14.2
8*	26.3	19	157	3.7	188	53.4	13.1	+4	1999	7	26.3	20	163	3.9	197	55.3	13.7
8	14.5	13	124	3.1	119	48.7	16.7	-5	1998	9	29.9	19	189	3.9	173	56.2	12.1
5	11.7	15	129	3.0	136	48.8	22.6	-3	1997	9	34.7	22	240	5.1	188	57.0	12.3
5	14.3	15	140	3.3	116	48.8	17.9	+1	1996	9	36.4	24	276	5.2	180	59.4	12.5
6	21.0	17	227	4.4	134	43.0	17.0	-5	1995	8	37.0	24	216	5.0	244	58.0	12.0

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Northwestern	22	34-112	3.3	20-40	254	2	26	57-236	4.1	16-27	176	3	-2
Illinois St	26	65-305	4.7	9-18	117	1	11	28-73	2.6	12-28	134	2	+3
at Auburn	22	42-129	3.1	17-35	239	3	22	35-189	5.4	21-29	222	3	-1
at Ball St	18	50-192	3.8	9-16	236	0	12	42-66	1.6	17-24	170	3	+2
UCF	21	56-221	3.9	10-18	153	0	21	23-30	1.3	30-40	301	0	+5
at Akron	31	57-360	6.3	15-23	134	0	15	28-116	4.1	12-28	324	1	+2
at W Michigan	18	38-162	4.3	12-20	193	2	30	45-204	4.5	23-36	214	3	-2
Buffalo	33	54-286	5.3	21-32	360	1	12	30-174	5.8	9-29	107	1	+4
Toledo	18	36-165	4.6	13-26	193	1	25	55-335	6.1	21-26	226	0	0
at E Michigan	20	43-278	6.5	13-25	144	4	28	33-131	4.0	36-51	372	1	-3
C Michigan	26	64-299	4.7	10-21	174	2	8	28-104	3.7	7-24	65	2	0
TOTALS	255	539-2509	4.7	149-274	2197	16	210	404-1658	4.1	204-342	2311	19	+8
AVERAGES	23.2	49-228	4.7	14-25	200	1.5	19.1	37-151	4.1	19-31	210	1.7	0.7

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Maryland	+23'	6-30	L
W Illinois	NL	0-17	L
at Penn St	+45'	0-49	L
at Arkansas St	-1	31-30	T
UTEP	E	6-37	L
N Texas	-2	21-24	L
at Louisville	+28'	3-27	W
Akron	-4	17-34	L
Louisiana Tech	+14'	14-40	L
at SW Louisiana	+23	31-45	W
at Oregon St	+21'	28-67	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at C Michigan	+14'	10-44	L
Kansas St	+35'	7-47	L
W Michigan	+13	13-21	W
at N Carolina St	+35	14-41	W
at Bowling Green	+14'	10-35	L
Vanderbilt	+22	7-17	W
at Toledo	+30'	14-41	W
Ball St	+9'	14-21	W
Ohio U	+23	30-35	W
E Michigan	+7'	10-34	L
at Miami (Oh)	+33	0-42	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Michigan	+18	23-37	W
at Kansas St	+48*	7-73	L
E Illinois	NL	10-24	-
at Ball St	+12	13-18	W
at UCF	+36	17-38	W
C Michigan	+10	16-6	W
at E Michigan	+10*	26-14	W
Toledo	+13	3-16	T
Miami (Oh)	+16	10-41	L
at Ohio U	+17	12-28	W
Bowling Green	+9*	23-34	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	21-27	W
at Vanderbilt	+17	31-34	W
at Iowa	+14'	0-24	L
W Michigan	+8'	21-24	W
at Buffalo	-16	45-21	W
Ball St	-9	37-17	W
at C Michigan	+2	31-27	W
Kent St	-14	50-7	W
at Marshall	+26	9-41	L
at Toledo	+6	14-44	L
E Michigan	-4'	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+8	17-35	L
Illinois St	NL	52-0	-
at Auburn	+23'	14-31	W
at Ball St	-11	43-14	W
UCF	-4	40-20	W
at Akron	-5	52-35	W
at W Michigan	-15	22-52	L
Buffalo	-34	73-10	W
Toledo	+5	24-38	L
at E Michigan	-14'	32-39	L
C Michigan	-24	40-6	W

W MICHIGAN BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Tim Lester wrapped up his WM career in 1999 with 17 school records and was 4th in the NCAA in career passing yards. Four QB's battled for the starting job last year and Jeff Welsh (PS#91) won out. Welsh had one start as a true frosh in 1997 and guided the team to wins over BG and EM in relief outings and threw for 567 yards (62.3%) on the year. After a redshirt he got in just 5 passes as Lester's backup in 1999 but he was very successful in his first year as a starter. He threw for 2,537 yards (58.5%) last year with a 15-12 ratio while also rushing for 184 yards. Welsh finished 5th in the MAC in pass efficiency and 4th in total offense. His brother John is the starting QB at Idaho. He opted not to play baseball last spring to concentrate on football but returned to the team part-time this year. Ryan Harris (6-1 192 Sr) was PS#229JUCO. He's 25 years old and threw for 3,075 yards and 31 TD's as a sophomore at JUCO in 1999. He played well when called upon last year, playing in 7 games and throwing 27 passes for 246 yards (52%) with a 2-0 ratio while also rushing for 24 yards. He provides solid veteran support and Darnell has not ruled him out of the race for the starting job. Jonathan Drach (6-4 204 So) was PS#61. In his true frosh year he was slowed by mono, and last year did not see any action but is a quality backup. Joshua Nycz moved to TE and will be a factor there. This unit has much more experience and could be the deepest QB position in the MAC.

RUNNING BACKS - The good news for WM is that 7 of the top 8 rushers return. The bad news is they lose both starters, including super RB Robert Sanford who topped 1,000 yards 3 times in his career and saved the best for last, rushing for 1,571 yards (5.4) with 18 TD's as a senior and he was the MAC Offensive POY. Also gone is starting FB Scott Selzer (12 sts, 11 yards) and his 248 lbs of blocking power will be missed. I list the 2 deep below and a FB is not even listed this year. Charles Woods did well when called upon with 436 yards the last 2 years but the top back could be true frosh Tony Gioutsos (PS#111). Two others in the mix who are not listed below are K.T. Robinson (5-11 197 Jr) who was PS#175 and missed most of his first two years due to injury but is now 100% and Benny Clark (5-7 180 Sr) who has 234 career yards. Not only was Sanford a talented back but he had tremendous production last year and naturally this unit looks weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - All of the top WR's returned last year but they did have to replace their 1st TM MAC starting TE. Mobolaji Afariogun simply stepped up and won 1st Team MAC honors at that position, and he was the #3 receiver on the team. He returns and I list his two backups below. Former QB Joshua Nycz should also be a factor at TE provided he adds more weight. The big news at WR is the loss of Steve Neal who had size and excellent speed and leaves as the all-time leading receiver in MAC history! He will be tough to replace. Also departing this year is WR Corey Alston (12 sts, 29 rec's) as well as backup TE's Frank Bosworth and Val Ragains who combined for 4 rec's. Joshua Bush is small in size (5-9 148) but big in heart and has snagged 88 passes over the last 2 years with many of them over the middle where he shows no fear. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Other players who could emerge are Brandon Johnson (6-3 207 Jr) who was PS#155 and has good size as well as track speed. Tyrone Walker (6-3 188 rFr) was PS#196 and won the Offensive Scout Team POY Award. He's another big WR who is also fast. Kendrick Mosley (6-0 178 Jr) was PS#280, and had one start in 1999 and 19 rec's but broke his arm in the second game and had just four catches. They also signed four top-notch frosh this year (see Top Newcomers). I like the talent of this group, but clearly with the loss of players like Neal and Alston it looks weaker than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WM has fielded a veteran offensive line the last 2 years. After averaging 3.4 ypc rushing in 1999 and allowing 28 sacks, they only had to replace 3 players who combined for 18 starts last year and had 4 players who started 8 or more games returning. They improved their ypc to 4.1, cut the sacks to 25 and, of course, WM had one of its best years offensively despite breaking in a new QB. This year they must replace C Colin Greczek (12 sts, 2nd TM MAC, 3 yr str) and LT Paul Lambert (12 sts, 1st TM MAC, 4 yr str). While they lose their top 2 OL's, they have 4 players back with starting experience as well as some solid newcomers who will add depth. This unit is close to last year in terms of experience and looks like a good outfit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Broncos had to replace 2 full-time starters and another player who had 3 starts but had 3 players returning with starting experience and 4 seniors. With the reworked DL, WM increased their sack total as a defense to 27 and slashed the ypc rushing allowed from 4.2 to 2.7 as they had a very fast unit up front and were able to rotate 9 players. This year they must replace NG Marty Harig (12 sts,

39 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Jared Pike (5 sts, 22 tkl, 6 tfl), DT Larry Charleston (1 st, 12 tkl, 2 sks) and DE Scott Karstens who was a projected starter who was lost prior to the year with injury. Three full-time starters are back and I list the 2 deep below. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year, and should be one of the MAC's top DL's.

LINEBACKERS - This must be the biggest area of concern for the defense as WM has to replace ILB Garrett Soldano (12 sts, 1st TM MAC, #1 tkl'r, 7 tfl) and cohort Mario Evans (12 sts, 2nd TM MAC, #2 tkl'r, 11 tfl, Def MVP). There is also a question mark about the other returning starter, Terrence Moore, who applied for a medical redshirt but has not received word from the NCAA on his status as of this writing. If he is gone, it means that all 3 starters depart which is a big change from last year when 5 of the top 6 were back. Even if Moore comes back, with the loss of their top 2 tacklers who were both HT's, and due to the fact that the replacements are not as athletically talented, this group is clearly weaker in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM only ranked #95 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and had to replace one starter and one backup last year but had 5 players returning with starting experience. WM moved up to #79 in my pass D rankings, allowing 51.9% with a 10-9 ratio. This year the top 8 players all return and I list them below. Jermaine Lewis looks like he has NFL type talent with great size (6-4 194) and 4.33 speed as he is WM's top sprinter on the track team. This experienced group could be the MAC's best secondary this year and should make a significant move up in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 WM finished #26 in my special teams rankings despite breaking in a new punter. Last year I called for them to finish in the Top 20 of my rankings and they did just that with a finish at #20. They were outstanding in almost all areas. PR Joshua Bush averaged 15.0 (#14 in NCAA). Rashad McDade averaged 24.3 on 37 KR's in 1999 but slipped a little last year to 21.4. P Matt Steffen, who had a 40.4 avg and 36.7 net in 1999, slipped a little last year to a 38.5 avg and a net of 32.2. I look for both to return to their 1999 form. The big question is who will replace Brad Selent at kicker. Selent had a booming leg and hit 8 of 12 FG's with a long of 48 with one of his misses from 50+ and his KO's were a key in WM allowing just 15.7 per return last season and 17.3 in 1999. They did sign Robert Menchinger who was PS#39 and holds national high school records for points and PAT's in a career. He has an accurate and strong leg and could be the next 4 year starter at kicker here. Clearly this is one of the MAC's best special teams units and they will once again contend for Top 20 honors.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Darnell has done some great things here and now enters his fifth season. WM has recorded the top four crowds in MAC history the last couple of years and probably has the best weight room in the league. When Darnell took over attendance hovered at around 10,000 per game and the last 2 years they've averaged 25,928. Darnell has upset teams from the Big 10, Big East and SEC and finished #27 in the final polls last year despite the fact that they had to replace their QB and had just 5 starters returning on defense. He missed a golden opportunity in the offseason to get to a greener pasture as he turned down some job offers hoping for the Oklahoma job (his alma mater) and he flirted with the Cowboys, Rutgers, Missouri and N Car but came up empty and now returns to Kalamazoo. He did get a 5 year contract extension but lost DC Chuck Driesbach who left for TCU. Prior to last year, even with just 5 starters back, Darnell said "this is the most pleased I've been with the defense since I've been here. It's a combo of overall speed and we have a lot of different people who can play." He turned out to be prophetic as the team went from allowing 25.5 ppg and 4.2 ypc to just 11.6 and 2.7. They recorded 3 shutouts for the first time since 1971 and after being 97th in total defense in the NCAA's rankings in 1999, they moved up into the top 10 last year (although just #41 in mine, which takes into account strength of opponents). They have very narrowly missed going to a bowl in each of the last 2 years. Their only disappointments from last season would be their stunning 21-17 loss to C Michigan as 35' point favorites and then their loss in the MAC Title Game to a rebuilding Marshall team. QB Jeff Welsh is back to guide the offense but they do lose RB Sanford and the top WR Neal so they may be down a notch on that side of the ball. Defensively, although they have 7 starters back (or possibly 8 with LB Moore) they will be hard pressed to match 2000's performance. This is a solid team and once again, and are very capable of getting to the MAC Title Game but they must travel to both N Illinois and Toledo, their 2 major rivals in the West, and I really cannot see them matching last year's 9 victories, so I expect a drop-off in 2001.

W MICHIGAN		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS											
RUSHING		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG						
Robert Sanford		293	1607	36	1571	18	5.4						
Charles Woods		73	312	14	298	6	4.1						
Josh Bush		9	81	6	75	0	8.3						
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT						
Jeff Welsh		354	207	58.5	2537	15	12						
Ryan Harris		27	14	51.9	246	2	0						
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG							
Steve Neal		67	848	12.7	3	38							
Josh Bush		40	463	11.6	4	41							
Mobolaji Afariogun		32	365	11.4	3	38							
Corey Alston		29	516	17.8	5	78							
Micah Zuhl		13	136	10.5	2	33							
Marco Wolverton		12	174	14.5	0	41							
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20					
Matt Steffen		45	1731	38.5	-	32.2	2	10					
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG						
Brad Selent		1-1	4-5	3-5	0-1	12	48						
PLAYER		TKL	SCF	TLF	PBU	INT	PLAYER		TKL	SCF	TLF	PBU	INT
G. Soldano		113	4	3	3	0	A. Allsbury		40	8	5	1	0
Mario Evans		104	2	9	3	0	Marty Harig		39	1	1	2	1
T. Moore		63	3	11	2	1	Jason Babin		36	1	3	0	0
R. Rogers		53	2	9	4	0	C. Browning		33	5	4	0	0
B. Brown		52	0	0	0	1	Bryan Lape		31	0	0	1	0
J. Lewis		48	3	5	1	0	Carlos Smith		30	1	2	2	0
Joe Ballard		45	0	0	0	0	Bryan Pinder		28	2	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Josh Bush		35	526	15.0	2	Rashad McDade		14	299	21.4	0		



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4★ HOUSTON	-2'	Rice	28-3	WIN
4★ NEBRASKA	-32	California	45-0	WIN
4★ OKLAHOMA	-12'	Baylor	41-10	WIN
4★ Oklahoma	E	LOUISVILLE	42-21	WIN
4★ TEXAS	-6	Kansas St	17-35	loss
4★ Washington	-2'	OREGON ST	47-21	WIN
4★ VIRG TECH	-12'	Syracuse	62-0	WIN
4★ E CAROLINA	-10'	Tulane	52-7	WIN
4★ Nebraska	-32	KANSAS	24-17	loss
4★ OKLAHOMA	-11	Missouri	37-0	WIN
4★ MINNESOTA	-14	Indiana	44-20	WIN
4★ Tennessee	-12'	KENTUCKY	56-21	WIN
4★ OKLAHOMA	-13'	Oklahoma St	44-7	WIN

2000 4★ COLLEGE KEYS SELECTIONS

10-3 77% WINNERS!!

4★ Oklahoma	-27	UTEP	WIN
4★ TCU	-22'	NEVADA	WIN
4★ Florida	-33'	TENNESSEE	WIN
4★ OKLAHOMA	-3'	Rice	loss
4★ Colorado St	-17	NEVADA	WIN
4★ TEXAS TECH	-20	Baylor	WIN
4★ FRESNO ST	-24'	Nevada	WIN
4★ Alabama	+3	TENNESSEE	loss
4★ OKLAHOMA	+2'	Nebraska	WIN
4★ MIAMI, FLA	-9'	Virg Tech	WIN
4★ TENNESSEE	-13'	Arkansas	WIN
4★ OHIO ST	-2'	Michigan	loss
4★ SYRACUSE	-25	Rutgers	WIN

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL Mark Ottny	6-5 270	PS#106
RB Tony Gioutsos	6-1 210	PS#111
WR Greg Jennings	6-1 190	PS#133
LB Josh Behrens	6-2 250	PS#149
OL Joe Alvarez	6-2 240	PS#197
WR Pat Graham	6-0 180	PS#184
WR Osborn Curtis	6-1 175	PS#188
DB Kait Gitter	6-2 245	PS#223
DB Kevin Ford	5-11 185	PS#214
RB Daniel Marks	6-0 207	PS#309
DB Kip Paul	6-1 218	PS#323
OL DJ Lockhart	6-4 263	PS#375
OL Fred McCants	6-6 343	PS#363JC
WR Tony Scheffler	6-5 223	PS#365
OL Mike Weaver	6-3 317	PS#475

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB JEFF WELSH SR. 6-3 215 PS#91. 1 st in 97, 567 yds (62.3%), 4-2 ratio. RS in 98, 5 passes in 99. 12 sts ly, 2537 yds (58.5%), 15-12 ratio, 184 yds rush. Ryan Harris, 25 yrs old, 246 yds ly. **RB Charles Woods Sr.** 5-10 194 Scout TM Off POY in 1998. 138 yards (2.9) in 99. 298 yds (4.1), 6 TD's in 2000. Phillip Reed (5-10 198 So) was PS#218. 48 yds (5.3) last year. **WR Darnell Jennings Sr.** 6-3 195 2 sts, 14 rec (11.0) in 1997. RS in 1998. 4 rec (13.0) in 1999. 7 rec (19.9) ly. Brandon Johnson (6-3 207 Jr) PS#155. Tyrone Walker (6-3 188 rFr) PS#196. **WR Joshua Bush Jr.** 5-9 148 14 rec (17.6) as true. 1 start in 99, #2 w/48 rec (11.7). #2 ly w/40 rec (11.6). Special TMs MVP. Marco Wolpert (5-10 183 Sr) 20 rec (10.8) in 3 years. **WR Micah Zuhl Sr.** 6-0 191. 3 sts, 13 rec in 98. 1 st, 26 rec in 99. 13 rec (10.5) ly. **Kendrick Mosley Jr.** (6-0 178 Jr) PS#280. 1 st, 19 rec (10.1) as true. 4 rec then out w/broken arm ly. **TE MOBOLAJI AFARIOGUN JR.** 6-4 228 4 sts as rFr, 10 rec (6.9). 12 sts ly. 1st TM MAC, 32 rec (11.4). Anthony Kiner (6-5 297 So) PS#170. Joshua Nycz (6-5 225 So) QB the last 2 years. **C Jake Gasaway Jr.** 6-3 285 Earned 2 letters as backup C and starting long snapper. Kevin Kramer (6-4 296 Jr) PS#1190L. Part-time starter in 2000, earned 1 letter. **RG ADAM CONES SR.** 6-5 280 PS#78TE. Limited action in 7 games in 98 & 99. Shared starting job at RG w/Kramerly, 1 letter. Chris Montgomery (6-4 274 Sr) PS#445JUCO. **LG JEFF HINSON SR.** 6-2 279 PS#79. 10 games as backup in 98. 11 sts at LT in 1999. 12 starts at LG in 2000. 2 letters. Ed Boness (6-4 324 So) was PS#112. #2LT in 2000. **RT MATT STOVER SR.** 6-4 302. Lettered as backup in 11 games in 98. 11 starts in 99. 12 starts at RG last year. Added 23 lbs ly. Jon Garcia (6-6 339 So) lettered as backup RT ly. **LT C.R. Moultry So.** 6-6 333 HUGE! Good athlete for a big guy who has added 33 lbs since 2000. Lettered as backup in 2000. Fred McCants (6-6 343 Jr) PS#363JC. In for spring. **K Robert Menchinger rFr.** 5-10 150 PS#39. National record holder for points & PAT's in career. Byungwoo Yun (5-11 195 So) JUCO transfer hit a long of 47 yards last year at JUCO.

DE CHRIS BROWNING JR. 6-2 248 PS#244. 11 tkl's in '99. 2nd Team MAC, 7 starts, 33 tkl's, 5 sks, 4 tfl in 2000. Nick Melcher (6-3 230 rFr). Ernest Osborne (6-5 213 rFr) was PS#375. **DT BRYAN PINDER SR.** 6-1 260 PS#260. 18 tackles, 1 tfl in 99. 10 starts, 28 tackles, 4 tfl in 2000. Jeff Westgate (6-5 266 Jr) PS#145TE. 11 tackles, 1 sack in 10 games last year. **NG Larry King Sr.** 6-4 268. 6 tkl's, 1 sack in 98. 9 tkl's, 1 tfl in 99. 14 tkl's, 3 tfl, 2 pbu in 2000. Chad Wangerin (6-4 305 So) PS#369. 5 tkl's, 1 tfl in 2000, he is the biggest DT here. **DE ANTHONY ALLSBURY JR.** 6-2 254 41 tkl's, 4 tfl, 2 pbu in 99. 1st Team MAC, 12 starts, 40 tkl's, 8 sks, 5 tfl, 8 hurries in 2000. Jason Babin (6-3 239 So) 1 start, 36 tkl's, 4 tfl as true frosh. **ILB Jason Malloy Jr.** 6-1 232 PS#209LB. 6 tkl's in 1999. 7 tkl's in 2000. Erik Oleson (6-3 233 rFr) was PS#196. Scout Team Def MVP in 2000. Josh Behrens (6-2 250) is PS#149. **ILB Bryan Lape Jr.** 6-3 211 Former walk-on. 4 tkl's as true. RS in 1999. Def Scout Team POY. 31 tkl's ly. Special Teams Award. Jermaine Foreste (5-10 199 Jr) 2 sts, 22 tkl's, 1 int in 2 years. **OLB Carlos Smith Sr.** 6-4 216 PS#181. 24 tkl's, 1 st as true. 5 sts, 24 tkl's, 2 pbu in 1999. 30 tkl's, 3 pbu ly. Terrence Moore (6-2 198 Sr) applying for med RS. 2nd TM MAC ly, 63 tkl's, 14 tfl, 12 pbu, 4 int. 2nd TM MAC ly, 53 tkl's, 9 pbu, 4 int. Jason Feldpausch (5-9 178 So) 9 tkl's ly. **CB JOE BALLARD SR.** 6-0 191 17 tkl's as true. 13 tkl's in 99. 12 sts, 45 tkl's, 6 pbu ly. **Rashad McDade** (5-10 172 Sr) track spid. 61 tkl's in 3 yrs. Sam Reynolds (6-1 182 Jr) 20 tkl's ly. **SS BRANDON BROWN SR.** 5-10 185 28 tkl's in 98. 6 sts, 44 tkl's, 2 sks in 1999. 12 sts, 52 tkl's, 1 int ly. Wes Dodson (5-10 180 Sr). 4 sts at FS in 1999, 43 tkl's, 1 int. 26 tkl's, 4 pbu last year. **FS JERMAINE LEWIS JR.** 6-4 194 4.33 speed. Trans from Wisc - Oshkosh. Conf Champ in 55m at FR, 21 tkl's. Sat out 1999. 2nd TM MAC, 12 sts, 48 tkl's, 8 tfl in 2000. #4 in MAC in 100m. **P MATT STEFFEN JR.** 6-1 195 46 punts as true, 40.4 average, 10 inside 20, net of 36.7. 45 punts last year, 38.5 average, 10 inside 20, net of 32.2. Jeff Welsh 1 punt last year.

W MICHIGAN BRONCOS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Broncos are 16-8-1 SU & 15-10 ATS in November since 1992.
W Michigan leads the series 30-18-1 SU vs Kent St.
WMU has had 5 straight seasons with a negative turnover ratio.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	Illinois St (Thur)	G												
Sep. 8	at Virginia Tech	G												
Sep. 15	at Michigan	G												
Sep. 22	Ball St	G												
Sep. 29	at E Michigan	A												
Oct. 6	Akron	G												
Oct. 13	Bowling Green (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at N Illinois	A												
Oct. 27	at Miami (Oh)	G												
Nov. 6	at Toledo (Tues)	A												
Nov. 10														
Nov. 17	C Michigan	G												
Nov. 24														

This will be "NL" but WMU is 11-17 ATS in Aug & Sept the L7Y, but 4-0 LY.
The ISU Sycamores were a Top 5 team in the IAA rankings LY.
W Michigan is 15-4 ATS since 1993 vs non-conf opponents.
Broncos are 20-8 ATS since 1993 as an away dog.
These two teams have met only two times previously, UM2-0 SU.
Broncos are 25-13 ATS as dogs the last 8 years.
W Michigan leads the all-time series 18-9 SU.
Broncos are 20-27 ATS the L8Y as a favorite, but 5-2 ATS LY.
W Michigan is 7-15 ATS as away chalk since 1993.
Broncos are 7-2 SU but 3-6 ATS in this series since 1992.
W Michigan is 16-6 ATS in October since 1995.
Broncos are 5-1 SU but 2-4 ATS in the last 6 series meetings.
Last meeting with BG was a 56-27 victory back in 1998.
Broncos are 4-1-1 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Bowling Green.
W Michigan is 20-6 SU in the N Illinois series.
Broncos are 5-0 SU but 2-3 ATS their last 5 vs N Illinois.
The average score in this series is WMU 17 & MU 12.
Broncos last meeting with Miami (Oh) was 1994.
W Michigan is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the Rockets since 1992.
Broncos are 5-1 SU & ATS the week prior to a bye.
Bonus: Broncos are 10-2 SU & 8-4 ATS at home in November.
W Michigan is 8-1 ATS in their last 9 season finales.
Broncos are 3-6 ATS vs the Chippewas since 1992.



STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	2-9	8-3	7-4	7-5	9-3	46-33
ATS	2-8	7-4	5-5	6-5	5-6	5-6	9-2	39-36
Home Fav	0-3	2-3	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	11-11
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	4-5
Away Fav	0-4	3-0	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	7-12
Away Dog	2-0	2-1	4-1	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	17-8
Favorite	0-7	5-3	1-2	2-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	18-23
Dog	2-1	2-1	4-3	4-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	21-13
Grass	1-6	5-4	3-3	5-3	3-4	3-3	6-0	26-23
Artificial	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	13-13
vs Conf	0-8	5-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-5	7-2	26-32
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-0	13-4
Off SU Win	1-4	5-1	1-0	4-3	2-4	3-4	6-2	22-18
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-2	4-5	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	14-15

Coach: GARY DARNELL (Career 34-20)
Darnell's records AT W MICHIGAN

5th Year at W Michigan	8-4	Home Favorite
31-15 Straight Up	4-2	Home Underdog
25-19 Vs The Spread	4-7	Away Favorite
7-5 Off A S/U Loss	9-6	Away Underdog
18-16 Vs Conference	7-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28	-
	88	Raisin	NL	Fresno St	30-35	-

W MICHIGAN (9-3) CONFERENCE: MAC WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5* Returning: 37 (15,21,1)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

LETTERMEN:

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
8	29.9	22	169	4.1	232	58.1	13.4	-4	2000	5	11.6	16	105	2.7	178	51.9	24.4
9*	31.1	22	102	3.4	312	59.9	13.3	-9	1999	8	28.5	23	181	4.2	228	58.8	14.4
9*	32.7	25	158	4.1	310	58.2	14.3	-5	1998	6	28.4	21	146	3.4	236	57.4	13.4
6*	27.4	19	139	0.8	254	58.3	14.4	-5	1997	7	24.1	21	153	3.7	201	49.2	14.7
5	18.9	19	99	2.7	235	53.7	17.0	-8	1996	4	27.6	19	175	4.1	215	57.0	14.5
4	23.0	21	175	3.9	185	57.1	15.6	+8	1995	7	17.3	15	113	3.2	168	50.5	16.3

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Wisconsin	14	20-(-1)	-0.1	20-39	243	4	16	57-156	2.7	6	11	96	5 -2
at Iowa	17	36-59	1.6	21-31	294	3	17	31-49	1.6	23	34	314	4 0
Indiana St	28	52-295	5.7	14-27	194	0	10	41-77	1.9	6	13	64	2 +2
Toledo	17	40-132	3.3	18-37	231	0	19	29-124	4.3	23	50	188	4 -1
Ohio U	22	37-138	3.7	23-33	332	2	11	49-171	3.6	4	8	116	1 -2
at Marshall	20	47-286	6.1	12-22	121	3	21	35-90	2.6	26	54	324	4 -1
N Illinois	30	46-209	4.5	22-35	209	3	18	38-162	4.3	12	20	193	2 +2
at Kent St	28	51-241	4.7	22-35	261	1	9	32-94	2.9	7	16	27	1 0
at Ball St	26	36-210	5.8	22-39	314	1	15	45-132	2.9	11	31	96	0 0
at C Michigan	17	44-176	4.0	8-20	99	3	17	43-97	2.3	17	29	220	1 -3
E Michigan	21	51-191	3.7	17-30	223	2	10	27-35	1.3	15	34	140	2 +2
Marshall (MAC Title)	18	32-86	2.7	23-34	264	3	23	31-70	2.3	29	45	358	1 -1
TOTALS	258	492-2022	4.1	222-382	2785	25	186	458-1257	2.7	179-345	2136	27	-4
AVERAGES	21.5	41-169	4.1	19-32	232	2.1	15.5	38-105	2.7	15-29	178	23	-0.3

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	20-28	-	Temple	+2'	34-14	W	N Illinois	-18	37-23	L	at Florida	+35'	26-55	W	at Wisconsin	+33	7-19	W
at W Virginia	+28	9-34	W	at Michigan St	+27	10-42	L	at Indiana	+4'	30-45	L	at Youngstown St	NL	46-28	-	at Iowa	+7'	27-21	W
E Michigan	-4	12-19	L	at N Illinois	-13	21-13	L	at Toledo	+8	7-35	L	at Missouri	+12'	34-48	L	at Indiana St	NL	56-0	-
at C Michigan	+5'	28-38	L	Toledo	+2'	13-23	L	Ohio U	+3'	35-37	W	at N Illinois	-8'	24-21	L	Toledo	+2	21-14	W
at Akron	+7'	7-27	L	at Ohio U	+14'	7-31	L	NE Louisiana	-6'	27-14	W	at C Michigan	-14	38-16	W	Ohio U	-5'	23-10	W
Ball St	+7'	5-28	L	Ball St	-1'	21-13	W	at Vanderbilt	+5	27-24	W	at E Michigan	-8'	40-37	L	at Marshall	+6'	30-10	W
at Wyoming	+28'	28-42	W	at Bowling Green	+4	34-21	W	E Michigan	-10'	45-35	L	Buffalo	-33	45-17	L	N Illinois	-5'	52-22	W
at Toledo	+8'	7-10	W	Kent St	-15'	50-27	W	at C Michigan	-4	24-26	L	Ball St	-18	28-0	W	at Kent St	-24	42-0	W
Ohio U	+4'	0-38	L	at E Michigan	+1	41-38	W	at Kent St	-16'	48-23	W	at Akron	-1	24-10	W	at Ball St	-22	42-3	W
at Bowling Green	+7'	16-13	W	C Michigan	-15	38-24	L	at Ball St	-10	24-23	L	Marshall	+11'	17-31	L	at C Michigan	-35'	17-21	L
Kent St	-11	76-27	W	at NE Louisiana	+1'	32-19	W	Bowling Green	+2'	56-27	W	at Toledo	+3'	21-45	L	E Michigan	-26	28-0	W

BALL ST CARDINALS



QB Talmadge Hill was MAC Freshman of the Year in 2000, starting the last 7 games.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 Brian Conn was the QB in the brand new short passing offense and he completed 58.4% for 1,525 yards with a 10-14 ratio. Over the last 5 games of '99 he really got a grasp of the offense, completing 63% with a 5-3 ratio. The big knock against Conn was that he was 0-11 as a starter (of course the rest of the team had something to do with that too). Last year he started the first 4 games and BSU opened up 0-4 (making him 0-15). Conn threw for just 249 yards (43.5%) with an 0-5 ratio. Promising rFr Talmadge Hill (PS#121), who was the Offensive Scout Team POY in '99, played sparingly early on and then started the last 7, going 5-2 as a starter. He threw for 1,455 yards (61.3%) with a positive 13-12 ratio while also rushing for 396 gross yards. He was voted MAC Frosh of the Year and should be one of the MAC's top QB's this season. Hill was 4th in the MAC in pass efficiency despite the fact that Ball St faced the 28th toughest slate of pass defenses in the NCAA. There is some depth behind him. Not only does Conn return, but so does Andy Roesch (6-2 228 So) who was PS#63. This unit is loaded with experience and should continue to improve in the 3rd year of the new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 BSU began the year with a JUCO as the starter, but he struggled, averaging just 3.9 ypc. Nick Dunbar (5-10 191 Jr) took over the starting job and rushed for 406 yards over the final 6 games. He looked to be the feature back last year but got injured in the opener and missed the rest of the year. He is strong with a 585 lb squat but is listed at WR in spring. In his place Marcus Merriweather simply became the 9th BSU RB to top 1,000 yards in a season (1,004), averaging 4.5 ypc and earning 2nd Team MAC honors despite missing one game with injury. Anthony Jones (5-10 192 Sr) had a great game vs Miami, Oh with 187 yards on 46 carries in the game that turned their season around, but he failed to top 100 yards the rest of the year & only averaged 3.2 ypc. Scott Blair (6-1 192 rFr) was PS#240. Jason Teeters (5-7 173 Sr) had 107 yards rushing (3.1). All 5 are back along with one of their top 2 FB's. They do lose backup FB Tony Delangel (1 rec). They add perhaps Lynch's top signee yet in Indiana's Mr. Football Otis Shannon (PS#64) but grades are a question mark at this time for him. Donta Smith is PS #110 this year. This is a very deep group, and much more experienced than last year and should continue to improve.

RECEIVERS - Last year BSU had to replace all 3 receivers and while not a spectacular unit, they still had some productive players. Sean Schembra led the team with 40 rec's (12.1) and likes to think of himself as a Tim Dwight as he does have 4.45 speed but unlike the NFL's Dwight, Schembra is mostly considered a possession receiver. David Westbrook (6-3 201 Sr) is good sized and had 7 starts at Ark St in 1997. He finished #2 on the team here in 2000 with 27 rec's and a solid 15.6 ypc. The top

4 WR's from last year return and I list them below. The #5 pass catcher was the diminutive Billy Lynch (5-9 160) who has played in 28 games and has 24 grabs in his 3 previous years here. Also in the mix are Jason Barnes (6-0 180 rFr) who was PS#263 and Clint Planck (6-3 201 So) who was the Scout Team Offensive MVP last year. They must replace TE Doug Nelson who missed the first 4 games last year with injury but finished with 6 rec's (8.7). Jon Eckert had just 4 receptions last year but figures to be the starting TE. I list his 2 backups below. This is still not an overwhelming group but is clearly more experienced and has added talent which should lead to a more productive year in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Ball St O-line was one of the biggest in the MAC in 1999 but was also slow-footed and struggled with the new offensive schemes. They allowed 49 sacks (a poor 16.4% of pass attempts) and only paved the way for a 2.6 ypc. Last year 4 starters returned to the front and they trimmed the number of sacks allowed down to 24 while the team averaged 3.4 ypc rushing, both solid improvements. This year they must replace 2 starters in G Chad Ludwig (11 sts) and T Aaron Johnson (11 sts, 3 yr st'r). Also gone is C Jeff Thiel who had 5 starts. Three players return with starting experience while 8 of the top 10 have lettered and there are some quality HT's that I have plugged into the 2 deep below. I look for the line to continue to improve this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 BSU's undersized defensive front was rolled over by strong rush attacks and allowed 235 ypg and 4.8 ypc rushing. The unit also had just 12 sacks. Last year the unit got a little bigger and only had to replace one starter. They improved to only allow 4.4 ypc & 169.7 ypg, but still put little pressure on opposing QB's as a team with just 13 sacks. This year they must replace DT Sunungura Rusununguko (41 tkl, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC) and DT Matt Messaros (1 st, 14 tkl, 3 tfl). Three starters are back and there are even a couple of HT's in the group that I list below. Once again this unit has gotten bigger with the projected 4 starters now averaging 271 lbs. I look for continued improvement as long as everyone stays healthy since the backups are untested and 28 pounds smaller on the average.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 Lynch switched from a 4-3 to a 4-4 defense. The unit struggled overall as mentioned in the D-line section, and last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 24 starts including their #1 tackler. Four players did return with starting experience. This year they are more experienced as the only losses are OLB Nate Andrews (5 sts, 65 tkl) and ILB Bayette George (4 sts, 28 tkl). Five players return who started 4 or more games last year including 4 who started 7 or more games. As a true frosh Lorenzo Scott not only started the last 7 games but was the team's #1 tackler. He should have an even bigger impact as a soph. This is a more experienced group than it was last season and the defense should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BSU finished #104 in my pass defense rankings in 1998, and in 1999 returned 3 starters but still finished at #111. In 1998 & 1999 they allowed 33 TD's with just 6 int's. Last year they had to replace one starter but gained an HT rFr in Jesse Avant who lived up to his advanced billing. The 3 man starting secondary consisted of 2 soph's and a frosh with just one returning starter but they showed improvement as they rose all the way up to #57, allowing just 47.3% but the TD/INT ratio was continued with 20 TD's and just 6 int's (now 53 TD's, 12 int's in 3 years). This year all 3 starters return and 2 are now upperclassmen plus the hybrid OLB/SS is also back so basically all 4 starters return. Naturally this group looks even stronger in 2001, and Lynch could have his best pass efficiency defense finish his last 7 years here.

SPECIAL TEAMS - It is amazing that BSU had the success they did last year with the poor performance of this unit, which ranked #108 out of 115 teams. BSU had ranked a poor #91 and #99 the previous two years and really need to work on this unit during the offseason. They were last in the MAC in punting and KR's, 12th in the MAC in PR's and hit just 6 of 12 FG's while missing 5 of 23 xp's. Sean Schembra averaged 22.0 on KR's in 1999 but only 16.3 last year. Their top PR, Billy Lynch, averaged just 4.6 ypr, so they can only improve there. They did have 54 and 31 yard PR's by Manley and Teeters on their only returns of the year. They used true frosh Reggie Hodges at punter last year and he averaged 36.3 with only a 27.9 net. He should be greatly improved. Both Langford and Pucke are back at kicker and I list the 2 deep below. Langford will probably win the job as he was just a true frosh last year and hit 3 of 5. Basically everyone returns and since the unit was very poor last year, there is much room for solid improvement in 2001.

BALL ST		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
RUSHING											
M. Merriweather	225	1042	38	1004	8	4.5					
Anthony Jones	159	566	51	515	3	3.2					
Talmadge Hill	88	396	140	256	1	2.9					
Jason Teeters	34	125	18	107	1	3.1					
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Talmadge Hill	212	130	61.3	1455	13	12					
Brian Conn	62	27	43.5	249	0	5					
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Sean Schembra	40	484	12.1	1	43						
David Westbrook	27	422	15.6	6	43						
Jamar Cotte	21	165	7.9	0	18						
Corey Parchman	16	220	13.8	1	49						
Billy Lynch	12	121	10.1	1	27						
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20			
Reggie Hodges	64	2321	36.3	-	27.9	1	18				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Mike Langford	1-2	2-3	0-0	0-0	3-5	33					
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	TFL	PBU	INT
Lorenzo Scott	96	0	5	3	2	Jesse Avant	34	0	1	5	1
Shaka Johnson	73	2	0	0	0	Brent Walker	31	1	2	0	0
Jade Winchell	72	0	0	5	0	Cornelius Bowick	31	3	4	1	0
Nate Andrews	65	0	3	1	0	Vernard Alsberry	30	0	5	1	0
Evans Triggs	55	1	5	1	0	Bayette George	28	0	2	0	0
Mark Zacker	42	3	5	0	0	Pete Smith	28	0	1	1	1
S. Rusununguko	41	1	9	0	0	Rachman Crabbe	25	0	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Billy Lynch	24	111	4.6	0	Sean Schembra	17	277	16.3	0		



RB Anthony Jones rushed for 187 yards versus Miami, Oh last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Lynch led this team to a MAC Title in 1996 and a Las Vegas Bowl appearance but appeared on his way out last year. He was coming off seasons of 1-10 and 0-11 and after a crushing 43-14 loss to N Illinois Ball St stood 0-4 and in the midst of a 21 game losing streak, with little hope down the stretch. Included in that opening losing streak was a loss to IAA W Illinois and a 76-0 pounding from Kansas St, the worst loss in school history. The final 7 games were simply amazing as the Cardinals went 5-2 down the stretch and it was good enough for Lynch to not only keep his job, but they awarded him with a contract extension through 2002 and will also upgrade the stadium to 23,600 this year. They achieved 5 wins despite the fact they played the 3rd toughest schedule in the MAC and were -14 in turnovers (see Turnovers-Turnaround on page 277) as well as having 19 frosh in the 2 deep. Lynch knows a thing or two about winning and has won or shared 5 conference titles in his 11 years as a head coach. On offense, they led the MAC in time of possession (33:56) and their 609 yard outing versus C Michigan was the second best in school history. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball, including QB Talmadge Hill who is 5-2 as a starter and they look more potent now in their 3rd year of the new offense. Defensively they allowed 31.7 ppg but recorded their first shutout in 63 games against Connecticut and gave up 35 combined garbage points versus Buffalo and E Mich, teams that they led 41-14 and 26-0, respectively. They lose just one full-time starter on that side of the ball and I look for a dramatic improvement. Last year's squad had 29 scholarship juniors which makes this one of the most veteran units in the MAC and they lead the league with 49 returning lettermen. They probably took some teams by surprise last year and will not have that advantage this season. Nonetheless, this team is clearly capable of recording its first winning season since 1996 and will make some additional noise in MAC play this year.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB TALMADGE HILL SO. 5-11 198 PS#121QB. Str'd L7 as rFr, 1455 yds (61%), 13-12 ratio, 396 rush, 5-2 as st'r, MAC Frosh of Yr. Brian Conn (6-2 194 Sr) 2002 career pass yds.
RB MARCUS MERRIWEATHER SR. 6-1 215 136yds (5.2) as Fr. 2nd Tm MAC in 2000, 1004 yds (4.5), 8 rec (4.1). Anthony Jones (5-10 192 Sr), 515 yds (3.2) ly, 4 sts, 187 yds rush vs Miami, Oh.
FB SCOTT VOLK SO. 5-11 225 PS#188. Started L6 as rFr, 49 tfl yds. Starter in 2000, 0 yds rush, 9 rec (5.4), 10 tkl. Otis Shannon is PS#64. Johnny Strout (5-6 202 Jr) PS#300.
WR SEAN SCHEMBRA JR. 5-10 186 PS#362. 10 rec (10.1) as Fr. #1 in 2000, 40 rec (12.1), 17 KR (16.3), 4.45 spd, 380 bench. Jamar Cotte (5-10 179 Sr) PS#183, 21 rec (7.9), 10 tkl.
WR DAVID WESTBROOK SR. 6-3 201 PS#184. 7 sts at Ark St in '97, 17 rec (14.6), 14 rec here in '99 (8.9), 10 sts ly, #2, 27 rec (15.6). Corey Parchman (6-3 187 Sr) 16 rec (13.8), 4.4 spd.
TE Jon Eckert Jr. 6-5 247 PS#149TE. RS in '98, 1 rec in '99, 4 rec (10.0) in 3 sts ly. Tim Streit (6-4 246 Jr) 3 rec (8.3) in '99, 3 rec (7.7) ly. Mark Franklin (6-5 250 Fr) PS#61.
C COLIN JOHNSON JR. 6-1 285 PS#315OL. 630 squat, 10 tkl, 2 tfl, 10 games as backup DT in '99, 11 sts at C ly, 2L. Mike Jantzen (6-1 308 So) 405 bench. Backup @ C ly.
RG Travis Barclay SO. 6-4 294 PS#159OL. 1 letter as bkup ly. Lavar Charleston (6-3 301 Sr) PS#330DL. 380 bench. Has earned 2 letters as backup C & OT. #1 RG in spring.
LG DAVID MILLER JR. 6-3 321 410 bench, 600 squat. 1 start at RT, backup rest of '99, 8 starts at LG ly, 2 letters. Nathan Boyd (6-1 298 Sr) has 1 letter. Backup last 2 years.
RT JOHN MOORE SR. 6-6 280 Lettered as backup in '98, 11 starts at LG in '99, 9 sts at RT in 2000. 3L. Adrian Stiffarm (6-6 295 Fr) PS#127OL. Jeff Ramsey (6-5 275 rFr) PS#359.
LT Kris Berry SO. 6-4 278 PS#160OL. RS in '99. Lettered as a backup in 2000.
Lo Hofmann (6-2 282 So) Lettered as bkup in 2000. Ty Kinsley (6-6 285 rFr) PS#435OL.
K MIKE LANGFORD SO. 5-9 152 11 of 14 FG's in HS, 3 of 5 on FG's as true ly. Thomas Pucke (5-10 205 Sr) PS#42K. 4 of 8 in '98, 2 of 7 in '99, 3 of 7 ly, career long of 40.

DE EVAN TRIGGS SR. 6-3 266 22 tkl, 2 sks, 3 tfl in 6 sts in '98. ACL inj in '99. 11 sts, 55 tkl, 6 tfl, 6 press ly. Paul Strabury (6-2 233 So) PS#111LB. 3 tkl ly as backup in 6 gms.
DT MARK ZACKERY SR. 5-11 283 PS#123DL. 11 sts, 47 tkl, 7 tfl in '98, 9 sts, 20 tkl, 4 tfl in '99, 10 sts, 42 tkl, 3 sks, 5 tfl ly. 680 squat. Keith Anderson (6-3 230 rFr) PS#376LB.
DT Greg Pagnard SO. 6-2 276 PS#226DL. RS in '99, 5 tkl in 5 gms ly. Jerome Tilmon (6-3 245 Fr) PS#188DL. Martin Ferrill (6-4 225 rFr) is PS#289, 18 tfl as senior in high school.
DE RACHMAN CRABBE SR. 6-4 260 7 sts, 36 tkl, 6 tfl in '98, 10 sts, 44 tkl, 5 tfl in '99, 7 starts ly, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. Jonas Williams (6-0 252 Jr) PS#228LB. 17 tkl in 9 games the L2Y.
OLB VERNARD ALSBERRY SR. 6-0 211 10 tkl in '98-'99, 10 starts ly, 30 tkl, 5 tfl in 11 gms. Alger Boswell (5-8 201 Sr) 23 tkl, 2 pbu, 2 sts in '98, 15 tkl, 1 st in '99, 8 tkl in 11 games ly.
ILB LORENZO SCOTT SO. 6-2 195 #1 tackler as true ly, 96 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 int. Started L7 games. Brent Walker (6-3 218 Sr) 25 tkl in '98 & '99, 3 tkl, 3 tfl in 8 games last year.
ILB SHAKA JOHNSON SR. 6-0 230 3 starts, 44 tkl in '98, 11 sts, 98 tkl, 4 tfl in '99, 11 starts, 73 tkl, 4 tfl last year, 390 bench, 600 squat. Allen Lidy (6-0 225 Sr) 17 tkl in 3 years.
OLB CORNELIUS BOWICK SR. 6-2 221 Won starting job ly, 7 starts, 31 tkl, 7 tfl in 9 games. Wayne Washington (5-11 205 So) had 3 tkl ly. Donald Crumpton (6-1 199 Sr) 5 tkl last year.
CB JESSE AVANT SO. 5-10 176 PS#67RB. 4.5 speed, 34 tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int, 11 sts ly. Chickaro Martin (5-10 170 Sr) 39 tkl in '99, 9 tkl in 6 games last year. Charles Avant PS#170.
CB STEVE MONSON JR. 5-8 169 5 sts, 35 tkl, 4 pbu, 1 int in '99, 24 tkl, 8 pbu, 1 int, 11 sts ly. 4.4 speed. Quentin Manley (6-1 172 So) was PS#380, 8 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int as true last year.
FS JADE WINCHELL JR. 5-10 196 PS#113OL. 10 sts, 9 tkl, 4 pbu in '99, 72 tkl, 5 pbu, 11 sts in 2000. 4.5 speed, 350 bench. Doug Owsu (5-10 171 So) was PS#209DB, 2 tkl ly.
P REGGIE HODGES SO. 6-1 225 64 punts as true, 36.3 avg (last in MAC) net of just 27.9. Phil Cunningham (6-2 200 So) and Michael Williams (6-1 180 rFr) will also compete for the job.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
RB Otis Shannon 5-9 195 PS#64
RB Donta Smith 6-1 205 PS#110
OL Adrian Stiffarm 6-6 295 PS#127
TE Mark Franklin 6-5 250 PS#61
DL Blair Kramer 6-4 250 PS#198
DL Travis Mikalowski 6-3 227 PS#209
DB Chuckie Hawkins 5-10 190 PS#185
WR Ryan Hahaj 6-4 190 PS#225
OL Patrick Neils 6-4 280 PS#287
DL Martin Mieczkowski 6-3 270 PS#315
TE Bryan Smith 6-5 235 PS#123
CB Eric Hooks 6-0 190 PS#129
DL Nick Graymire 6-3 255 PS#347
LB Andy Stark 6-2 215 PS#326
RB Charles Wynn 5-11 230 PS#439

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Ball St is 13-20 ATS as an away dog since 1994.
Cardinals are 4-0 ATS at home vs Bowling Green, but 1-3 ATS away.
Ball St is 2-4 ATS vs Akron since 1992.
BSU has had a negative turnover ratio in 4 straight seasons.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	at Auburn	G												
Sep. 8	at Kentucky	G												
Sep. 15	S Illinois	G												
Sep. 22	at W Michigan	G												
Sep. 29	Miami (Oh)	G												
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	at E Michigan	A												
Oct. 20	Toledo (HC)	G												
Oct. 27	at UConn	G												
Nov. 3	C Michigan	G												
Nov. 10	Kent St	G												
Nov. 17	at N Illinois	A												
Nov. 24														

Ball St is 7-2 ATS the last 9 years in their season opener.
Cardinals are 18-28 ATS as an underdog the last 7 years.
Ball St is 5-11 ATS in September the last 5 years.
Cardinals are 12-27 ATS off a SU loss the last 7 years.
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The S Illinois Salukis were 3-8 LY SU in the Missouri Valley Conf.
W Michigan has outscored Ball St 70-3 the last 2 years.
Cardinals are 3-7 SU & 5-5 ATS vs W Michigan since 1990.
Pending LW, BSU is 8-23 ATS vs conference foes the L4Y.
Cardinals are 5-3 SU & ATS the last 8 meetings vs Miami (Oh).
Ball St is 2-12 ATS on artificial turf the last 4 years.
Cardinals are 2-5 SU & 3-4 ATS the last 7 years vs E Michigan.
Pending the EMU outcome, Ball St is 3-13 ATS in October the L4Y.
Cardinals are 3-6 ATS the last 9 years vs Toledo.
Ball St is 10-15-1 ATS as a favorite since 1994.
Cardinals beat UConn 29-0 last year in their season finale.
Ball St has covered 10 of their last 15 November games.
Cardinals are 7-2 SU but C Michigan has covered 4 straight.
Ball St is 7-0 SU & 4-2-1 ATS their last 7 vs Kent St.
Last meeting with Kent St was a 50-6 victory back in 1996.
The Cardinals are 2-2 SU but 0-4 ATS the last 4 vs N Illinois.
Ball St is 5-2 SU & 4-3 ATS in their season finale since 1994.

STADIUM: BALL STATE STADIUM (23,600) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	7-4	8-3	5-6	1-10	0-11	5-6	32-44-1
ATS	4-7	5-4-1	6-4	3-7	4-7	2-9	5-5	29-43-1
Home Fav	1-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	7-9
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-4	0-2	5-8
Away Fav	1-2	0-1-1	3-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	4-6-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-4	2-5	2-5	3-1	13-20
Favorite	2-5	2-2-1	4-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	2-2	11-15-1
Dog	2-2	3-2	2-2	2-5	4-5	2-9	3-3	18-28-1
Grass	3-6	4-3-1	3-3	3-4	4-3	1-6	4-3	22-28
Artificial	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-3	0-4	1-3	1-2	7-15
vs Conf	3-6	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-4	21-34-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	8-9
Off SU Win	2-3	1-3-1	5-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	11-14-1
Off SU Loss	0-4	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-6	1-9	3-2	12-27

Coach: BILL LYNCH (Career 62-53-3) Lynch's records AT BALL ST

7th Year at Ball St	5-6	Home Favorite
26-41 Straight Up	4-8	Home Underdog
25-36-1 Vs The Spread	3-4-1	Away Favorite
12-23 Off A S/U Loss	12-18	Away Underdog
18-28-1 Vs Conference	7-8	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42	L
96	Las Vegas	+6	Nevada	15-18	W

BALL ST (5-6)

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RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 49 (23,23,3)
DEFENSE: 10 Lost: 13 (6,7,0)

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BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
7*	19.3	19	165	3.4	155	57.1	16.6	-14	2000	7	31.7	18	170	4.4	200	47.3	11.6
4*	14.3	16	98	2.6	161	59.1	18.1	-8	1999	8	32.8	21	235	4.8	169	58.0	12.3
8*	13.6	16	143	3.5	139	48.2	20.7	-4	1998	3	31.2	21	211	4.8	220	64.2	13.8
3	21.7	17	169	3.7	150	48.7	14.7	-5	1997	4	23.6	19	132	3.5	239	60.9	15.7
3	24.7	17	175	3.7	158	55.8	13.5	+4	1996	4	17.5	18	124	3.4	218	56.7	19.6
5*	18.5	16	164	3.5	126	60.3	15.6	-1	1995	6	17.0	15	126	3.4	132	42.2	15.2

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Florida	13	34-85	2.5	15-27	181	1	28	34-136	4.0	23-50	359	2	-2
W Illinois	16	36-165	4.6	16-33	156	0	15	50-196	3.9	6-18	66	1	-3
at Kansas St	5	45-46	1.0	1-8	5	5	27	57-322	5.6	8-12	192	0	-3
N Illinois	12	42-66	1.6	17-24	170	3	18	50-192	3.8	9-16	236	0	-2
at Miami (Oh)	23	56-218	3.9	17-29	186	1	14	24-65	2.7	15-38	170	1	0
E Michigan	21	56-192	3.4	12-19	97	3	15	23-41	1.8	19-39	268	2	1
at Buffalo	24	57-192	3.4	13-18	248	4	21	44-252	5.7	14-24	172	0	0
at C Michigan	34	68-381	5.6	18-30	228	0	8	36-153	4.3	7-23	83	2	-4
W Michigan	15	45-132	2.9	11-31	96	0	26	36-210	5.8	22-39	314	1	0
at Toledo	21	44-81	1.8	24-36	200	3	14	35-260	7.4	6-19	82	0	-2
UConn	23	54-255	4.7	13-20	137	4	14	31-40	1.3	20-37	254	4	1
TOTALS	207	537-1813	3.4	157-275	1704	24	200	420-1867	4.4	149-315	2196	13	-14
AVERAGES	18.8	49-165	3.4	14-25	155	2.2	18.2	38-170	4.4	14-29	200	1.2	-1.3

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	+21	10-35	L
Miami (Oh)	+6	6-16	L
at Minnesota	+14	23-26	W
UCF	NL	31-10	-
at W Michigan	-7	28-5	W
Ohio U	-12	30-27	L
at Bowling Green	+1	16-11	W
at C Michigan	-2	24-17	W
at E Michigan	-4	39-25	W
Kent St	-24	50-6	W
Toledo	-12	24-14	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miami (Oh)	+7	10-27	L
James Madison	NL	24-6	-
at Indiana	+13	6-33	L
at Purdue	+16	14-28	W
Marshall	+14	16-42	L
at W Michigan	+1	13-21	L
at E Michigan	+2	32-38	L
C Michigan	-11	37-34	L
at N Illinois	-9	21-14	L
Akron	-9	31-14	W
Toledo	+11	35-3	W

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+20	20-38	W
E Michigan	-9	7-13	L
at Iowa St	+12	0-38	L
at Akron	+7	14-52	L
N Illinois	-12	18-13	L
at Toledo	+19	6-27	L
Miami (Oh)	+19	17-28	W
at Marshall	+30	10-42	L
W Michigan	+10	23-24	W
at UCF	+31	14-37	W
at C Michigan	+7	21-31	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana	+24	9-21	W
at Wisconsin	+36	10-50	L
Toledo	+6	10-23	L
at Army	+9	21-41	L
Akron	+1	9-31	L
at N Illinois	+9	17-37	L
at W Michigan	+18	0-28	L
Ohio U	+7	25-37	L
at E Michigan	+11	21-31	W
at Bowling Green	+15	14-35	L
C Michigan	+2	21-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+45	19-40	W
W Illinois	NL	14-24	-
at Kansas St	+46	0-76	L
N Illinois	+11	14-43	L
at Miami (Oh)	+28	15-10	W
E Michigan	-6	33-14	W
at Buffalo	-10	44-35	L
at C Michigan	-5	38-34	L
W Michigan	+22	3-42	L
at Toledo	+32	3-31	W
UConn	-16	29-0	W

C MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS



RB Vince Webber, the Chippewas' leading rusher in 2000, scored 3 TD's with 458 net yards.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Chippewas returned 4 year starter Pete Shepherd and he leaves as CM's #2 all-time career passing leader. He never had a great season, with 1999 being his best year when he threw for 2,295 yards (53%) with a 9-12 ratio. Last year he started 6 games and threw for 906 yards (57.7%) with a 3-2 ratio, missing one game with a sprained ankle. He alternated with r/r Derrick Vickers (6-1 185) who has 4.6 speed. Vickers had a 24-4 ratio as a senior in HS but last year was only an average passer, throwing for 1,059 yards (46.1%) with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 170 yards. Derek Gorney (6-2 198 Jr) has a strong arm as well as scrambling ability. He has thrown 5 passes while playing in 13 games the last 2 years. Darren Tooley (6-2 190 So) was PS#181QB and threw for over 5,000 yards in his HS career. He was still learning the pro-style offense last year and did not see action. Jeff Perry (6-1 185 r/r) is also in the mix as is true frosh Kent Liddell-Smith (6-6 203, PS#287). Last season was a learning year for Vickers and I look for a solid improvement in his numbers in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - Injuries have ravaged this position the past 2 years with Vince Webber (a rare HT) playing in just 5 games as a true frosh until injury, two games in 1999 until injury, and only getting 5 starts last year while missing two entire games. Four different TB's started due to the injuries and at one point vs Kent St they started a 5th string TB in Kenan Lawhorne (5-11 195 So). It was not surprising to see CM finish last in the MAC in rushing. This year four players with starting experience are back at the TB slot, and if Webber could just stay healthy I expect big things out of him. He finally led the team with 458 yards but after averaging 6.3 and 5.1 in his first two seasons, he only had a 3.5 ypc last year. I list the top 2 TB's below and Robbie Mixon had a huge game against Akron with 265 all-purpose yards, leading the team to victory. Mixon was the 4th leading receiver on the team with 4 starts but played in just 5 games. Lawhorne was PS#336 and in that start vs Kent St rushed for all 86 of his yards on the season. Tyrone Dalton had 1 start, playing in 7 games, and had 114 yards combined rushing and receiving. Alan Parks (5-9 185 Jr) was PS#360 and has 63 yards rushing the last 2 years. They must replace FB DJ McClure who had 7 rec's in 9 games and I list the 2 deep at FB below. If Webber and Mixon stay healthy, this could be one of the most improved RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last year CM had planned on returning two starters, with their only major loss being a TE who was the #2 receiver. Jammar O'Neal set a MAC record for receiving yards as a frosh with 1,085 yards in 1999 but was ruled ineligible, dealing the receiving corps a big blow. They got a boost when Ira Gooch, who played RB in 1999, moved to WR and he led the team with 16.3 ypc. This year all 3 starters depart including WR David Hannah who led the team with 34 receptions (12.1) and TE Eric Salani who grabbed 12 (10.3). Only 1 returning receiver had double digit receptions last year and that is Steve Messam who had 22 (13.1) as a true frosh. There is some talent here including Rob Turner (6-3 204 Jr) who was PS#146QB (8 rec's). While this unit was not overwhelming last year, they have even less experience and look a notch weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Chippewas' O-line looked like it might be the MAC's best front wall last year as 7 players returned with starting experience and the unit had allowed just 18 sacks in 1999. While the group did well once again, allowing just 20 sacks, they only paved the way for 2.6 ypc rushing however that can partially be pinned on the banged up RB's. This year they are in great shape once again as all 5 starters return with the lone losses being backup OG James Alexander and OT Nick Ferguson. The OL has several HT's which are listed in the 2 deep below and this looks like one of the MAC's top offensive fronts for 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This should be one of the most improved defensive lines in the NCAA. Last year the Chippewas had to rebuild with the loss of their top 6 DL's, and their defense plummeted, as they finished last in the MAC in rushing defense and the team notched just 12 sacks, which was also last in the MAC. It was a very young unit with its 2 deep consisting of 3 frosh, just 1 upperclassmen and no seniors. Naturally everyone is back with the exception of Charles Harris who I project as the starting TE. I list the 2 deep below including 4 frosh who have a shot at playing. The front 4 starters have all bulked up by an average of about 20 lbs per man and will also benefit from an extra year of maturity.

LINEBACKERS - The Chippewas had 2 starters returning to this unit last year including their #3 and #4 tacklers. This year they lose 1 starter in Ralph Sewell (11 sts, 58 tkls, 3 flt) and one backup Casey Laughlin (38 tkls, 3 flt) but they were just the #6 and #11 tacklers. Zach Poff and Jason Hayes were a couple of 3rd stringers who combined for 14 tackles and they also depart. I list the 2 deep below and four players have experience including Darvin Lewis who was the #2 tackler on the team and 3rd in the MAC with 113 and he earned HM MAC honors. James Westrich (#7 tackler) returns to his starting spot. Four of the top 6 are back and they add a solid JUCO in Jovan Clarke who has 4.6 speed and benches 310. Also, true frosh James Fields (PS#164) could play immediately. Not listed in the 2 deep are Joe Ballard (6-4 205 r/r) who was PS#253DB and Anthony Tyus (5-10 215 r/r) who was PS#370. Despite the losses, this group should be on par with the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This has been an solid area for CM over the past few years. In 1998 they finished #37 in my pass defense rankings but even with 3 starters back the next year they dropped to #63 due to an inexperienced front 7 but only allowed a respectable 51.1% with a 19-12 ratio. Last year the top 8 players all returned including their superstar FS Brian Leigeb who leaves as the school's all-time leader in tacklers and led the MAC in tackles last year. He played a big part in CM ranking #1 in the MAC in pass D but keep in mind, they were last in rush D which means teams did not have to pass the ball on them. Overall, they finished #46 in my pass D rankings, once again giving up just 51.1%, with a 12-11 ratio. Teams will not find it as easy to run the ball on CM this year, so I do expect CM's opponents to pass more. Don't expect them to continue to allow only 149.7 ypg passing like they did in 2000. They also lose CB Scott Naz (29 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu). Three starters return and I like the CB duo of France and Dudley as both have good size and have been terrors in the pbu department. Dudley led the MAC in pbu's as a r/r in '98 and France has been in double digits all 3 years and earned 2nd Tm MAC honors in '98. Even with the loss of Leigeb this looks like one of the MAC's better secondaries, although they'll likely drop a little in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has clearly been an area of disappointment for the Chippewas as of late. They finished #101 in my special teams rankings in '98, slipped down to #111 in '99 and last year with a new coach they made a little progress, climbing back up to #101. Ira Gooch was 5th in the MAC in PR's with a solid 13.2 average and 4th in the MAC in KR's with 22.1 avg. He will be missed. Dante McKnight and Wayne Dudley combined to average just 15.2 on 22 KR's and will be the main guys this year. Brian Brandt, who was 1st Team All Wisconsin in HS, set a dubious school record for the most punts in a season with 87 (the record was 80). He did well as a KS frosh and flirted with becoming the first CM punter since they moved to Kelly/Shorts Stadium in 1972 to average 40 ypg. He averaged a solid 39.5 with a net of 32.1. They lose 4 year long snapper Zach Poff. PK Paul Savich is back and was injured part of last year and Adam Clyne (5-9 160 Jr) hit 8 of 10 xp's and was zero for 1 on FG attempts in his place. Savich hit 13 of 18 FG's in 1999 and just 4 of 7 last year but his strong KO's helped them allow just 18.0 per KR. They also add a true frosh K in Mike Gruzowski (PS#88) who set a Michigan record for points in a career. They suffered 3 blocked punts and gave up 2 TD's in the return game last year but should improve upon that. I like the talent they have here at K and figure they should get decent replacements in the return game so look for some good sized improvement in this area.

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
Vince Webber	130	482	24	458	3	3.5				
Robbie Mixon	89	304	19	285	1	3.2				
Kenan Lawhorne	24	87	1	86	0	3.6				
Tyrone Dalton	31	91	11	80	0	2.6				
Ira Gooch	11	74	16	58	0	5.3				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Derrick Vickers	180	83	46.1	1059	7	5				
Pete Shepherd	142	82	57.7	906	3	2				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
David Hannah	34	411	12.1	1	44					
Ira Gooch	24	392	16.3	2	77					
Steve Messam	22	288	13.1	1	31					
Robbie Mixon	17	196	11.5	1	86					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK				
Brian Brandt	87	3440	39.5	—	32.1	3				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Paul Savich	2-2	1-4	1-1	0-0	4-7	45				
PLAYER	TKL	SKC	FLB	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKC	FLB	INT	
Brian Leigeb	147	1	5	6	1	Cullen Jenkins	49	1	7	0
Darvin Lewis	113	2	11	1	0	Wayne Dudley	46	0	3	7
Rodrico Epps	95	0	2	5	1	Finley Carter	41	1	2	0
Marvin Smith	75	3	7	0	0	Casey Laughlin	38	0	3	0
Matt Reynolds	64	2	5	4	1	Dominic Mancini	33	1	1	0
Ralph Sewell	58	0	3	1	0	Matt Wohlgemuth	31	0	1	0
James Westrich	55	0	4	1	0	Tedaro France	30	0	1	11
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Ira Gooch	16	211	13.2	0	Ira Gooch	15	331	22.1	0	

PHIL'S FORECAST

Central was actually the MAC Champion in both 1990 and 1994, appearing in bowl games, and had only 2 losing years from 1975 to 1994. They have had only one winning season since then. Last year they brought in a new coach in Mike DeBord who was the offensive coordinator at Michigan and while he inherited 12 returning starters, the team complied a 2-9 record which tied for the worst season ever here. CM really struggled on defense, allowing more FD's than any other MAC team, but the highlight of their season was when they pulled an outright upset over rival W Michigan as a 35 point dog. Coaches usually make big strides in their second year, as they are more familiar with the players and the players are more familiar with the new systems. CM draws Buffalo from the East but also Marshall and Ohio University. I look for improved play on both sides of the ball for the Chippewas but they still appear to be a clear level or two behind the leaders of the Western Division. They host E Michigan in the second to last game of the season and since only division records count in the MAC standings, a victory there would likely keep them out of the basement.

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OL	Dean Zaratofanis	6-4 305	PS#252
OL	Jeff Jenerou	6-8 290	PS#255
RB	Jason Wright	6-0 190	PS#262
DB	Jason Taylor	5-11 185	PS#272
LB	Jovan Clarke	6-3 230	PS#310JC
DB	Jesse Dailey	5-8 165	PS#290
OL	Joseph Myler	6-3 354	PS#322
DB	Dave Kurzen	6-5 235	PS#313
TE	Tony Humphrey	6-3 230	PS#116
WR	Scott Gibson	6-3 175	PS#360
WR	Fabrice Raymond	5-9 160	PS#371
TE	Caleb Anthony	6-4 255	PS#160
DB	Marlin Maxwell	5-8 168	PS#453

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OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB DERRICK VICKERS JR. 6-1 185 PS#120. 5 starts as r/r. 1059 yards (46%), 7-5 ratio, 170 rush yards. Derek Gorney (6-2 198 Jr) 5 passes, 2 years. Darren Tooley (6-2 190 So).
RB VINCE WEBBER JR. 5-9 205 PS#46. 232 yds as true (6.3), miss 6 winj. 144 yds in 99, 2 gms (inj). RS. 5 sts ly. 458 yds (3.5). Robbie Mixon (5-11 185 Jr) PS#280. 6 sts, 439 yds (3.0) 2 yrs.
FB Adam Supianowski Jr. 6-3 230 PS#308RB. Played TE & FB LY. 9 gms, 4 Sp Tms tkls. Kyle Tafelski (6-2 220 So) PS#323LB. moved to FB. Terrence Jackson (6-0 210 So) 131 yds, 8 gms.
WR Rob Turner Jr. 6-3 204 PS#146QB in 99. 11 rec (11.0) as true. 8 rec (8.5) in 11 games ly. Roderick Means (6-3 192 Jr) 2 rec (12.5) ly. Desmond Crenshaw is PS#454.
WR Steve Messam So. 5-9 175 PS#277WR. 10 games as true, 22 rec (13.1). Willie Hill (6-0 185 So) 2 tkls, 1 rec last year. Dante McKnight (5-10 180 So) 14 kick returns (15.1).
TE Charles Harris So. 6-3 242 PS#241DL. 8 games at DE as r/r. 3 tackles. David Watson (6-4 250 Jr) is listed #1 in spring. Caleb Anthony (6-4 255 Fr) is PS#160 this year.
C ANDERS HILL SR. 6-5 290 Backup G as r/r. 10 starts at Center in 1999, added 15 lbs. 11 starts at Center in 2000, 3 letters. Brandon Pitzer (6-3 280 Fr) was PS#150OL.
RG KYLE CROSKY JR. 6-3 300 PS#189OL in 1999. 8 games, 5 starts as true. 11 starts in 2000, earned 2 letters. Eric Schulenburg (6-4 290 So) PS#114OL in 1999, 0 letters.
LG DEREK McLAUGHLIN SO. 6-5 304 PS#300. Won starting job as r/r in 2000, lettered. Eric Dumont (6-6 295 Sr) 5 sts in 99, backup ly. PS#326. Eric Ghiaciuc (6-5 275 r/r) PS#271.
RT PAUL BRIGIER JR. 6-4 300 Limited action in 1999 but lettered as r/r. 11 starts at RT last year. Adam Kieft (6-2 280 Fr) PS#224OL. Derold London (6-5 280 r/r) was PS#535.
LT MATT BRAYTON SR. 6-7 305 PS#134. 11 starts as r/r. Added 20 lbs in 1999 & 11 starts. Started all 11 at LT in 2000. Thomas Langton (6-9 320 So) PS#342, 11 games last year.
K PAUL SAVICH SR. 5-7 150 11 of 20 FG's in 98, long of 45, 24 xp's. 13 of 18 FG's in 99, long 39, 22-26 xp's, 4 of 7 FG's in 2000, long of 45, 7-7 xp's, broke foot vs NI.

DE MATT REYNOLDS JR. 6-3 260 3 tkls in 99. 11 starts in 2000, 64 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl, added 30 lbs. Ike Ajoku (6-2 243 So) PS#207, 19 tkls, 3 tfl as r/r. Tony Humphrey PS#116TE.
MG DOMINIC MANCINI JR. 6-3 270 PS#315DL. 9 tackles as true. 10 starts in 2000, 33 tkls, 2 tfl. Josh Skeel (6-1 265 Sr) 8 games in 2000, 13 tkls, 1 tfl. Kalani Muragin (6-2 260 Fr).
DT MARVIN SMITH JR. 6-1 265 18 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 11 starts in 2000, 75 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl. Jay Davidson (6-4 285 So) 16 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Mike Morris (6-3 275 r/r) was PS#238OL.
DE CULLEN JENKINS JR. 6-3 245 PS#224LB. 4 tkls as true. 11 starts, 49 tkls, 8 tfl in 2000. Matt Wohlgemuth (6-5 240 So) PS#121LB. 31 tkls as true. Morgan Sheppard is PS#227DL.
OLB Eddie Hillery So. 6-1 205 21 tkls as true, had 2 tfl in 10 games. Jovan Clarke (6-3 230 Jr) PS#310JC. 5 sacks, 57 tkls at JUCO last year. Jon Nelson (6-1 195 Fr) PS#235.
MLB DARVIN LEWIS JR. 6-3 225 11 starts as r/r. #3 w/76 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 5 int! 11 starts last year, #2 w/113 tkls, 2 sks, 11 tfl. Honorable Mention MAC. James Fields (6-2 230 Jr) PS#164RB.
OLB JAMES WESTRICH SR. 6-1 215 6 tkls as r/r. 2 starts in 99, 28 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 1 int, 11 games. Starter ly. #7 w/55 tkls, 4 tfl. Derrick Wallace (6-0 210 So) PS#323LB, 17 tkls, 4 gms last year.
CB TEDARO FRANCE SR. 6-0 185 11 sts, 2nd Tm MAC as r/r, 32 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 12 pbu. 11 sts ly. top cover CB, 30 tkls, 5 int, 11 pbu. James Gonzales 5 tkls ly.
CB WAYNE DUDLEY SR. 6-0 185 11 starts as r/r. led MAC in pbu w/15, 57 tkls, 5 starts in 99, 43 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. 46 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu last year. Richard Kiel (5-10 170 r/r) PS#169WR.
ROV RODRICO EPPS SR. 5-10 185 PS#460RB. 5 tkls as true. 10 starts in 99, #2 w/77 tkls, 11 sts, 11 starts last year. #3 w/95 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 tfl. Ron Bartell (6-3 190 Fr) 4.5 speed.
FS Finley Carter Sr. 5-10 180 17 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu as true. 8 tkls in 99, 1 int, 1 tfl. 10 gms ly. #10 w/41 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 1 int. Michael Thomas (5-8 175 r/r), 4.49 spd, 1 tkl but still RS ly.
P BRIAN BRANDT SO. 6-2 200 87 punts as r/r, 39.5 average, 16 inside the 20 with a net of 32.1. Had 44.8 average as a senior in high school, named First Team All-Wisconsin.

C MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

C Michigan is 20-28 ATS vs conference opponents the L6Y.
The Chippewas are 12-21 ATS as a favorite since 1993, 9-12 as a home favorite & 3-9 ATS as an away favorite.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	E Kentucky (Thur)	A												C Michigan is 4-13 ATS vs non-conference opponents the L7Y. Chippewas are 4-10 ATS in September the last 4 years.
Sep. 8	at Michigan St	A												C Michigan is 11-23 ATS the last 5 years as an underdog. Chippewas are 9-20 ATS off a SU win the last 7 years.
Sep. 15	at Boise St	A												C Michigan is 8-23 ATS as an away dog the last 7 years. The Chippewas are 2-1 SU & ATS vs Boise St.
Sep. 22	Toledo	A												Possible revenge: C Michigan lost 41-0 last years vs Toledo. Chippewas are 2-6 SU & 3-5 ATS vs Toledo.
Sep. 29	at Buffalo	G												Only one prior meeting, C Michigan won 38-19 in 1999. Chippewas are 6-20 ATS on grass the last 26 games.
Oct. 6														
Oct. 13	Ohio U (HC)	A												C Michigan is 11-22 ATS in October since 1993. Ohio beat C Michigan 52-3 last year in Athens.
Oct. 20	at Marshall	A												C Michigan has not played Marshall since 1998. The Chippewas are 0-2 SU & ATS vs Marshall.
Oct. 27	N Illinois	A												C Michigan is 9-6 ATS the last 8 years as a home dog. Chippewas are 1-3 SU & ATS vs N Illinois the last 4 years.
Nov. 3	at Ball St	G												C Michigan is 0-8 ATS their last 8 sandwiched away games. Chippewas are 2-6 SU, but 4-4 ATS vs Ball St since 1993.
Nov. 10	E Michigan	A												Coming into 2001 C Michigan is 18-26 ATS on art turf the L6Y. Chippewas are 3-5 ATS vs E Michigan including 0-3 ATS as a HF.
Nov. 17	at W Michigan	G												C Michigan is 3-6 ATS in their season finales, but 3-1 the L/4. The Chippewas are 6-2 ATS vs the Broncos the L/8 series meeting.
Nov. 24														Bonus: C Michigan is 4-9 ATS away in November.

STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS (30,199) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	4-7	5-6	2-9	6-5	4-7	2-9	32-45
ATS	5-5	4-7	4-7	4-7	5-5	4-6	3-8	29-45
Home Fav	3-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	9-9
Home Dog	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	8-6
Away Fav	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	0-0	3-7
Away Dog	1-2	2-3	1-3	2-2	2-3	0-4	0-6	8-23
Favorite	4-3	0-3	2-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	12-16
Dog	1-2	4-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	2-5	3-7	16-29
Grass	0-4	1-2	1-3	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-3	6-18
Artificial	5-1	3-5	3-4	2-5	5-4	2-3	3-5	23-27
vs Conf	5-4	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	25-32
vs Non-Conf	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	4-13
Off SU Win	4-4	2-2	1-4	0-2	1-4	1-2	0-2	9-20
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-4	2-3	3-5	4-0	3-4	3-5	18-21

Coch: MIKE DeBORD (Career 2-9) DeBord's records AT C MICHIGAN

2nd Year at C Michigan	0-1	Home Favorite
2-9 Straight Up	3-1	Home Underdog
3-8 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
3-5 Off A S/U Loss	0-6	Away Underdog
3-5 Vs Conference	0-3	Vs Non-Conf

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES	YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
	90	Raisin	+14	San Jose St	24-48	L
	94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52	L

C MICHIGAN (2-9) CONFERENCE MAC WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 40 (22,15,3)
DEFENSE: 9 Lost: 18 (11,6,1)

LETTERMEN:

C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YDS	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	OFF TOTAL	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YDS	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	12.5	14	92	2.6	179	51.2	21.8	-6	2000	6	34.2	23	268	5.1
6*	20.8	19	142	3.3	218	53.5	17.3	+3	1999	6	31.3	20	172	4.2
8	20.8	19	179	4.0	189	46.7	17.7	+3	1998	10	23.0	20	165	3.7
8	25.6	22	156	3.9	250	47.8	15.8	-13	1997	8	43.5	23	186	4.9
8	31.9	25	201	4.3	276	53.7	15.0	-4	1996	8	32.1	21	153	4.0
3	23.2	19	180	3.9	159	50.1	14.6	-12	1995	5	25.1	20	184	4.0

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Purdue	13	38-65	1.7	16-28	150	1	25	40-145	3.6	26-45	336	1	-3
Akron	17	50-171	3.4	9-19	173	1	15	39-184	4.7	8-24	68	0	+2
at Wyoming	17	31-43	1.4	18-36	240	4	20	55-321	5.8	5-17	47	2	-1
Boise St	14	31-80	2.6	19-33	188	2	27	45-270	6.0	18-31	245	1	-2
at Toledo	8	24-43	1.8	14-24	125	1	29	56-311	5.6	15-26	146	0	-1
Kent St	18	40-109	2.7	20-34	271	1	14	56-188	3.4	10-21	132	1	-3
at Ohio U	19	32-111	3.5	18-37	179	0	28	62-444	7.2	4-11	63	0	-1
Ball St	8	36-153	4.3	7-23	83	2	34	68-381	5.6	18-30	228	0	+4
at E Michigan	18	36-40	1.1	23-41	276	5	17	49-225	4.6	17-26	109	2	-4
W Michigan	17	43-97	2.3	17-29	220	1	17	44-176	4.0	8-20	99	3	+3
at N Illinois	8	28-104	3.7	7-24	65	2	26	64-299	4.7	10-21	174	2	0
TOTALS	157	389-1016	2.6	168-328	1970	20	252	578-2944	5.1	139-272	1647	12	-6
AVERAGES	14.3	35-92	2.6	15-30	179	1.8	22.9	53-268	5.1	13-25	150	1.1	-0.5

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boise St	E	42-21	W	N Illinois	-14'	44-10	W	at Iowa	+33'	0-38	L	E Illinois	NL	33-17	-
at Virginia	+25'	21-55	L	at Florida	+43	6-82	L	W Illinois	NL	35-14	-	at Syracuse	+30	7-47	L
Louisiana Tech	-3	37-38	L	Boise St	-16	44-26	W	Kent St	-7	46-7	W	at Purdue	+38	16-58	L
W Michigan	-5'	38-28	W	at Louisiana Tech	+5	28-56	L	at Michigan St	+28	7-38	L	Miami (Oh)	+19	16-24	W
at Bowling Green	+6'	27-31	W	E Michigan	-3	24-31	L	at E Michigan	+3	36-23	W	at W Michigan	+14	16-38	L
at Miami (Oh)	+10'	14-46	L	at Akron	-5	14-53	L	at N Illinois	-10	6-16	L	at Buffalo	-17	38-19	W
Akron	-13	42-0	W	Toledo	+12	10-41	L	W Michigan	+4	26-24	W	N Illinois	-2	27-31	L
E Michigan	-8'	41-36	L	at Ball St	+11	34-37	W	Akron	-2	28-27	L	at Bowling Green	+5'	7-31	L
Ball St	+2	17-24	L	at Kent St	-2'	37-60	L	at Marshall	+19	0-28	L	Toledo	+6'	13-32	L
at Kent St	-14	52-51	L	Marshall	+23	17-45	L	at Toledo	+13'	14-17	W	E Michigan	+3	29-26	W
at Toledo	+2'	20-23	L	at W Michigan	+15	24-38	W	Ball St	-7'	31-21	W	at Ball St	-2'	27-21	W

E MICHIGAN EAGLES



RB ASHANTI WATSON

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - E Michigan has produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch who was the #2 DC of DET in 1998. Walt Church took over for Batch and simply broke most of his school records, including last year when he had 36 completions in one game vs N Illinois. He was PS#60 and has NFL size (although he was not drafted) and for the year threw for 2,326 yards (59.6%) with an 11-8 ratio in 11 starts. Now for the first time in 6 years EMU has a QB battle. Troy Edwards (6-2 199 Jr) is the heir apparent and was PS#147. He has played in 7 games in 2 years, throwing for 470 yards (61%) with a 2-2 ratio. Jeff Crooks is PS#289 JUCO and was in for the spring. Crooks finished as the #1 QB in spring. Both have more mobility than Church. Chinedu Okoro (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#250. Rick Pyle (6-4 207 So) has good size. Collin Carey (6-3 190 rFr) and this year's FR QB Eugene Kainoa Akina also will contend. Naturally with the loss of a talent like Church, this group is clearly weaker in 2001, although Edwards and Crooks do show some promise. With Woodruff likely moving the team away from the pure passing offense that it used prior to his arrival, I expect the statistics to drop not only in 2001 but in years to come.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year coming out of spring this unit appeared to be in great shape. All of the top rushers from 1999 were back including the top two in Eric Powell and Reggie Gage, who had combined for 926 yards and 255 carries that season while the rest of the RB's totaled just 13 carries. Woodruff, being Arizona's former RB coach, of course had this spot as a priority but was dealt some hard blows first when Powell was ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. Then Gage, an Oregon St transfer, quit the team and Ryan Clifford, their top RB signee, suffered an injury and decided to transfer. That left the unit to John White who had 5 starts at WR in 1998 with 24 rec's (14.0). White rushed for 561 yards (3.6) in his 5 starts. Ashanti Watson (5-11 185 So) was PS#145WR and had 2 starts at RB as a true freshman last year with 353 yards rushing (4.2) and 16 rec's. White departs as does Idris Wells (2 sts, 126 yards), but they could get back Powell (PS#159) who was 1999's leading rusher and has 1,056 career yards rushing with 57 rec's in 15 starts. He was still working on his grades as of this writing. Gary Stanford (6-2 190 So) was PS#196DB and started 1 game as a true freshman due to injury and rushed for 35 yards. Rich Schutt (5-9 182 Jr) was PS#214. Ima Akpan (6-0 220 Jr) had 330 yards at Youngstown St and transfers in but after a solid spring tore his ACL and is doubtful for 2001. I look for much bigger production out of this unit in 2001, especially since EMU figures to run more as they are breaking in a new QB.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Eagles had to replace their top 2 receivers but Kenny Christian and Kevin Walter stepped up and simply were the 4th most productive receiving tandem in the NCAA in 2000. Christian set the MAC record with 20 receptions vs Temple and Walter had 14 for 199 yards vs N Illinois. Christian, in fact, led the MAC in receptions with 78 (10.4) while Walter had 55 (13.1). This unit was also hit by injuries last year as they lost projected starting WR Vince Nasca (PS#205, 3 sts in 99) prior to the year. TE Brett Wells, a walk-on who earned the starting TE job, was also lost after 3 games. His replacement, Kevin Zurecki, started 4 games at the hybrid TE/H-Back spot, but missed the last 3 games with a broken foot. The good news is that almost everyone is back for 2001 with the only losses being Keijuan Douglas (19 rec, 9.7), TE Matt Kelly (11 sts, 17 rec) and TE Mike Luna (3 sts, 4 rec). I list the 2 deep below. Woodruff is very high on Cincinnati transfer Chris Archie at WR and he will press the returnees for a starting spot. This is one of the top WR corps in the MAC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Believe it or not the Eagles produced a 1st round NFL draft pick at this position in 1999 in LJ Shelton. Last year Woodruff inherited a veteran unit with 4 starters returning but it was not deep and they played just 6 OL's on a regular basis. In fact when they travelled to Ball St they only had 6 OL's make the trip due to injuries. After 3 games they lost returning starting OT Craig Cipa to a knee injury. Chuck Butkowski, a backup, was also lost for the year. This year they must replace LG Luis Garcia (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Jason Pierce (7 sts). Three full-time starters return and overall 5 players with starting experience. Watch out for Jonas Jackson, who was PS#133DL in 1997 and had 2 starts at TE last year. He could win a spot somewhere on the front. Cipa (6-5 283 Sr) is a 21 game starter who is appealing to the NCAA for a 6th year of eligibility. If he returns they would have 4 starters back. Woodruff had 2 large frosh recruits in Mario Tucker (6-5 310) and Derrick Swanigan (6-2 310) who were both academically ineligible last year but will be on the team this fall. This is the 2nd year of Woodruff's system and with a veteran front, I look for them to be stronger running the football. Last year they only averaged 3.0 ypc rushing, but admirably only gave up 17 sacks in 413 pass attempts (4.1%).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Eagles had a solid rush defense in '98 & '99, allowing just 3.7 and 3.6 ypc and switched to the 4-3 alignment last year. They had to replace 2 starters due to graduation but had 4 back with starting experience. Unfortunately the unit regressed, allowing 4.5 ypc with 26 sacks. This year they must replace DT Jermaine Kyles (11 sts, 7 tfl, 43 tkl's), DE Nik Buckmeier (8 sts, 30 tkl's, 7 tfl) and DE Matt Kelly (3 tkl's). Four players once again return with starting experience and they have a couple of HT's added to the group (see 2 deep). Despite the losses, this unit should only improve upon last year's performance.

LINEBACKERS - EM had one of the more veteran LB units in the MAC last year as all 3 starters returned as did their 3 backups who were all frosh the year before. Two frosh worked their way into the 2 deep as the season progressed and this year the only losses are MLB Jason Short (8 sts, 79 tkl's, 6 tfl) and Ryan Robinette (3 sts, 20 tkl's, 3 tfl as true). I list Ken Philpot as a 1st Team MAC LB this year as he led the team in tackles and added 15 tfl's and was voted EM's Def MVP in 2000. If you check out the 2 deep below, you will see 5 of the 6 players have starting experience and this group has even more experience than last year's fine group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EM finished #91 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 but lost 3 starters last season and then had their lone returning starter and another projected starter both go down to injuries prior to the start of the season. This year they must replace CB James Williamson (5 sts, 40 tkl's, 2 int), FS Clifton Robinson (10 sts, 74 tkl's, 2 tfl), FS Rickey Scott (21 tkl's, 1 st) and CB Brandon Lewis (3 tkl's). They move James Stanford (PS#232) in from WR and add JUCO Marvin Harris who is PS#132JC. Harris could win one of the starting CB spots. This group is clearly a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season, a year in which they finished #88 in my pass D rankings, allowing 56.1% with a 13-9 ratio.

SPECIAL TEAMS - EM was just #108 in my special teams rankings in 1998 and moved up to #74 in 1999. Last year they had to replace their top PR but had everyone else back including P Nick Avondet who was a 4 year starter. Avondet had a solid 41.6 average, earned 2nd team MAC honors, and he will be missed. PR Ashanti Watson averaged 14.2 per return and is back as are top KR's Kenny Christian (21.5) and Maurice Ryland (20.0). K Toller Starnes (PS#30) set an EM record with 17 FG's in 1999 and last year hit 11 of 14 with a long of 45 and improved his leg strength. Overall the Eagles have had their troubles in this area as they gave up a MAC record 183 yards on PR's vs Miami (Oh) including 2 TD's (4 PR's for TD's allowed on the season) and also had a punt blocked which left them at -5 in the TD/bk category and they finished #98 overall. They bring in a JUCO P and an Ohio St transfer to solidify the kicking game (see 2 deep below). Even though they will miss Avondet, everyone else is back, and with Starnes showing improvement on KO's this unit should improve in the special teams rankings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 EM was far more competitive than their 4-7 record indicated as they lost 3 games by 7 points or less vs a killer schedule. They brought in a new head coach last year in Jeff Woodruff who was the RB coach at Arizona and was also the OC at Washington from 1992-94. His motto is "Every Man United" (playing on the initials of the university). At one point last year, EM had just 63 scholarship players and Woodruff said "we had guys bench pressing 200 pounds trying to block guys benching 400 pounds." They tried to play smash-mouth football with players that were recruited for a finesse

E MICHIGAN		2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
		ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG				
RUSHING											
John White	155	617	56	561	6	3.6					
Ashanti Watson	85	396	43	353	4	4.2					
Idris Wells	32	142	16	126	1	3.9					
James Williamson	19	77	11	66	1	3.5					
Gary Stanford	14	36	1	35	0	2.5					
PASSING		ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				
Walter Church	399	238	59.6	2326	11	8					
Troy Edwards	13	7	53.8	81	1	1					
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					
Kenny Christian	78	808	10.4	3	51						
Kevin Walter	55	721	13.1	5	54						
Keijuan Douglas	19	184	9.7	1	32						
Matt Kelly	17	110	6.5	2	24						
PUNTING		NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20			
Nick Avondet	71	2954	41.6	-	33	2	16				
KICKING		1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG				
Toller Starnes	6-7	3-3	2-3	0-1	11-14	45					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ken Philpot	108	5	10	5	0	Andrae Brooks	49	0	2	9	2
Scott Russell	104	5	9	6	2	Jermaine Kyles	43	3	4	1	1
Jason Short	79	2	4	3	0	Maurice Ryland	43	0	6	0	2
Clifton Robinson	74	1	3	0	0	J. Williamson	40	0	1	6	0
David Huff	73	0	1	0	0	Nik Buckmeier	30	1	6	1	1
James Turner	67	5	4	2	0	Jari Brown	28	1	3	0	0
Terrance Dills	53	0	3	4	0	Rickey Scott	21	0	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Ashanti Watson	10	142	14.2	0	Kenny Christian	14	301	21.5	0		

offense. DC Billy Harris brought in a complex defense but pared it down as the season went on. EM went into a late season bye last year at just 1-7 and were really not competitive but came out with 2 victories down the stretch including a huge upset of N Illinois. They trailed big in that game but caught the Huskies letting their guard down late. Woodruff felt the team was even intimidated when C Florida taunted them in the pregame but says that spring practice this year was like night and day from last year, as you would expect in the second year of the system. EM has had its share of outstanding QB's and should uncover another but will also want to put more emphasis on the running game. Despite just 5 starters back on offense, they should improve on last year's 19.0 ppg. Defensively, they allowed 31.8 ppg and with 7 starters back on that side of the ball, including a solid LB corps, they should be much tougher. They softened the non-conf slate with 2 IAA games this year, draw Buffalo from the East Division and play IA newcomer UConn. They lose 22 lettermen, which is the second highest in the MAC, but are clearly in better shape. The Eagles still do not have the overall depth nor experience to seriously contend in the MAC West this year but have a shot at topping last year's 3 win total and will be much more competitive this season.

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DB	Marvin Harris	5-11 198	PS#132JC
LB	John Wester	6-2 240	PS#169
QB	Kainoa Akina	6-1 185	PS#149
OL	Myron Mosby	6-3 355	PS#229
OL	Scott Golea	6-5 255	PS#235
OL	Matt Lisek	6-3 250	PS#249
DB	Rontrill Woodruff	6-0 185	PS#252
WR	Chris Talley	6-0 180	PS#240
WR	Jeff Crooks	6-3 210	PS#289JC
WR	Jerome Harrison	5-8 170	PS#288
TE	Don Simons	6-5 245	PS#111
LB	Steve Bednarik	6-2 220	PS#277
LB	Dominic McCollum	6-1 190	PS#343
RB	Anthony Sherrell	5-11 195	PS#347

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OFFENSE

QB Jeff Crooks Jr. 6-3 210 PS#289JC. 2293 yards pass, 504 rush at JUCO last year. Troy Edwards (6-2 199 Jr) PS#147. 470 yards (61%), 2-2 ratio, 36 rush yds in 2 years.

RB Ashanti Watson So. 5-11 185 PS#145WR. 2 sts, 353 yds (4.2), 16 rec ly as true. Gary Stanford (6-2 190 So) PS#196DB. 35 yds as true. Eric Powell (5-10 218 Sr) 1056 yds (3.5) 98-99.

HB Kevin Zurecki So. 6-3 250 PS#214LB. 12 rec (9.3), 4 sts ly until inj. Sam Anderson (6-5 220 rFr) PS#145TE. Tom Kallela (6-5 260 rFr) PS#223TE. Adam Jacobs (6-3 195). Impressed Woodruff.

WR KEVIN WALTER JR. 6-3 208 1 rec as true, 10 starts last year, #2 w/55 rec (13.1), plus 7 tkl's. Chris Archie (6-4 207 Sr) 11 rec (16.0) as true at Cincinnati. JC L2Y, PS#444JC.

WR KENNY CHRISTIAN SR. 6-1 198 2 sts as true, 2 rec. RS in 97. 4 sts in 98 (20 rec), inj. 2 sts in 99, 23 rec (7.7). #1 in MAC ly w/78 rec (10.4). Jamal Stevens 32 rec (10.9) in 3 years.

TE Brett Wells So. 6-3 238 3 starts at TE last year, 1 rec then missed rest of the year with a broken foot. Adam Jarosz (6-3 245 rFr). Don Simons (6-5 245 Fr) was PS#111.

C CORY ANNETT SR. 6-2 296 PS#333. 390 bench. 3 starts at RG, 5 games as true. 11 sts at RG in 99. 3 sts at RG, 8 sts at C ly. 3L. Damian Tilley (6-1 290 Sr) 3 starts at C ly.

RG RICH CHORAK SR. 6-2 282 PS#255. 11 starts at LG in '98. Battled injuries in 99, 3 starts at LG, 8 starts at RG, 1 at RT last year. Chuck Butkowski (6-3 286 Sr) 2L as backup.

LG Dan Davis rFr. 6-4 250 PS#285DL. Made 2 deep as true ly, but DNP to preserve eligibility. Mario Tucker (6-5 310 rFr) DNQ ly. Myron Mosby (6-3 355 Fr) PS#229.

RT Michael Johnson So. 6-3 287 PS#323. Made 2 deep as backup RG last year. DNL.

Izaak Madril (6-4 290 Jr) JC transfer. RS last year. Craig Cipa (6-5 283 Jr) 21 starts in 4 years.

LT JOHN GRABOWSKI SR. 6-6 300 365 bench. Lettered as backup in '98. 11 sts at LT in '99. 11 sts at LT ly. Jonas Jackson (6-3 266 Sr) PS#133DL in '97. JC trans w/2 sts at TE ly.

K TOLLER STARNES SR. 5-7 197 PS#30. 1 of 2 with L30. FG's as true, did KO's. 17 of 21 FG's in 99, long of 44. 11 of 14 FG's in 2000 long of 45. 1 miss from 50+; 22-23 on xps.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

DE Elliott Daniels Jr. 6-1 231 3 tkl's in 1999, 5 starts, 19 tkl's, 5 tfl in 2000. Anthony Bailey (6-3 265 Sr) JC transfer. 3 tkl's, 1 tfl last year. Matt Lisek (6-3 205 Fr) is PS#249.

DT JAMES TURNER SR. 6-2 272 PS#81. 10 starts, 49 tkl's, 3 tfl in 98. 5 starts, 4 tkl's, 4 tfl in 99. 9 sts, 67 tkl's, 5 sks, 4 tfl in 2000. Mario Willis (6-3 275 So) PS#340. Matt Kudu PS#362.

DT JARI BROWN SR. 6-4 244 PS#81. 5 sts, 25 tkl's, 2 sks, 5 tfl in 99. 7 sts, 28 tkl's, 4 tfl in 2000. Hammond Russell (6-1 308 Sr) 4 tkl's in 2 years. Played OL & DL last year.

DE Antone Hines Sr. 6-5 242 3 sts, 15 tkl's, 2 sks last year in first extensive action of his career. James Booker PS#97LB & top '01 recruit. Ray Eddington (6-3 245 So) PS#99LB.

SLB KEN PHILPOT SR. 6-2 238 PS#144. 36 tkl's, 6 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 97 tkl's, 6 sks, 14 tfl in 99. 10 sts, #1 tkl'r ly w/108 tkl's, 5 sks, 10 tfl, 5 pbu ly. Mike Salvatore 1 start, 14 tkl's in 2000.

MLB SCOTT RUSSELL SR. 6-1 231 PS#223. 10 sts, 99 tkl's, 10 tfl in 98. 105 tkl's, 9 tfl in 11 sts in 99. #2 tkl'r ly w/104 tkl's, 5 sks, 9 tfl, 6 pbu, 2 int. David Lusky PS#361 had 16 tkl's last year.

WLB London Lindsey Jr. 5-9 190 2 sts, 32 tkl's, 23 tfl in 98. 9 sts, 88 tkl's, 4 pbu, 2 int in 99. 7 tkl's, 1 sk in 2000 then out season w/shoulder inj. Fred Bateman (6-0 212 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkl's in 2Y.

CB ANDRAE BROOKS SR. 6-2 192 1 st, 26 tkl's, 1 int in 99. 10 starts, 49 tkl's, 9 pbu, 2 int ly. Erik Middleton (5-10 182 Jr) PS#299. 2 starts, 11 tkl's last 2 years. Michael Woods PS#439.

CB MAURICE RYLAND SR. 6-0 186 7 starts, 43 tkl's, 6 pbu & average 20.0 on KR's. Marvin Harris (5-11 198 Jr) PS#132JUCO. In for spring. Nate Brooks (5-9 180 rFr) was PS#450.

SS DAVID HUFF SO. 6-1 190 73 tkl's as true last year. James Stanford (6-2 193 rFr) PS#223DB, WR ly. Josh Martin (6-0 189 So) PS#329. 15 tkl's last year.

FS Terrance Dills Jr. 6-1 177 Hurdler on track team. 5 starts, 53 tkl's, 3 tfl, 4 pbu in 2000. Jeremy Perry (6-1 195 So) was PS#450WR. Rontrill Woodruff (6-0 185 Fr) is PS#252.

P David Ryseko Sr. 6-1 185 JC transfer who walked on last year & redshirted. Eric Klaban (5-10 170 Jr) was walk-on at Ohio St who transferred here in 2000. Both will contend.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

E Michigan is 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS vs Miami (Oh).
The Eagles are 6-4 SU but 1-7-2 ATS vs Ohio University.
Eastern Michigan is 6-3 SU & ATS vs Kent St.
Eagles are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs Bowling Green.
E Michigan is 2-13 ATS the L7Y vs non-conference opponents.
Eagles are 5-14 ATS off a SU win the last 6 years.

Date	Opponent	TUR F	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EM Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A S	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1	SE Missouri St	A												
Sep. 8	at Maryland	G												
Sep. 15	at Akron	A												
Sep. 22	Indiana St	A												
Sep. 29	W Michigan	A												
Oct. 6	at UConn	G												
Oct. 13	Ball St (HC)	A												
Oct. 20														
Oct. 27	Buffalo	A												
Nov. 3	at N Illinois	A												
Nov. 10	at C Michigan	A												
Nov. 17	at Toledo	A												
Nov. 24														

The Indians of SE Missouri St were 3-8 SU last season.
EMU is 11-34 SU & 17-22-1 ATS in September since 1990.
E Michigan is 2-9 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season.
Eagles are 3-9 ATS on grass the last 4 years.
EMU is 33-24-1 ATS vs conf opponents the L7Y, but 2-5 ATSLY.
Eagles are 5-3 SU & ATS vs Akron since 1992.
ISU Sycamores were 1-10 SU LY & play in the Gateway Conf.
Pending the opener, EMU is 2-4 SU in "NL" games since 1990.
The home team is 2-4 ATS the last 6 yrs, but 2-0 ATS last 2 yrs.
Eagles are 3-8 SU but 7-4 ATS vs W Michigan, 5-2 ATS at home.
EMU is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 sandwiched away games.
E Michigan beat UConn 32-25 LY in their 1st ever meeting.
Eagles are 1-3 ATS the last 4 years in Homecoming games.
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This is only the 3rd time since '96 that EMU had a bye to prepare for a game. They are 1-1 SU & ATS but did win & cover LY.

E Michigan is 10-19-1 SU & 11-17-1 ATS in November S/'90.
The last 2 series meetings have each been decided by 7 points.

The total points in this series is EMU 277, CMU 280.
Eagles are 4-6-1 SU & 9-2 ATS vs C Michigan since 1990.

E Michigan is 4-7 SU & 3-7 ATS in season finales since 1990.
Eagles are 3-8 SU but 5-6 ATS vs Toledo since 1990.

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ATS	7-3	5-5	5-6	5-5	6-4	4-6-1	3-8	35-37-1
Home Fav	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-1-1	1-1	7-8-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-3	8-9
Away Fav	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	6-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-4	1-4	14-19
Favorite	4-0	3-1	1-1	3-2	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	13-9-1
Dog	3-3	2-4	4-5	2-3	5-2	4-4	2-7	22-28
Grass	3-1	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-4	9-12
Artificial	4-2	3-4	4-5	5-4	4-2	3-4-1	3-4	26-25-1
vs Conf	7-2	5-3	4-4	5-4	6-3	4-3-1	2-5	33-24-1
vs Non-Conf	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-3	2-13
Off SU Win	3-1	2-3	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	8-15
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-2	5-3	4-2	6-2	3-2-1	2-5	26-18-1

Coch: JEFF WOODRUFF (Career 3-8)

Woodruff's records AT E MICHIGAN

2nd Year at E Michigan	1-1	Home Favorite
3-8 Straight Up	1-3	Home Underdog
3-8 Vs The Spread	0-0	Away Favorite
2-5 Off A S/U Loss	1-4	Away Underdog
2-5 Vs Conference	1-3	Vs Non-Conf

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RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	19.0	17	95	3.0	219	59.3	16.5	+1	2000	6	31.8	21	194	4.5	211	56.1	12.7
7*	21.7	16	83	2.6	227	54.8	14.2	0	1999	7	30.7	20	157	3.6	229	56.3	12.6
4	19.6	19	89	2.6	274	57.7	18.4	-1	1998	3	28.1	23	166	3.7	225	59.2	13.9
8*	29.9	24	125	3.7	301	57.0	14.3	-2	1997	7	32.0	24	236	5.2	227	53.7	14.5
8*	19.1	20	104	2.9	243	51.2	18.1	-10	1996	7	25.8	18	184	3.8	161	49.3	13.4
8	33.0	23	147	4.3	305	57.5	13.6	+4	1995	5	30.5	21	215	4.5	186	50.7	13.1

	OFFENSE						2000 STATS BY GAME						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN					
UConn	19	45-150	3.3	21-35	205	1	19	25-62	2.5	23-49	340	1	0					
Miami (Oh)	18	32-135	4.2	23-43	228	1	17	42-179	4.3	13-29	232	2	0					
at S Carolina	12	27-43	1.6	20-33	149	1	26	44-336	7.6	19-33	240	1	+1					
at Temple	23	36-132	3.7	34-50	364	2	17	39-298	7.6	10-16	163	1	-1					
UCF	21	32-30	0.9	25-36	250	3	28	35-136	3.9	27-38	365	1	+1					
Toledo	9	26-66	2.5	14-22	106	1	26	58-281	4.8	16-26	123	0	-2					
at Ball St	15	23-41	1.8	19-39	268	2	21	56-192	3.4	12-19	97	3	-1					
at Bowling Green	14	21-59	2.8	21-44	216	1	15	47-141	3.0	11-22	113	5	-2					
C Michigan	17	49-225	4.6	17-26	109	2	18	36-40	1.1	23-41	276	6	+4					
N Illinois	28	33-131	4.0	36-51	372	1	20	43-278	6.5	13-25	144	4	+3					
at W Michigan	10	27-35	1.3	15-34	140	2	21	51-191	3.7	17-30	223	2	-2					
TOTALS	186	351-1047	3.0	245-413	2407	17	228	479-2134	4.5	184-328	2316	26	+1					
AVERAGES	16.9	32-95	3.0	22-38	219	1.5	20.7	44-194	4.5	17-30	211	2.4	0.1					

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	+2'	24-28	L	at Missouri	+16	24-44	L	N Iowa	NL	10-13	-	at Michigan St	+32	7-51	L	UConn	-20	32-25	L
at Wisconsin	+24	3-24	W	at Toledo	+7	35-38	W	at Ball St	+9	13-7	W	at Miami (Oh)	+24'	14-35	W	Miami (Oh)	+10	17-34	L
at W Michigan	+4	19-12	W	Kent St	-21	38-41	L	at Michigan	+35	20-59	L	Akron	+1	38-17	W	at S Carolina	+23	6-41	L
Toledo	E	7-24	L	at C Michigan	+3	31-24	W	Marshall	+14'	23-26	W	at Louisville	+23	10-45	L	at Temple	+14'	40-49	W
at Michigan St	+19	0-47	L	Ohio U	+8	7-47	L	at Kent St	-8'	26-17	W	W Michigan	+8'	37-40	W	UCF	+5'	10-31	L
at Ohio U	+3	0-7	L	Ball St	-2	38-32	W	C Michigan	-3'	23-36	L	Ohio U	-1	27-26	T	Toledo	+17'	14-42	L
Miami (Oh)	+14	25-35	W	Akron	-9	45-0	W	at W Michigan	+10'	35-45	W	at Toledo	+10'	20-13	W	at Ball St	+6	14-33	L
at C Michigan	+8	36-41	W	at Marshall	+21	25-48	L	N Illinois	-10'	14-26	L	at UCF	+8	6-31	L	at Bowling Green	+9	6-20	L
Kent St	-13	51-10	W	W Michigan	-1	38-41	L	at Ohio U	+13'	21-49	L	Ball St	-11	31-21	L	C Michigan	-9	31-15	W
Ball St	+4	25-39	L	at N Illinois	-7'	34-10	W	at Akron	+8	21-24	W	at C Michigan	-3'	26-29	L	N Illinois	+14'	39-32	W
Akron	-9	20-17	L	NL	10-27	-		Toledo	+12	10-7	W	at N Illinois	+4'	23-30	L	at W Michigan	+26	0-28	L



Idaho QB John Welsh



Mid Tenn St OT Brandon Westbrook

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 SUN BELT TEAM

1st Team

QB John Welsh, Idaho
RB Jonathan Adams, Ark St
RB Dwone Hicks, Mid Tenn
WR Tyrone Calico, Mid Tenn
WR John Floyd, UL-Monroe
TE Geoff Franks, Idaho
C Ian Hobbs, N Texas
G John Crossley, Ark St
G Tony Wragge, N Mex St
T Brandon Westbrook, MTS
T Garry Johnson, Ark St

2nd Team

Jon Van Cleave, UL-Lft
Kenton Keith, NMS
Anthony Tenner, Idaho
Nick Dugas, UL-Lft
Chris Lacy, Idaho
Jerry Pegues, Ark St
Robert Aguirre, ULM
Nick Zuniga, N Texas
Shane Luna, ULM
Ray DeAnda, Idaho
Jonathon Raush, UL-Lft

3rd Team

Andy Chance, ULM
Kevin Galbreath, N Tex
Keeon Johnson, NMS
PJ Winston, NMS
Kendall Newson, MTS
Alex Davis, NMS
Nate Blasi, Mid Tenn
Shalimar Jackson, NMS
Ariel Bellofiore, Idaho
JR Randle, N Texas
Marques Smith, UL-Lft

DL Corey Williams, Ark St
DL Wil Beck, Idaho
DL Brandon Kennedy, NT
DL John Thompson, ULM
LB D'Wayne Taylor, NMS
LB Brad Kassell, N Texas
LB Scott Brown, Mid Tenn
CB Charles Tillman, UL-Lft
CB Cash Mouton, ULM
SS Dedrick Buckles, ULM
FS Kyries Hebert, UL-Lft

K Brian Kelly, Mid Tenn
P Brian Cople, N Mex St
KR James Hickenbotham, ASU
PR Nick Dugas, UL-Lft

Ryan Knowles, Idaho
Walter Sampson, ULL
Donald Malveaux, ULM
Derrick Marshall, ULL
Maurice Sonnier, ULM
Reggie Everett, Ark St
Brad Rice, Idaho
Robert Canidate, NMS
Jykine Bradley, MTS
Tyrone Gifford, NMS
Jonas Buckles, N Tex

Jason Ball, N Texas
Robert Billings, MTS
Chris Lacy, Idaho
Hansford Johnson, MTS

Jerry Vanderpool, MTS
John Bradley, Ark St
Derace James, UL-Lft
Tanaka Scott, Mid Ten
Otis Robinson, ULM
Brandon Rager, Ark St
Jamar Lawrence, NMS
Seneca Lee, ULM
Eniak Mpwo, Ark St
Jonathan Shaw, MTS
Craig Jones, N Texas

Brian Pope, Idaho
Ryan Downes, Idaho
Muhammad Rashada, MTS
Ty Jackson, N Texas

2000 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Dwone Hicks, Mid Ten	11	186	1277	6.9	19	116.1
Willie Alderson, Idaho	11	238	1195	5.0	12	108.6
Chris Barnes, N Mex St	11	171	1131	6.6	5	102.8
Jonathan Adams, Ark St	11	202	1004	5.0	6	91.3
Kenton Keith, N Mex St	11	109	849	7.8	4	77.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
John Welsh, Idaho	399	251	62.9	17	3171	7.9	22	139.3
Wes Counts, Mid Ten	218	127	58.3	5	1536	7.0	8	125.0
Cleo Lemon, Ark St	306	173	56.5	7	1964	6.4	13	119.9
Jason Johnson, MTS	144	88	61.1	5	1006	7.0	4	122.0
KC Enzminger, NMS	236	111	47.0	8	1454	6.2	15	113.0

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Robert Kilow, Ark St	10	72	1002	3	100.2	7.20	13.9
Kendall Newson, MTS	11	74	945	5	85.9	6.73	12.8
Tyrone Calico, MTS	11	47	732	3	68.4	4.27	16.0
Kevin Stevenson, ULM	9	40	452	1	48.0	4.44	10.8
Chris Lacy, Idaho	11	45	776	6	70.5	4.09	17.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE
John Welsh, Idaho	11	80	28
Andy Chance, ULM	6	61	25
Cleo Lemon, Ark St	11	44	-48
KC Enzminger, NMS	11	136	450
Wes Counts, Mid Ten	11	38	33

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Andy Kohl, N Mex St	11	50	2017	40.3
Jason Ball, North Texas	11	75	2865	38.2
Andy Shatley, Arkansas St	11	65	2455	37.8
Robert Billings, Mid Tenn St	11	52	1951	37.5
Grant Autrey, UL-Lft	11	81	3005	37.1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Robert Kilow, Ark St	27	724	0	26.8
Jamie Hickenbotham, ASU	17	435	1	25.6
Muhammad Rashada, MTS	12	286	0	23.8
Chris Lacy, Idaho	15	349	0	23.3
Ty Jackson, N Texas	16	334	0	20.9

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Nick Dugas, UL-Lft	11	159	1	14.5
Ty Jackson, N Texas	16	171	0	10.7
Hansford Johnson, MTS	22	228	0	10.4
Robert Kilow, Ark St	13	133	1	10.2
Ronshay Jenkins, NMS	27	180	1	6.7

KICKING

	G	FG	PCT	LONG
Brian Kelly, Mid Ten St	10	11	12	84.6
Nick Gatto, Ark St	11	9	13	75.0
Ben Davis, Idaho	11	10	15	66.7
Jason Ball, N Texas	11	6	10	60.0
Dario Aguiniga, NMS	10	9	19	47.4

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Brad Kassell, N Texas	11	73	35	108	9.8
Charles Mabry, Ark St	11	53	43	96	8.7
Chris Nofaiga, Idaho	11	76	35	111	10.1
Jermaine Francis, MTS	11	64	26	90	8.2
Kyries Hebert, UL-Lft	11	54	34	88	8.0

SACKS

	G	NO	YDS
Derrick Marshall, UL-Lft	11	7	57
Walter Sampson, UL-Lft	11	7	51
Joe Olivo, N Mex St	9	6	41
Tanaka Scott, Mid Ten St	11	5	35
D'Wayne Taylor, N Mex St	11	5	26

TACKLES FOR LOSS

	G	NO	YDS
D'Wayne Taylor, N Mex St	11	16	53
Oliver Soukup, N Mex St	11	12	35
Derrick Marshall, UL-Lft	11	11	114
Rick Giampietri, Idaho	11	19	75
Wil Beck, Idaho	11	15	86

SUN BELT 2000 TEAM RECORDS

First Year as a Conference

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Mid Tenn St	6	5	350	316
Idaho	5	6	321	377
N Mexico St	3	8	295	357
N Texas	3	8	162	300
Arkansas St	1	10	247	410
Louisiana Lft	1	10	171	355
UL Monroe	1	10	96	415

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. MID TENN ST - The Blue Raiders have the best array of skill players on offense and what should be an improved defense. They had the best record of the Sun Belt teams last year and have a schedule tailor made for the first title. They get both of the top contenders in Idaho and New Mexico St at home where they have won 6 straight. They have a shot at an undefeated record in conference play and that would put them on Bourbon Street for the Holidays.

2. IDAHO - The Vandals were -12 in turnovers last year and that puts them in my Turnovers = Turnaround article. They have talent that is equal to the Blue Raiders, but have the toughest schedule of the contenders as they face BOTH MTSU and NMSU on the road in back-to-back weeks to open Sun Belt play!! Their last trip to NMSU was a 42-14 loss but this team could be the most talented in the new league and is capable of pulling a road upset and bagging the inaugural title.

3. NEW MEXICO ST - The Aggies had been getting stronger every year but could not recover from an OT loss to powerful Boise St and lost their last 4 in 2000. They lose 27 lettermen (tied for most in league) but Coach Samuel will have them back in gear in the new league. They are one of the upper echelon teams and have one home and one away vs the other two powers. Samuel has a veteran offensive line to pave the way for his Nebraska style offense and that will mean trouble for opposing defenses. They have 8 road games and could be 0-5 by the time conference play rolls around but provided they are not too beat up, they will be a contender to get to the Superdome on Dec 18.

4. ARKANSAS ST - The Indians lose 27 lettermen which ties them with NMSU for the most in the Sun Belt. They also have just 9 returning starters which is the fewest in the league. They do have a solid O-line and RB Jonathan Adams, the league's premier offensive weapon. They faced the toughest schedule of all Sun Belt teams last year which should have them underrated for this year. I do 7 sets of

Power Ratings and 6 have the Indians as the 4th most talented team in the league despite the losses. This is one team from the bottom of the pack that is capable of upsetting one of the top 3. After losing 4 games that they led in the last 3 minutes last year, they should make significant strides in the win column this year.

5. N TEXAS - The Eagles lose just 14 lettermen from last year (fewest in the league) and coach Dickey says that they have an experienced player at every spot for the first time since he's been here. They still have my weakest rated offense in the league but the defense is near the top and that makes them dangerous. They should have beaten Idaho (gave up drive in last :40) and QB Scott Hall could have the offense stronger than expected. The schedule is manageable and a 2 to 3 win season in conference play is possible.

6. UL LAFAYETTE - For the second straight year Jerry Baldwin brings back a veteran crew. He had 17 returning starters last year but went just 1-10. This year 15 starters are back as well as a league high 49 lettermen. I like QB Jon Van Cleave and put him as a 2nd Team Sun Belt QB this year. The defense can only be stronger with 10 starters back and just 4 lettermen lost plus some JUCO transfers. They play most of their winnable games on the road in conference play which could limit the victories but they do get UL Monroe at home in the "Swamp" which could keep them out of the cellar.

7. UL MONROE - The Indians were -17 in turnovers last year which means good things should be in the offing for them this year (see page 277). They have 13 starters back including their QB, provided Chance's back injury in the spring game was not serious. The defense gave up the highest ppg in the league last year at 37.7, BUT their 354 ypg allowed was BEST in the league. Turnovers and special teams snafus made them appear weak!! They actually have the 2nd most players (18) on my preseason Sun Belt team including honorable mentions which are not on this page. The schedule is not easy as two of their home games are versus the league powerhouses but this could be a vastly underrated team and could win as many as 4 games overall this year.

Sun Belt Notes: A brand new conference like this is always exciting as they bring in teams that have played in different parts of the country and it gives us a glimpse as to which area was stronger. The new league already has a bowl lined up for Dec 18 in New Orleans where its champ will play the #3 team of the Mountain West conference. It looks like a 3 horse race this year with Middle Tennessee, Idaho and New Mexico a cut above the other 4 but it would not surprise me to see one of the lower rated teams jump up and make an impact on the race. Only 1 team in the new league had a winning record last year but the talent level is decent in the Sun Belt and I see each of the teams benefitting from the alignment. For those from the Big West, playing in the Big Easy is a lot more attractive than Boise in December and the Independent teams will clearly benefit from league affiliation. This should be an exciting race to open up the Sun Belt and hope springs eternal for all 7 teams with the new opportunity.



Arkansas St RB Jonathan Adams gets my call as 1st Team All Sun Belt.

MID TENN ST (6-5) ^{CONFERENCE} SUN

DEFENSE: 6

Lost: 21 (8,13,0)



RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PSS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PSS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	31.8	22	194	5.3	239	59.6	13.6	+1	2000	8	28.7	22	151	4.2	236	62.0	13.5
5*	24.7	20	111	3.5	246	63.9	14.5	-5	1999	6	34.5	22	212	4.9	233	62.2	12.9
8	25.0	18	155	3.9	180	65.2	13.4	+10	1998	10	25.6	19	156	4.2	225	58.6	14.9

OPPONENT	OFFENSE					2000 STATS BY GAME					DEFENSE					TURN
	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	ATT-CO	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	ATT-CO	YDS	SKS BY				
at Illinois	26	35-207	5.9	25-40	262	2	26	49-285	5.8	19-27	190	1	-1			
at Florida	13	35-90	2.6	17-32	139	4	27	30-158	5.3	26-41	299	0	-2			
Murray St	29	51-273	5.4	22-35	260	1	19	27-62	2.3	20-36	225	3	-2			
at Maryland	23	31-129	4.2	30-52	342	2	23	38-171	4.5	21-31	357	0	+1			
Louisiana Tech	24	44-335	7.6	16-22	201	2	21	31-127	4.1	26-41	217	3	+1			
UL Monroe	17	42-192	4.6	14-24	151	1	9	25-76	3.0	20-32	119	2	+1			
at UAB	11	20-65	3.3	16-29	146	3	25	58-240	4.1	17-28	153	1	+1			
at Miss St	24	33-190	5.8	18-40	337	2	29	45-270	6.0	18-26	260	1	-3			
at UConn	28	41-301	7.3	21-28	269	0	20	28-81	2.9	24-46	276	2	+5			
S Florida	23	34-188	5.5	15-25	232	3	18	28-91	3.3	27-44	206	3	+3			
Louisiana-Lft	24	38-168	4.4	24-39	292	4	22	39-105	2.7	28-45	299	3	-1			
TOTALS	242	404-2138	5.3	218-366	2631	24	239	398-1666	4.2	246-397	2601	19	+3			
AVERAGES	22.0	37-194	5.3	20-33	239	2.2	21.7	36-151	4.2	22-36	236	1.7	0.0			

2000 STATISTICAL LEADER

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total						
Straight Up	4-6	5-5	3-8	6-5	18-24	
	ATS	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-2	10-6
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	
	Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	
	Away Dog	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	7-4
Grass	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	7-4	
	Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	3-2

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

TE Quan Domineck 6-4 245 PS#9
OL Brett Trott 6-6 295 PS#66
RB Alvin Fite 6-1 215 PS#129
DB LaRue Beck 6-3 185 PS#128
DB Jonathan Shaw 6-1 195 PS#101JC
OL Nate Blasi 6-2 275 PS#118JC
LB Blake Morris 6-3 220 PS#139
QB Andre Green 6-3 208 PS#121
WR Reggie Jones 6-3 200 PS#164JC
OL Shavaskew Brown 6-2 290 PS#21

DEFENSIVE STATS	TKL	SOFT	TKL P	80	INT
Jermaine Francis	90	0	1	8	0
Delvin Pikes	72	0	0	6	2
Kareem Bland	66	0	2	4	1
Scott Brown	60	2	2	4	1
Terrance King	54	2	3	1	0
Ykine Bradley	50	0	3	12	3
Tanaka Scott	44	5	4	1	0
Chris Gatlin	43	1	3	1	0
Joe McClendon	30	0	3	2	1
Lewis Kemp	27	0	1	2	1
Diko Tinch	25	0	4	0	0
Glen Jones	25	0	2	1	1
Chris Johnson	24	1	1	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YS	AVG	TD	
Hansford Johnson	22	228	10.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YS	AVG	TD	
Wardell Alsop	15	292	19.5	0	

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB WES COUNTS SR. 6-1 187 9 sts; 1541 yds, 11-2 ratio in 98. 11 sts in 99, 2603 yds, 14-13 ratio. 1536 yds/y, 9 sts (58%), 8.5 ratio. *Jason Johnson* (6-2210 SR) 1006 yds in 98, 2603 yds, 14-13 ratio. 1536 yds/y, 9 sts (58%), 8.5 ratio. *Jason Johnson* (6-2210 SR) 1006 yds in 98, 2603 yds, 14-13 ratio. 1536 yds/y, 9 sts (58%), 8.5 ratio.

RB DWONE HICKS JR. 5-11 218 PS#228, 25 sts under, 182 yds, 95 sts, 1277 yds (6.9), 19 TD's, 19 rec's (9.5). *James Palmer* (6-0206 SR) PS#45JC, 779 yds in 98, 19 TD's, 19 rec's (9.5).

WR KENDALL NEWSON SR. 6-2 181 4 sts under, 30 rec, (13.8). 11 sts in 99, 65 rec (13.8), 10 sts/y, 74 rec (12.8). Career rec leader here. Nick Paye (6-4177 SR) 4.37 SPD.

WR TYRONE CALICO JR. 6-4 215 PS#193, 4.22 spd, 9 sts in 99, 65 rec (10.7), 10 sts in 2000, 47 rec (16.0). *Kerry Wright* (5-8166 SO) PS#34, Part Qual.

WR HANSFORD JOHNSON SR. 5-8 156 4.32 spd, 12 rec (11), 11n 98, 11 sts in 99, 47 rec (10.8), 8 sts in 2000, 31 rec (8.8), 245 yds rush, 22 PFs (10.4). *David Youell*, 6 sts/y.

TE BRETT BUCHER SO. 6-5 240 PS#209T, 1 start, 5 yds, 0 signed.

w/ NC St. Lucas Ford (6-3 262 Jr) 3 sts in 2000, 11 sts. Reggie Klok (6-2 40 Jr).

C Nate Blasi Jr. 6-2 275 PS#118JC, in spring, Glen Elarbee (6-2 260 Jr), 7gms, 31 snaps in 99, 5 sts, 48 plays/y. *Josh Willoughby* (6-4 341 SO) PS#249.

RG Kevin Pascoe Jr. 6-3 295 1 start at RG for RF, 251 snaps, 4 starts at LG in 2000, 9 games, 333 plays. *Bill Bransch* (6-4 300 SO) is PS#329JUCO.

LG Preston Portley Jr. 6-4 336 PS#318JC, in spring, Big and only 4th year of football. *Jonathan Barry* (6-2 310 SR) PS#310, 2 gms, L2Y. *Julius Gant* PS#251DL.

RT David Coy Jr. 6-4 308 PS#450JC, 1 start here at LG, 10 sts in 98, 162 plays, 20 knockdowns. Added 22 lbs. *Gary Sanders* (6-2 480 SO), Brett, 10 recs PS#66.

LB BRANDON WESTBROOK SO. 6-6 286 10 sts in 99, 583 plays, 55 KD's, miss 1 in 99. Rated top OL here. *Jonathan Proby* (6-6 275 Jr) 12 kis in 99, 48 plays, 15 Jarmon Stokes is JC.

K BRIAN KELLY SO. 6-0 168 Hit 11 of 13 FG's as true fresh last year, 10n of 46, 39 of 44 on xp's. HS stats 8 of 9 inside and 40 of solid 3 of 40 of 40-49.

DE ANTHONY HOOD SR. 6-2 235 12sks, 9 tll at JC in '99, 5 sts here by, 19 tks, 4 tll. Wes Stephens (6-2 248 SR) 13 sts, 61 tks, 14 tll in 3 yrs at LB/DE.
DT Curtis Daniely Jr. 6-25 256 2sts at work, 8 tks, 1 tll, 3pbu, 13 tks, 3 tll, 3pbu ly. Samuel Smith (6-2 250 Jr), 52 tks, 8 sks at JC ly. Thomas Johnson is PS#242 team and
DT Jerry Vanderpool rFr. 6-3 304 PS#218 DL Impressive on scout team and big. Kai Zeigler (6-2 285 Jr) PS#377JL, 36 tks, 5 sks at JC ly. Joe Moos (6-2 247 So).
DE TANAKA SCOTT SR. 6-2 266 DL 10 tks in sks and Joe Tll. 10 sts here, 44 tks, 5 sks, 4 tll ly. Ray Miller (6-2 236 Jr) PS#222. Demetrius Walker had 10 sks at JC ly.
WLB Louis Kemp SR. 5-8 208 2s, 2 tks, 1 tll, 12 pbu after move from FB. Sheldon Durham (6-2 230 Jr) had 75 tks at JC ly. Chris Hough (6-2 107 Jr), 47 speed.
SLB CHRIS GATLIN JR. 6-1 212 8 tks at work. 8 sts ly, 43 tks, 4 tll, slowed by inj. Jose Montalbano (5-9 197 So) 8 tks ly, squats 720. Alvin Fine is PS#129B.
MLB SCOTT BROWN SR. 6-2 222 28 tks, 51 sts at work. 4 tks in 9 yr ly, 10 sts ly, #4 w/60 tks, 4 tll, 4.33 speed. Billy Durham (5-11 210 SR) 2s, 19 tks, 22 gms, 3 yr.
CB JYKINE BRADLEY SR. 5-10 180 DNO in 98, 7s in 99, 2int, 5pbu, 11 sts ly, 50 tks, 3 tll, 3int, 12 pbu. Wardell Alsop (5-10 160 So) PS#241 DL. 1 st at WR at work.
CB Muhammad Rashada So. 5-11 165 PS#169R, 44 tll, PO in 99, 1int, 1pbu, 23 s.
KR Rod Higgins (5-10 175 Jr), 6 tks, speed. Chris Johnson (5-10 184 Jr) 10 sts, 60 tks, 4 tll, 2y.
SS Jonathan Shaw Jr. 6-1 195 PS#101J, 9 tll ly. Brandon Lyons (6-0 172 So) PS#380, 16 tks at work. Charles Berry (5-10 183) PS#303JL, Michael Woods had 13 tks at work.
FS JOE MCCLENDON SR. 5-10 182 PS#143. 2s at work (LZ), 30 tks, 3 tll, 2pbu, 7 int. Kareem Bland (6-1 186 Jr) 1 st at FS in 99, 9 sts ly, 66 tks, 2 tll, 1 int, 4 pbu.
P ROBERT BILLINGS JR. 6-0 197 52 pbu at work, 37.5 avg & m of 32.1. Strong leg, 18 pbu inside the 20. Added power & dramatic improvement in infield.

IDAHO VANDALS

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has been known for producing top-notch QB's such as John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart and Ryan Fien who combined for 7 seasons of over 3,000 yards passing between 1982 and 1996. In 1998 John Welsh took over the QB duties in the second half of the year, guiding the team to a bowl game and was the bowl MVP. In 1999 Welsh broke his ankle after 2 starts and his backups Robertson and Dean completed less than 50% and when Welsh returned, he was not 100% healthy and the team finished with just 46.6% completions. Welsh got in all 11 starts last year, throwing for 3,171 yards, and while he had 17 int's he also threw 22 TD passes, (63%), rushed for 231 yards and was voted 2nd Team BW. He should have a fine senior season and gets my call for 1st Team Sun Belt Conference. He ranked 13th in the NCAA in pass efficiency last year and is 5th on the all-time passing list at Idaho. Brian Lindgren (6-4 203 So) was PS#51 but has yet to see action after 2 years in the program. Adam Mallette (6-2 213 rFr) was PS#250. He lost backup QB Dean who threw for 186 yards (50%). Cable says that with neither backup having any experience, he will play the #2 man at least one series in every half. This year they signed another HT as well.

WELSH STRUGGLED at times with the new West Coast offense but should thrive in his second year in the system.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Idaho returned their leading rusher in Anthony Tenner, who had 764 yards (4.3) in 1999. Tenner, however, broke his wrist in the preseason and did not play, so they had little experience in the backfield. Willie Alderson stepped up and had a huge senior year. He ran for an 82 yard TD on the opening play of the season and finished with 1,195 yards and a super 5.0 ypc. He also added 45 rec's for 420 yards (9.3). Idaho lost starting FB Laki Ah Hi after 2 games to a knee injury. I list the top 3 FB's below and they are very experienced there. Also in the mix is Willie Sipolova (6-1 231 rFr) who is PS#175QB and Brian Yarno (6-0 224 rFr). Tenner returns after redshirting and should become the feature back. Blair Lewis was PS#80JUCO last year but did not enroll until January of 2001 so he has 2 years of eligibility remaining. Zach Gerstner (5-10 195 So) had 304 yards rushing (4.5). While this year's group is definitely more experienced than it was heading into last year, it will be tough to duplicate Alderson's performance, and I'll call it a little weaker in 2001.

RECEIVERS - This group actually appeared to be extremely experienced heading into last year with almost everyone returning but they lost their #2 returning receiver, Rossi Martin due to academic ineligibility and then their leading receiver, Jeffrey Townsley, found himself in the coach's doghouse. He then fell victim to the "3 strikes and you're out" policy and he had just 17 rec's and missed the last 3 games. TE Mike Roberg (#7 DC of CAR) did lead the Big West's TE's in rec's with 34 and was voted 1st Team Big West. At the end of last season Cable bemoaned the fact that they did not have any game breaking speed at this position so he signed Andrew Hill (PS#449JC), who runs a 10.41 in the 100 meters along with PS #127 JUCO David Akers who was a track champ in HS. I list a very experienced group of WR's below and they get Martin (33 rec in '99) and Orlando Winston back after both were ineligible last year. TE is a little bit of a concern but Franks has experience. As long as everyone stays eligible, I look for much improved numbers in the second year of the system. Keep in mind last year they had just 5 passes go for 40 yards or more and Welsh has the arm to get the ball deep. This is the deepest WR corps in the Sun Belt and has added talent and speed.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Head Coach Tom Cable used to be an OL coach here so you know this position is a priority for him. Last year he inherited a very experienced group with all 5 starters including 9 of the top 10 players returning, but they lost starting RG Anthony Fuentes prior to the season. The Vandals' offense averaged 3.9 ypc and allowed 22 sacks in 1999 and last year they again paved the way for 3.9 ypc but allowed 34 sacks. They had only allowed 7 sacks in the first 5 games, but gave up 12 vs WV. This year they lose FOUR 3 year starters. Gone are RG Rick Demulling (4 yr str, 11 sts, 1st Team BW), RT Patrick Venzke (11 sts, HM BW, 4 yr str), C Jeremy Wallace (10 sts, 3 yr str, 2nd Team BW in '99), LG Brett Morton (11 sts) and backup OG Matt Leitula (11 games). Cable brings in a lot of good sized JUCO's including 3 that I project as starters, all of whom were in for the spring. If all 3 end up in the lineup, then the projected starting line averages 6-5 308 lbs! It will take some time for this unit to gel, but it may be even a little more talented than last year's group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vandals had to learn a new defensive system last year and also had to replace a 5th round draft pick who was 1st Team Big West and another 11 game starter. As expected, the unit struggled, going from allowing 3.5 ypc to 4.4 last year while the sacks went down from 36 in 1999 to just 19 last year. DT Wil Beck played the 2H of the season with a cast on his hand but was co-Big West Defensive POY. This year they must replace NT JJ Johnston (11 sts, 4 tfl, 22 tkl) and DT Jake Wimer (17 tkl, 5 tfl). I list the 2 deep below which of course is led by Beck as well as DE Ryan Knowles (2nd Team BW). Not even listed is Dennis Taatafa (6-3 260 Sr) who had 13 tackles and 4.5 tfl in 1999 but sat out last year. This group is more experienced than the 2000 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Vandals had to replace one starter and a pair of backups but returned their star in Chris Nofoaiga who was the Big West Def POY in 1999. Three other players returned with starting experience. This year they must replace MLB Nofoaiga (11 sts, 2nd Tm BW, #1 tkl, 9 tfl), OLB Rick Giampietri (11 sts, 2nd Tm BW, #2 tkl, 18.5 tfl) and OLB Jason Daniel (11 sts, HM BW, 33 tkl, 6 tfl). With all 3 starters gone you would think the position was in turmoil, but Cable thinks this year's group could be even better. He brings in 2 of last year's starting safeties who he says will add speed to the unit, as well as a top-notch JUCO transfer. Cable feels that this year's edition consists of bigger, rangier athletes. None of the 3 departees topped six foot, but plenty of this year's LB's do. Jordan Kramer was 2nd Team BW at safety and Brad Rice was the #3 tackler. Normally I would call the position weaker, but since Cable is so high on this group, I think they have a chance to be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vandals ranked #31 in my pass D rankings in 1999, allowing just 48.5% although they did have a 17-10 record. In 1998 & 1999 combined they allowed a ratio of 40 TD's to just 18 int's. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had a veteran group but surprisingly plummeted in the rankings to #105 allowing 53.8% with a 28-7 record and 271 ypg. That means in the last 3 years Idaho has allowed 68 TD's with just 25 int's. This year they lose CB Dennis Gibbs (8 sts, 1 int, 8 pbu, HM BW) and CB Cleavon Bradshaw (8 sts, 50 tkl, 13 pbu, 3 int). They also lose both starting safeties who moved to LB so it is a lightly experienced group with 3 players having starting experience but they combined for just 8 starts. Cable has moved a couple of CB's to safety, improving the athleticism of that unit, and adds 3 JUCO's, 2 of whom I project at CB and the other as the starting VANDAL. He also brings in true frosh Nate Nichols who he feels could play right away. Normally with so little experience returning I would downgrade the position but once again Cable feels it's more athletic and it looks like it. After last year's poor finish, Idaho can only improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Idaho finished an outstanding #7 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but had to replace their P and top KR and plummeted to #83 in 1999. K Ben Davis who had a 62 yard FG at JUCO and nailed numerous 50 yarders here, hit 10 of 15 last year including 3 of 4 from 50+ and his booming leg will be missed. Davis was a big reason why the Vandals allowed just 18.8 per KR last year. Ryan Downes handled the punting as a true frosh and averaged just 35.9 with a net of only 31.3, but showed improvement as the season went on. Their top PR in '98 & '99, Vern Bernard, lost his duties to Tim Sams who averaged only 4.1 per return and should improve. Top KR Chris Lacy avg'd a lofty 27.3 in 1999 but slipped some last year to 23.3 and he is back. Overall Idaho dropped to #93 in the special teams ratings but look stronger in every area except for placekicking. I call them weaker in the FG's this season but overall they should finish stronger.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This is Idaho's first year in the Sun Belt as they moved to IA in 1996 and won the Big West Title during their short span in that conf and also notched a win over S Miss in their bowl game. The school has had just two losing seasons since 1982 but one of them was last year in Tom Cable's first season. They faced a fairly tough slate, taking on both Washington and Oregon, as well as other bowl teams in Boise St and W Virg, and also faced AAU powerhouse Montana. They were playing for the Big West Title in the season finale vs their rival Boise St but unfortunately were waxed 66-24. They upset another rival, Wash St, for the 2nd straight year and those two campuses are separated by just 8 miles. Idaho played all their home games at WSU's Martin Stadium last year with the exception of one. Cable was the OC at Colorado in 1999 and took over the play calling at midseason from Bret Ingalls, but will give the job back to Ingalls this year. Last year not only were they implementing a brand new offensive system, but they lost their top WR and top RB just prior to the season and QB Welsh struggled at times. They lose four 3 year starters from the offensive line and it was an offense that ranked #8 in the NCAA although #50 in my rankings which takes into account the strength of opponents faced. Of all the schools in the Sun Belt, Idaho has the most experience winning in conference play as they won the Big West Title 2 years ago. They have a rough non-conf slate including Boise St. The next week they must take on Sun Belt co-favorite Mid Tenn St on the road followed by a road trip to N Mexico St (the other co-favorite). This year's Idaho team has 19 seniors and 21 juniors and replaces 20 lettermen. They clearly have one of the SB's best offenses led by QB John Welsh provided his offensive line comes along. Idaho should sweep its final 4 conf games and if they can pull an upset on the road to start Sun Belt play, they could walk away with the title and have a good shot at a winning season.



QB John Welsh

IDAHO (5-6) SUN BELT CONFERENCE

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5
 LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (14,17,2)
Lost: 20 (12,7,1)



IDAHO STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE											OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE										
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	YPP	TURN
8'	29.2	23	148	3.9	305	61.9	15.5	-12	2000	7	34.3	21	167	4.4	271	53.8	12.8				
10'	27.6	20	148	3.9	216	46.6	13.2	+1	1999	8	25.7	19	136	3.5	220	48.5	13.8				
5	32.7	22	180	4.6	264	52.8	13.6	-8	1998	6	26.4	20	136	3.4	263	49.5	15.1				
6	27.5	21	126	3.9	272	53.7	14.5	+7	1997	7	23.9	19	129	3.3	252	51.0	15.9				
4	34.0	25	151	3.9	323	58.7	13.9	-17	1996	7	26.9	19	154	4.1	255	54.2	15.2				

OFFENSE											2000 STATS BY GAME										
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG
at Washington	19	33-145	4.4	23-30	256	3	24	44-239	5.4	17-31	235	2	24	44-239	5.4	17-31	235	2	24	44-239	5.4
Montana	24	39-131	3.4	31-47	303	1	26	49-48	2.5	33-52	505	2	26	49-48	2.5	33-52	505	2	26	49-48	2.5
at Oregon	14	25-119	4.8	15-35	186	2	24	46-217	4.7	18-30	233	1	24	46-217	4.7	18-30	233	1	24	46-217	4.7
at Wash St	27	44-216	4.9	22-36	246	1	26	36-183	5.1	16-32	292	2	26	36-183	5.1	16-32	292	2	26	36-183	5.1
Montana St	22	35-183	5.2	20-34	437	0	11	33-22	0.7	17-34	160	5	11	33-22	0.7	17-34	160	5	11	33-22	0.7
at W Virginia	29	48-89	1.9	35-50	365	12	13	34-116	3.4	12-30	131	2	13	34-116	3.4	12-30	131	2	13	34-116	3.4
Arkansas St	25	43-172	4.0	24-29	339	2	18	35-191	5.5	15-31	165	1	18	35-191	5.5	15-31	165	1	18	35-191	5.5
at Utah St	20	36-155	4.3	27-45	251	4	21	37-130	3.5	20-36	439	1	21	37-130	3.5	20-36	439	1	21	37-130	3.5
at N Texas	22	35-150	4.3	27-45	319	0	14	42-134	3.2	10-24	145	0	14	42-134	3.2	10-24	145	0	14	42-134	3.2
N Mexico St	24	39-157	4.0	19-37	366	3	32	64-432	6.8	14-28	228	1	32	64-432	6.8	14-28	228	1	32	64-432	6.8
at Boise St	22	41-111	2.7	22-40	289	6	25	31-120	3.9	21-31	449	2	25	31-120	3.9	21-31	449	2	25	31-120	3.9
TOTALS	248	418-1628	3.9	265-428	3357	34	234	421-1832	4.4	193-359	2982	19	234	421-1832	4.4	193-359	2982	19	234	421-1832	4.4
AVERAGES	22.5	38-148	3.9	24-39	305	3.1	21.3	38-167	4.4	18-33	271	1.7	21.3	38-167	4.4	18-33	271	1.7	21.3	38-167	4.4

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,500)											2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS										
PLAYING SURFACE: FIELD TURF											PLAYING SURFACE: FIELD TURF										
	1997	1998	1999	2000	4 Yr Total																
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	5-6	25-19	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG									
ATS	5-4	6-3	4-5	3-6	18-18	Willie Alderson	238	1245	50	1195	12	5.0									
Home Fav	2-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	4-6	Zach Gerstner	68	315	11	304	4	4.5									
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	John Welsh	80	231	203	28	1	0.3									
Away Fav	2-0	3-1	2-2	0-2	7-5	PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT									
Away Dog	1-2	3-0	1-1	2-3	8-8	John Welsh	399	251	62.9	3171	22	17									
Grass	2-2	4-0	2-3	0-1	9-8	Ed Dean	28	14	50.0	186	2	2									
Artificial	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-5	10-12	RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG										
						Chris Lacy	45	776	17.2	6	62										
						Willie Alderson	45	420	9.3	3	43										
						Josh Jelmberg	44	500	11.4	1	49										
						Mike Roberg	34	400	11.8	4	33										
						Ethan Jones	30	396	13.2	5	35										
						PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT								
						Ryan Downes	58	2081	35.9	-	31.3	1	15								
						KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG									
						Ben Davis	5-6	2-5	0-0	3-4	10-15	52									

Tom Cable
 (Career 5-6)
 2nd Year at Idaho
 Record at Idaho: 5-6

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB	Mike Harrington 6-3 190 PS#79
NB	Nate Nichols 6-1 215 PS#113
DE	Sergio Robledo 5-10 186 PS#96JC
WR	David Akers 6-0 179 PS#127JC
DB	Sammy Ruben 5-9 170 PS#147JC
OL	Kelly Adams 6-5 300 PS#194
OL	Ariel Belloflore 6-3 342 PS#187JC
OL	Robert Mitchell 6-1 319 PS#188JC
OL	Drew Burton 6-3 280 PS#199
TE	Luke Smith-Anderson 6-5 220 PS#82

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB	JOHN WELSH SR.	6-2 213	5 sts in 98, 1678 yds (55%) 15-10 ratio, 313 rush, bowl MVP, 4 sts in 99 (628 yds (51%)) 11 sts ly, 3171 yds (63%), 22-17 ratio, 2nd Tm BW.								DE	RYAN KNOWLES SR.	6-3 252	PS#251, 12 starts, 30 tkl, 3 sks, 4 tfl in '98, 11 sts, 40 tkl, 5.5 tfl in '99, 2nd Tm BW ly, 49 tkl, 6 sks, 9 tkl, 8 QB hurries.							
RB	Anthony Tenner Sr.	5-9 202	PS#381, 3 sts as true, 562 yds, 221 yls in 98, 4 sts, #1 in 99, 764 yds (4.3), 4 rec. Inj ly, Blair Lewis (5-11 205 Jr) PS#80JC ly.								DT	MIKE JONES JR.	6-3 278	Former walk-on, 1 tkl in 6 games in 99, 9 sts, 18 tkl, 2 pbu, 4 hurries ly, Joshua Jelinek (6-4 311 Jr) 2 sts, 15 tkl, 2 sks, 3 tfl ly.							
FB	NATE GRIFFIN SO.	5-11 229	PS#157, 6 sts as true, 45 total yds, Laki Ah H (6-2 37 Sr) 1 st in 99, 2 sts ly in 99, Kevin O'Connell (6-2 238 Jr) 3 sts ly, 49 yds.								NT	WILL BECK SR.	6-2 310	PS#316, 39 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 12 sts, HM BW ly, true, 11 sts, 42 tkl, 5.5 sks in 99, BW CO-DEFO POY ly, 65 tkl, 45 sks, 10 tfl, 15 hurries.							
WR	DAVID AKERS JR.	6-0 179	PS#127JC, fast, Andrew Hill has 436 yds.								DE	Dan White SO.	6-2 250	60 tkl, 1 tfl, 4 QB hurries ly 7 gms as true ly, Brendan Floyd (6-6 243 Jr) PS#134DL, Tyler Scott (6-6 240 Jr) PS#191LB.							
Josh Jalmberg (6-1 189 Jr) PS#227, 5 sts, 44 rec ly, Ethan Jones, 23 sts 3Y, w/rt 7C.											OLB	JORDAN KRAMER JR.	6-0 162	19 tkl in 99, 9.9 sts as FS ly, 2nd Tm BW ly, 87 tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int. Moved to OLB in spg, Patrick Leiby (6-1 225 SO) 28 tkl, 5 tfl in 2000.							
WR	CHRIS LACY SR.	6-0 183	11 sts in 98, 9.9 44 rec, 11 sts ly, 45 w/rt 7C.								MLB	Jordan Lampos SO.	5-10 234	PS#241, 34 tkl, 2 tfl as true in 2000.							
2nd Tm BW 27, Rossi Martin PS#66, 33 rec in 99, Chris Belser (5-11 173 Jr) PS#98, 3 sts, 15 rec ly.																					
T	Geoff Franks Sr.	6-4 246	2 sts in 99, 1 rec, 16 rec (10.9) ly.																		
Michael McCoy (6-3 221 Jr) PS#145, Jamaal Cole (6-2 247 Sr) 16 tkl on DL ly.																					
C	Joel Barker Sr.	6-4 273	PS#22JC, 1 st, 5 games at C ly, Drew Burton (6-3 280 Jr) PS#199, In for spg, Jason Cobb (6-4 228 SO) 1 game last year.																		
RG	Arriel Belleflore Jr.	6-3 342	PS#187JC, In for spg, Matt Martinez (6-2 306 SO) PS#188DL, 5 games as backup LGB ly, DNL, Ryan Coles (6-1 309 SO) 1 gm ly.																		
LGB	Robert Mitchell Jr.	6-1 319	PS#188JC, In for spg, All League wrestler in HS, Tony Kiel (6-3 315 Jr) added 45 lbs, Kelly Adams is PS#187OL.																		
RT	Ray DaNda Jr.	6-9 325	PS#319JC, In for spg, Seann Mumford (6-6 299 Jr) 2 gms as backup ly, Mostly played on scout team L2Y, will contend in 01.																		
LT	JAKE SCOTT SO.	6-5 279	Orig walk-on, Womanship & started 11 tkl as LT ly, HM BW, Kyle Stewart (6-2 307 SO) PS#189, Missed ly wknee in 99.																		
K	Brian Pope SO.	6-1 215	JC trans, 3 yrs left left, 6-6 on BGK L2Y, & won 45 ly nuptia at JC ly, Keith Stearns (5-10 297, 1 lb on action as backup L2Y.																		

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

QUARTERBACKS - In 1999 NMS had a returning starter at QB but he missed the majority of the season due to injury and KC Enzminger, a scrambling left handed QB who had thrown for 474 yds and rushed for 278 in 10 games in 1998, took over the starting role. He threw for 1,878 yds (47.5%) with a 14-5 ratio while also rushing for 566 yds and was #3 in the Big West in total offense and surprisingly #17 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Last year Enzminger got off to a very slow start with 5 turnovers (2 fmb/s in the first 2 gms) but did make strides as the season progressed. He threw for 1,454 yds (47%) with a 15-8 ratio and also rushed for 706 yds. Samuel held Enzminger out of spring practice this year to rest his shoulder. Backup Damien Ocampo saw action in 11 games, throwing for 240 yds with 85 yds rushing, but decided to transfer in the offseason. Tony Howard, another backup QB, (PS#216) also decided to leave. Buck Pierce (6-2 185 rfr) was PS#250 and will contend. He threw for 2,225 yds with a pass efficiency of 226 in his senior year in high school. Also in the mix is PS#355 JUCO in TeMon Wallace (6-0 204 Jr) who threw for 1,576 yards with an 11-1 ratio in 6 gms at JC in 1999 and was a QB coach at the JC level last year. He practiced in the spring, and is also a lefty. I look for a better season overall out of Enzminger and as long as he stays healthy, this position looks to be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Tony Samuel brought Nebraska's offense with him to NMS, and has had a powerful rush attack since he arrived, including last year as they set the school record for rushing yards in a season. In 1999 they had to replace their star RB and started out the year strong but then were hit hard by injuries with 4 players accounting for over 300 yds rushing and their leading rusher had just 519 yds. Last year they lost their starting FB Keon Johnson, who was 1999's #3 rusher, to academics prior to the year (he is back in 2001). Their two I-backs both remained healthy and had big years. Chris Barnes rushed for 1,131 yds (6.6) and was 2nd TM Big West. He is a power runner with speed and was a 5th round DC of the Ravens. Their scatback, Kenton Keith (PS#117), finished with 849 yds and an overwhelming 7.8 ypc and showed he could run between the tackles. Walter Taylor (5-9 170 Jr) had 333 yds in 1999 but with Keith and Barnes healthy last year, saw little action with just 7 attempts. Tony Bostic (5-9 190 So, PS#434) and is the son of Keith (who played for Oilers) and played in 7 games as a true freshman at LB with 15 kls. He moved to IB in the spring. Replacing their top rusher will be difficult, and they also lose their FB Phil Branstetter (411 yds, 5.6, 14 rec). They did sign PS#138 RB Tony Irions who may become Keith's alternate. Johnson's return helps but this group looks weaker in 2001 as replacing an NFL caliber player will be tough.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace all 3 starters and 3 of their top 4 rec's due to graduation. They brought in a promising JUCO transfer who was in for the spring but ruled ineligible prior to the year. Their starting TE had off-field problems and then suffered an injury and was also lost for the year. PJ Winston stepped to the forefront of this very young group. After having just 1 rec as a true freshman, he took the lead role last year and had 34 rec's with a solid 16.3 ypc. Manuel Talbert was a late signer JC transfer who was #2 on the team in rec's with 26 (13.8). Alex Davis ended up with over half of the action at TE with 10 rec's, and is also back. I list the two deep below and while this is not an overwhelming group, they get some solid additions. It should be pointed out that they are one of the better blocking groups out there and part of the reason why the Aggies ranked so high in rushing offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Aggies had 4 starters back on the offensive front and were clearly one of the best units in the Big West, averaging 4.3 ypc while allowing only 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 8 of the top 10 back. C Hancock became one of only 4 centers in NCAA history to start every game in 4 years and was 1st Team Big West and Team MVP. Naturally he departs as do RT Travis Beckworth (9 sts) and LT Mick Rodemeyer (10 sts, 3 yr str). They lost Beckworth for 2 games to go due to injury while Rodemeyer was injured early as ASU then missed the Boise St game. Two players return with starting experience and they moved DT Steve Mascorro, an HT from the DL, to start at RT. They also have an HT soph in Steve Subia who was a PQ last year along with 2 JUCO's who were both 2nd string here last season and should be better acclimated. Last year's group paved the way for an offense that averaged an amazing 5.6 ypc while allowing 26 sacks. This year the group has fairly good size and looks like another strong unit, but clearly with the loss of 3 starters it is less experienced and remember no one on the roster has taken a snap at C for the Aggies in a game.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies had a very experienced D-line in 1999 and allowed 4.1 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and Samuel says they never recovered. Also DT Mascorro was injured and the D-line was undersized with all of their rush ends combining for just 2 sacks. Overall NMS yielded 4.8 ypc rushing. This year they must replace their top NG Oliver Soukup (2nd TM BW, TM Del POY, 12 fl), DE Lyn Perryman (11 sts, 7 fl), DE Rashaad Williams (17 kls, 2 fl) and NG Ira Ross (1 st, 2 kls). Samuel has gone the JUCO route for a quick fix here as he brings in 3 JUCO's who have good size and pass rushing skills. If the JUCO's start this unit will be bigger than it was last season, but it clearly has more experience and can only improve upon last year's weak performance.

LINEBACKERS - The Aggies appeared to be in great shape here, having only to replace one starter due to graduation but 2 projected starters left the team prior to the year and undersized OLB Raul Anaya (6-1 210) was forced to play MLB. OLB DWayne Taylor led the team in tackles with 87 and fl's with 16 while earning 2nd TM BW honors and he returns. Also back is Jamar Lawrence who took over as a starter and was productive. This year they must replace Anaya and Mawuli Davis (33 kls, 2 sks, 4 sts) who lost his job to Lawrence. They bring in a JUCO at MLB in Tim Patrick who had 6 sacks last year and 2 other MLB's to add size to the unit. This group has a little more experience than it did last year and looks stronger with their star back.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NMS has had an undersized secondary over the past few years, with the tallest of last year's full-time starters being just 5-10. After finishing a surprising #29 in my pass defense rankings in '99 with 3 returning starters, they lost one starter last year but brought in 3 JUCO's including Robert Canidate (PS#26) whom I expected to win a starting job. Surprisingly Canidate did not, and the unit dropped to #94 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 55.9% with a 16-7 ratio. CB Jason Willis was lost for the year with 2 games to go and after earning 1st TM BW honors in 1999, he was 2nd TM BW last year. He departs along with FS Marsey Hawley (11 sts, 51 sts), ROV Donald Malloy (74 kls, 3 fl, 1 TM BW) and backup ROV Marcus Woods (2 kls). This year one starter returns in CB Tony Lukins but he may lose his job to either Canidate or Corey Paul who had 44 tackles and 3 int's in 1999 but took a medical redshirt in 2000 because of a broken leg. They also bring in JC Darrell Bernard who had 9 pbu at JC last year and note that Paul Holland (6-0 180 Sr) was a JUCO transfer last year who played in 10 games and had 11 tackles. I like Ty Gifford at FS as he is an HT (PS#67WR) and played a lot last year as a soph. Although less experienced, this unit has some talent and if Canidate lives up to his VHT billing, they could be stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies finished a solid #28 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and returned their outstanding punter Andy Kohl who Samuel said has NFL potential and also appeared to have back their top returnman, Corey Paul. However, Paul was injured prior to the season and missed the year. They had to break in a new kicker and brought in Dario Aguiniga (PS#75) who hit just 9 of 19 FG's with a long of 49. Aguiniga hit only one of his first 8 FG's on the year but then rebounded to hit 8 of his last 11. He was Div III Kicker of the Year in high school in California, showing his potential. Ronshay Jenkins averaged 6.7 per PR and Ty Gifford had a super 24.4 ypr and each had a TD last year. All of the top KR's are back but they were simply average last season. They do bring Paul back to return kicks so that area receives a boost. Andy Kohl averaged 40.3 on punts but NMS had a net of just 34.7 as coverage schemes were definitely a problem for the Aggies. Their KO return coverage was so poor that towards the end of the year they either kicked off short or OOB to help the coverage units. They do lose long snapper Herbon who had zero bad snaps in 3 years. Overall last year they finished #76 and while they lose their outstanding punter and snapper, I look for definite improvement in the kick return coverage game and in kick returns, and they could even move up in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I picked NMS to move up to 3rd in the Big West after winning just 6 games the previous 3 years combined and the Aggies did not disappoint with a 3-2 finish while recording their 2nd winning season since 1978 and 3rd since 1967. They clubbed #22 ranked Arizona St 35-7 that year, with an impressive 568-234 yard edge. They finished 6-5 but would have had a much bigger year if their I-back had remained healthy. That year they had 17 returning starters but last year had just 12 back. A brutal non-conference slate to open the season saw them average just 13 points in the first 3 games but they then topped 30+ points in 7 straight games, averaging a school record 37 ppg during that span. They had their all-time best rush offense last year but a heartbreaking loss to Boise St put them in a funk for the rest of the year and set them up for a 4 game losing streak to end the season including a 2 OT loss to Idaho. Six of their 8 losses last year were by 2, 10, 3, 7, 3 and 7 points and they fell to the Big West cellar. They actually outgained their foes by 15 yards for the year despite a 3-8 record. Tony Samuel says that they've had the best gains in his 5 years here in the weight room and this team is bigger and faster overall than any he's had. The Aggies were my #57 rated offense last year and return QB KC Enzminger and could be even more potent. Defensively, they took a step back in 2000, allowing 4.8 ypc rushing, their worst since Samuel's first year here and he has just 5 starters back on that side of the ball, the lowest total since year one. This is the 2nd year of Steve Standard's system and he may have better athletic talent to work with. They again face an absolutely brutal non-conference slate, facing 4 bowl teams from last year including 2 that played on January 1st and have 8 of their 12 games on the road. They clearly have the potential to open the season 0-5 but then have a conference schedule which could see them win as many as 5 games. The Aggies will improve on their 3 win total from last year and could give the NCAA a tough call on the bowl game as they may win the Sun Belt, but have a losing record overall.

OFFENSE

QB KC ENZMINGER SR. 6-1 200 PS#73. 752 flt yds in 98. 11 sts in 99, 1878 pass (47.5%), 14-5 ratio, 566 rush. 2nd TM BW flt, 11 sts, 145.4 pass (47%), 15-8 ratio, 706 rush.
IB Kenton Keith SR. 5-11 180 PS#17. 441 sts in 99, 422 yds (5.6), 849 yds & 7.8 ypc ypr. HB Walter Taylor (5-9 170 Jr) PS#291, 333 yds (4.3) in 99, 25 yds ypr.
FB Keon Johnson SR. 5-11 215 265 yds at JC in 98, 385 yds (5.4), 4 sts here in 99. Acad inel Jr. Kermil Okamura (5-7 195 Jr) JC 32 yds, 12 games L2Y.
WR MANUEL TALBERT SR. 6-2 215 JCTransf; 26 rec (13.8), 4 TD's, 8 sts. Leon Olaya (6-1 180 Jr) PS#197WR, 9 recs, 5 sts. Preston Williams (6-1 190 So) PS#290, PQ Jr.
WR P.J. WINSTON JR. 6-0 180 1 rec as true, 11 sts ypr, 2nd TM BW, 34 rec (16.3), 4.5 spt. HB Briscoe (6-3 190 Jr) 48 rec (16.0), 10 TD's at JC in '99, inel Jr.
TE ALEX DAVIS SO. 6-4 225 PS#84, 9 sts as rfr, 10 rec (18.6), Chris Gocke (6-4 250 Jr) PS#99JC, in ltr spr. 28 rec (15.0) at JC. Michael Bangs 1 rec, 2 sts (16LT, 2@RT) Jr.
C Chad Kahlsdorf SR. 6-5 290 PS#340JC. Played in 2 games as 2nd string last year. Brandon Chambers (6-4 320 So) PS#435. Partial Quarter last year.
RG TONY WRAGE SR. 6-3 305 3L PS#172. 1 st and saw action as blup as true in 98. 11 sts at RG, HM Big West in 99, 2nd TM BW Jr. Justin Shopbell is PS#119.
LG SHALIMAR JACKSON JR. 6-3 305 PS#132DL. 1 start, 8 games in '99. Earned 2nd letter w/ 11 sts ypr. Andy Dale (6-1 280 So) lettered as 2nd string last year.
RT Steve Mascorro Jr. 6-3 315 PS#124. 19 kls, 5.5 flt, 17 games as DT in '99 & 2000. Moved to OL in spring. Terry Givens (6-4 330 Jr) has 2 letters.
LT Jason Jewell Sr. 6-5 290 RS at NWstrm in 98, 2nd string, lettered as JC trans Jr. Steve Subia (6-4 320 So) was PS#118 in 2000. Partial Quarter.
K DARIO AGUINIGA SO. 5-11 175 PS#75. Solid leg. Hit only 1 of first 8 FG's here as true but did hit 8 out of last 11 including long of 49. Hit 34-38 XP's.



TONY SAMUEL
(Career 14-30)
5th Year at New Mexico St
Record at New Mexico St: 14-30
TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL	Justin Shopbell 6-4 302 PS#119
RB	Tony Irions 5-11 190 PS#138
P	Brian Coppie 6-1 195 PS#98JC
TE	Chris Gocke 6-4 250 PS#99JC
DL	Hayward Findley 6-3 280 PS#322JC
QB	TeMon Wallace 6-0 204 PS#355JC
CB	Darrell Bernard 5-11 189 PS#368JC
DL	Curtis Robinson 6-3 290 PS#373JC
LB	Jimmy Cottrell 6-1 210 PS#341
DL	Terrence Johnson 6-1 270 PS#446JC

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE MIKE BOGANOWSKI SR. 6-3 230 13 kls, 11 gms as true. 18 kls, 3 flt, 6 sts in 98. RS in 99, 26 kls, 10 sts in 2000. Ryan Bakke (6-2 240 Sr) JC trans Jr, 4 kls.
DT Tommy Laborin So. 6-3 285 Lettered w/4 kls as true in 2000. Curtis Robinson (6-3 290 Jr) & Terrence Johnson (6-1 270 Jr) are JC's arriving in the fall.
NG JOE OLIVO SO. 6-2 240 43 kls, 6 sks, 4 flt, 9 sts as rfr Jr. Jeremy Barth (6-2 285 Sr) PS#332JC had 5 kls & 1 flt ypr. Lionel Apinary PS#570.
DE Jamar Cain Sr. 6-2 215 8 kls, 2 pbu, 7 gms as JC Jr. Hayward Findley (6-3 280 Jr) PS#200LB JC trans in for spg. Greg Scalfidi (6-4 240 So) PS#131TE.
WLB D'WAYNE TAYLOR SR. 6-0 195 73 kls, 9 flt, 1 flt in 98 and 97 kls, 11 flt, 2nd TM BW in 1999. #1 flt w/87, 5 sks, 11 flt, 2nd Team Big West last year.
MLB Tim Patrick Jr. 6-1 220 JC, in for fall. Josh Watts (6-0 215 Sr) 5 kls ypr. Michael Winter (6-2 225 So) Canada. Rich Glover (6-1 225 F Jr) 11 kls in spg gm.
SLB JAMAR LAWRENCE SR. 6-2 215 11 kls in 22 games in 98 & 99, 49 kls, 5 flt, 6 pbu, 2nd TM BW in 2000 L7 STS @ SLB. Jimmy Cottrell is PS#341LB.
CB Robert Canidate Sr. 5-8 175 PS#26JC 26 kls, 164 rets, 21 gms here Jr. Paul Holland (6-1 180 Sr) 11 kls, 10 gms ypr. Darrell Bernard (5-11 180) PS#368JC.
CB COREY PAUL SR. 5-8 170 PS#370 44 kls, 3 int, 2nd, 337 ret yds, 11 gms in 99. Med RS Jr. Tony Lukins (5-10 185 Sr) 18 kls in 98 & 99, 50 kls & 10 pbu ypr.
ROV Siddeeq Shabazz Jr. 5-11 185 7 kls, 11 games in 99, 26 kls, 11 gms as blup Jr. Daniel Malloy (5-10 185 Sr) 5 kls, 8 games after transferring from MD.
FS Ty Gifford Jr. 5-11 190 PS#67WR 12 kls, 11 gms as true in 99, 31 kls, 3 flt, 3 pbu in 11 gms ypr. Also 5 PR (24.4) and 1 TD ypr. Susp in spr? for fall.
P Brian Coppie Jr. 6-1 195 PS#98JC. All JC Conf in 99 & last year. 145 punts without a TD return in JUCO career. Also DB. Participated in spring.

NEW MEX ST (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **SUN BELT**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (17,18,1)
Lost: 27 (12,13,2)

NEW MEXICO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	DEF	OFF	RUSH	YPC	OFF	PASS	PASS	%	OFF	YPP	TOTAL	TURN	RET	STS	PTS	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	%	DEF	YPP
6*	26.8	22	274	5.6	159	49.1	16.2	-5	2000	6	32.5	21	200	4.8	218	55.9	12.9											
7*	28.3	21	223	4.3	185	48.6	14.4	+6	1999	9	24.9	18	154	4.1	195	45.3	14.0											
10	30.1	26	254	4.8	209	48.2	15.4	-10	1998	7	38.5	22	174	4.5	291	51.8	12.1											
7	20.1	21	204	4.7	187	50.3	19.4	-6	1997	4	36.2	24	240	5.5	225	59.0	12.9											
4	15.1	19	124	3.3	231	49.3	23.5	-9	1996	6	36.0	22	223	4.9	236	55.1	12.7											

OFFENSE										2000 STATS BY GAME										DEFENSE									
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN									
at S Carolina	15	46-121	2.6	8-19	76	4	21	39-204	5.2	14-26	149	1	0																
N Mexico	19	42-185	4.4	10-27	185	2	13	47-137	2.9	6-15	31	5	-3																
at Georgia	14	41-146	3.6	9-21	82	2	24	42-253	6.0	13-25	191	1	1																
at UTEP	23	44-355	8.1	13-29	153	4	26	45-228	5.1	16-28	237	0	-2																
Army	17	52-202	3.9	10-16	101	1	20	47-235	5.0	12-28	144	1	4																
Tulsa	26	53-450	8.5	10-15	144	1	20	40-86	2.2	14-26	306	6	-1																
at Arkansas St	30	55-259	4.7	21-40	258	2	14	28-208	7.4	18-23	244	0	1																
Boise St	22	47-317	6.7	9-15	160	4	26	42-166	4.0	23-36	375	2	0																
Utah St	27	52-369	7.1	15-32	226	2	28	36-322	8.9	24-39	297	0	1																
at Idaho	32	64-432	6.8	14-28	228	1	24	39-157	4.0	19-37	366	3	-2																
at N Texas	13	39-180	4.6	12-25	139	3	17	53-208	3.9	6-12	63	3	-4																
TOTALS	238	535-3016	5.6	131-267	1752	26	233	458-2204	4.8	165-295	2403	22	-5																
AVERAGES	21.6	49-274	5.6	12-24	159	2.4	21.2	42-200	4.8	15-27	218	2.0	-0.5																

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL (30,343)

PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	4 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	6-5	3-8	14-30
ATS	2-6	6-5	5-5	6-5	19-21
Home Fav	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-2	4-5
Home Dog	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	4-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2
Away Dog	1-4	4-2	3-3	2-2	10-11
Grass	2-4	5-4	5-2	4-4	16-14
Artificial	0-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	3-7

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TO	AVG	
Chris Barnes	171	1179	48	1131	5	6.6	
Kenton Keith	109	876	27	849	4	7.8	
K.C. Enzminger	136	706	256	450	1	3.3	
Phil Branstetter	74	414	3	411	5	5.6	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TO	INT	
K.C. Enzminger	236	111	47.0	1454	15	8	
Damien Ocampo	29	18	62.1	240	2	1	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD LONG			
PJ Winston	34	553	16.3	7 74			
Manuel Talbert	26	360	13.8	4 41			
Phil Branstetter	14	168	12.0	2 47			
Marcellus McCray	12	135	11.3	1 22			
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT
Andy Kohl	50	2017	40.3	-	34.7	2	14
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Dario Aguina 5-9 1-2 3-8 0-0 9-19 4-9							
DEFENSIVE STATS							
	TK	SCN	FTL	PBU	INT		
D'Wayne Taylor	87	5	11	3	1		
Donald Malloy	74	1	2	2	1		
Raul Anaya	56	0	5	1	0		
Oliver Soukup	55	1	11	0	0		
Marsey Hawley	51	0	0	1	0		
Tony Lukins	50	0	2	10	0		
Jamar Lawrence	49	3	2	6	1		
Joe Olivo	43	6	4	0	0		
Mawuli Davis	33	2	0	0	0		
Tyrone Gifford	31	0	3	3	0		
Robert Candidate	26	0	1	1	0		
Siddeeq Shabazz	26	1	0	1	0		
Mike Boganowski	26	1	2	1	0		
PUNT RETURNS							
Ronshay Jenkins	20	YDS	AVG	TD			
10 PS#341		70	18.0	6.7	1		
KICK RETURNS							
Robert Candidate	9	YDS	AVG	TD			
270 PS#446J		164	18.2	18.2			

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

QUARTERBACKS - Cleo Lemon started all 4 years and became the career passing yardage leader at ASU after his junior season. He had his best year as a senior and after completing less than 50% in his first 3 years, he hit 56.5% while throwing for 1,964 yards with a 13.7 ratio. Andy Shatley was the punter and backup QB last year and started one game at WR. He had over 500 yards passing in 3 years but decided not to return for his senior year. I list the 2 deep below and none of the QB's have experience. One of this year's top signees, Josh Driscoll, led his high school team to a 12-2 record throwing for 3,175 yards with 36 TD's while also rushing for 810 and has 4.58 speed. Elliott Jacobs (PS #87) threw for 1,867 yards and ran for 1,768 yards in HS. Jacobs has 4.6 speed and is a MLB prospect. Bryan Gauthreaux (6-0 184 rFr) has the advantage of a year in the system and threw for 2,966 yards with a 29.7 ratio in HS and also has 4.6 speed. Tyre Forte was PS#78 in '99 but sat out that year due to academics and redshirted last year for the same reason. The team got a spring JUCO signee in Michael Clark (6-1 217 Jr). Clark threw for 2051 yards in 8 games last year after splitting time at WR & QB as a frosh. This unit goes from a 4 year starter to little experience, but may have better athletic talent so will look to the run using more option plays in 2001.

RUNNING BACKS - The biggest signee in ASU school history was Jonathan Adams in 1998 as he was PS#6. He was bothered by injuries as a true frosh and rushed for just 317 yards (3.6). In 1999 could not unseat the returning starter and rushed for just 680 yards (4.7) but topped 100 yards in a game 4 times. Last year I said that he could be ready for a breakout year and Adams topped 1,000 yards averaging a nifty 5.0 ypc in 11 starts. I look for him to have a huge senior season. Danny Smith (5-9 169 Sr) finished #2 with 193 yards (4.5). The only loss from this group is FB Jacques Walker (7 st, 323 total yards). I list the 2 deep below. Also in the mix at TB are Quincy Williams (6-0 191 rFr) and Tracey Whitaker (5-10 200 rFr). This year's true frosh signees are impressive as TB Antonio Warren is PS#113 and FB Beau Shrabie (400 bench) should play immediately. Even with the loss of their starting FB, I look for this unit to be stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 ASU had to replace their all-time leading receiver but Robert Kilow stepped up and had 57 receptions. Last year the unit was supposed to be deeper and not as reliant on Kilow. That did not pan out as Kilow bagged 72 rec's (13.9) and became the first ASU WR to top 1,000 yards in a season and leaves as the career receiving leader. Kilow had 4 times as many receptions as the next closest WR (Hickenbotham), despite missing one game due to headaches. He is the only significant loss from this group. The TE's look solid as Pegues was a good enough blocker to play OT at JUCO and showed decent hands last season. Three receivers return with starting experience, led by Hickenbotham who is the fastest player on the team. Alvin Powell may be ready to make a bigger contribution in his 2nd year after being PS#126JC. Also in the mix and not listed below are Jerome Stegall (he could move back from QB) and Isom Sharp (5-9 183 Sr) who is a sprinter on the track team. Look for some of this year's recruits to get into the mix including JC TE Adam Lancaster (6-4 280, PS#331). While this unit has more experience, with the loss of a quality player like Kilow, I'll call it weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '97-'98 ASU allowed a high % of sacks, had weak ypc's of just 2.7 & 2.6 and lacked size. In 1999 they had 4 of 5 starters returning but Hollis threw all the jobs up for grabs and 1 Sr, 1 Jr, 2 So and a rFr ended up starting. They gave up 16 fewer sacks than the '98 squad and paved the way for 3.9 ypc. Last year 4 of 5 starters returned including RT Garry Johnson who Hollis continues to compare to the NFL's Corey Stringer and Orlando Pace. The line averaged 6-3 307 and allowed just 16 sacks while they avg'd 4.2 ypc rushing. This year they suffer 5 losses in LG Jamie Pond (7 st, 4 yr str), LT Garrick Jones (10 st, 3 yr str), LG Joe O'Bar (5 st), C Jack Wright (11 st) and backup OT Matt Lazzarine. Johnson was 1st Team Big West and returning RG John Crossley was 2nd Team. They get an upgrade at the C position as Wright was an overachiever while Allison (PS#184JC) is a bigger and stronger replacement. They also bring in a JUCO at LT and have huge LG Jesse Duncan (6-4 342) to plug in at the LG spot. This year's group is not as experienced but could be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 ASU switched to a 3 man front. The group was small and inexperienced, having to replace all 3 starters. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup and the DE's turned out to be a couple of true soph's who were PQ's in 1999 in John Bradley and Corey Williams. Both were playing their first year at DL and are bigger and stronger for 2001. NT Mark Michaels served in the Marines for 4 years and brings unusual maturity and keep an eye on Brian Rucker who had 4 tackles as a true frosh and has great size. ASU must replace NT Erik Kellim (11 st, 32 tkl, 6 fl), DE JC Miller (6 st, 2.5 sks), NG Mac Davis (3 st, 3.5 fl) and DE James Norman (11 tkl, 3 fl). This group is more experienced than it was heading into last year and the coaching staff is very high on them. Last year ASU allowed 4.6 ypc which was the 4th straight year of improvement but recorded just 19 sacks, the same as in 1999. ASU should improve in both areas once again.

LINEBACKERS - Coming into last season this group had to replace 4 players who combined for 35 starts in 1999 plus a top backup. They appeared to be in better shape but then L.P. Spence, an Ole Miss signee, quit the team prior to the year, leaving them with just one returning starter and the defense suffered. This year the losses are heavy once again. Gone are OLB Russell Seaton (6 st, 61 tkl, 4.5 fl), ILB Charles Mabry (10 st, #1 tkl'r, 5.5 fl), OLB Segun Ajigbada (11 st, 64 tkl, 5 fl), OLB Joe Jones (2 st, 22 tkl, 3 fl) and OLB Lenny Johnson (2 st, 19 tkl, 3 fl). They do get super OLB transfer Reggie Everett who was PS#77 and originally signed at Syracuse. They also have a returning starter at OLB in Tyshon Reed and a backup ILB who had 2 starts last year in Brandon Rager. Rager may leave the team for personal reasons and FS Les Echols worked at LB in the spring. JUCO ETI Taula was limited due to injuries last year and should have a big impact as will Justin Blackard (PS#249JC) who had 122 tackles at JC last year. Last year's defense was poor and this year's group has at least equal experience, and with some solid additions I'll call it improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Indians had a veteran secondary last year, having to replace just one starter and had 5 players back with starting experience. They did lose starting FS Keith Headly to an injury early and a JUCO transfer quit the team prior to the year. After finishing #98 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 they surprisingly dropped again down to #110, allowing 62% with a 24.7 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are CB Hanis Bowens (10 st, 67 tkl, 2 int's, 3 pbl), FS Sean Mitchell (6 st, 61 tkl, 3 fl), SS Travis Ducking (7 st, 43 tkl, 3 fl), CB Kishan Cotton (2 st, 25 tkl), CB Kevin Woods (4 st, 25 tkl, 2 pbl) and DB Bobby Patterson (1 st, 8 tkl). They have 4 players returning with starting experience and have some promising players behind them. Watch Eniak Mpow who was PS#64LB in '97 and originally attended Ariz St on a track scholarship. Hollis has 18 players or recruits that are either rFr, rFr or JUCO's that could end up in the 2 deep. Let's face it, last year's secondary was nothing to write home about and despite the losses, this year's could be improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 ASU's special teams were #59 and in 1999 improved to #31. Last year they were #21 overall. Over the last 3 years ASU has blocked a total of 7 punts while generating 4 TD's. Unfortunately, this unit is decimated by graduation. They lose super returnman Robert Kilow who was #11 in the NCAA in KR's with a nifty 26.8 average and also averaged 10.2 per PR. Two players who scored return TD's are back as Danny Smith returned a blocked punt 32 yards for a TD and Jamie Hickenbotham returned a KO for a TD and avg'd 25.6 ypr, so the unit may not see as much dropoff as expected. P Andy Shatley also departs. Hollis employs a directional punting system to keep punts away from opposing players and Shatley avg'd just 37.8 per boot with a 32.5 net. They only allowed 18.1 on KR's but lose their K Nick Gatto who also hit a solid 17 of 24 FG's over the last 2 years. Naturally with the loss of the top players in each of the units, the special teams ratings should go down this season but perhaps not as much as expected.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ark St moved to I ball in 1992 & has recorded just one winning season since then (in 1995). Joe Hollis had shown steady progress since taking over the helm, going 2-9, 4-8 & 4-7 (including 4 early losses by a TD or less in '99) in his first three years. That progress was stopped last season in a disappointing 1-10 finish. It should be pointed out that 4 teams beat ASU after trailing in the last 3:00 & that the Indians took bowl participant NC State to two OT's. They also lost to Memphis by 2, led IAA powerhouse Richmond 27-7 in the 4Q (fumbled into the EZ for a touchback) & led NMS but gave up 2 late scores & lost in OT. This is their first year in the new Sun Belt and they have 6 home games. Offensively they have steadily improved, especially in ypc rushing, which has gone from 2.6 to 3.9 to 4.2 in the last 3 years. It should continue to improve with perhaps the Sun Belt's best offensive player on hand in RB Jonathan Adams & future NFL RT Garry Johnson. They must replace a 4 year starter at QB & WR Kilow but should be just as potent on that side of the ball. Leon Burnett is the 4th Defensive Coordinator in 5 years. However, they have the advantage of this being the 2nd year in the same basic defensive system. They must replace 3 of their top 4 tacklers & 7 starters overall, but Hollis feels this year's defense is better athletically with the large infusion of JUCO's & rFr. Overall this is the fewest amount of returning starters ASU has had in the Hollis tenure & they have to replace 27 lettermen. I think ASU has caught some tough breaks the last 2 years, losing a lot of close ballgames, and with Hollis becoming the AD, he has softened up the non-conf slate bringing in a couple of IAA teams. They have my top rated special teams unit in the Sun Belt. Not only will ASU top last year's one win total, but I look for a season with 4 or 5 victories & they will be a factor in the new Sun Belt.

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB Bryan Gauthreaux rFr. 6-0 184 PS#250OB, #1 in spring, 29.7 ratio as Sr in HS. Tyre Forte (6-0 200 So) PS#78OB. Sai out L2Y. Michael Clark (6-1 217 Jr).
RB JONATHAN ADAMS Sr. 6-0 217 PS#64LB, 51 rec (8.4). Danny Smith PS#205JC, 234 tkl in ypc.
FB Sanchez Sherer Sr. 6-0 236 PS#450JC, Sp tms lry. #1 FB in spring.
Beau Shrabie (6-0 240 Jr) PS#298LB. Strong, blocking FB should play immediately.
WR JAMIE HICKENBOTHAM Jr. 5-10 173 4.24 spd is fastest on team, 4 st as true, 14 rec (20.1). 8 st lry (mjl), 17 rec (15.1), 435 rec yds. Chuck Walker (6-0 171 rFr) 4.4 spd.
WR Mark Hamilton Sr. 6-3 193 JCTrans. 4.48 spd. 5 st, 10 rec (19.6). Alvin Powell (6-1 180 Sr) PS#126JC, 4 st, 10 rec (8.8). Isom Sharp (5-9 183 Sr) sprinter on track m.
TE JERRY PEGUES Sr. 6-3 245 PS#327JC, TE/LC at JC, 8 st here, 13 rec (8.0). Bob Lannaux (6-2 260 Jr) 1 st as backup TE/LC. Adam Lancaster (6-2 260 Jr) PS#331JC.
C John Allison Jr. 6-2 275 PS#184JC, #1 C in spring, Andrew Tripp (6-1 297 Jr) lettered as backup lry. Battling back from knee inj's. Tab Slaughter (6-2 285 rFr).
RG JOHN CROSSLEY Jr. 6-2 307 PS#189OL, 405 bench, 585 squat. 11 st as RG in '99, 2nd Tm BW lry, 11 st as RG. Steven Gibbs (6-3 335 Jr) is PS#204DL this yr.
LG Jesse Duncan Jr. 6-4 342 Lettered as bkup in '98, RS in '99 - back sprg. Played several positions as bkup lry, 2L Anthony Mitchell (6-4 288 So) lettered lry.
RT GARRY JOHNSON Jr. 6-4 306 101s compares him to Corey Stringer. 11 st, 2nd Tm BW in '99, 90+ grade in every gm lry, 1 st Tm BW, 11 st. Burt Samples, 2L.
LT Luis Nunez Jr. 6-2 290 PS#328JC, In for spring and will compete for starting lry. Brandon Crocker (6-4 329 Jr) is #1LT in the spring. PS#435OL.
K Andy McPherson Sr. 5-9 166 Handled KO's in '97. Hit 12 of 19 FG's in '98 with long of 42 and 22 of 23 xp's. RS in '99. Eric Neilhouse PS#34K, hit 52 ydr in HS.

ARKANSAS ST (1-10) CONFERENCE: SUN BELT

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4
 LETTERMEN:
Returning: 28 (15,13,0)
Lost: 27 (10,15,2)



ARKANSAS STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP
7	22.5	14	128	4.2	184	55.8	13.9	-3	2000	6	37.3	24	207	4.6	246
9	22.4	18	147	3.9	182	47.4	14.7	-1	1999	7	30.2	21	202	4.8	214
9	18.0	15	85	2.6	240	47.3	18.0	0	1998	9	32.1	22	230	5.1	216
5	18.2	17	94	2.7	206	45.8	16.6	-1	1997	7	35.8	23	234	5.2	215
3	24.7	17	156	4.8	217	52.0	15.1	-10	1996	5	33.2	22	163	3.7	258

	OFFENSE						2000 STATS BY GAME						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN					
at NC State	15	44-179	4.1	13-25	152	1	28	35-142	4.1	29-57	397	2	+1					
at Oklahoma	10	21-84	4.0	21-33	191	0	23	35-208	5.9	26-34	325	0	0					
Memphis	14	28-102	3.6	17-30	222	3	17	44-147	3.3	14-23	122	1	-1					
at TCU	14	43-86	2.0	8-18	65	4	20	44-255	5.8	13-18	211	2	-3					
Richmond	12	34-140	4.1	12-21	242	1	23	66-365	5.5	3-14	35	3	-1					
at Mississippi	11	24-113	4.7	11-26	79	1	25	41-163	4.0	24-33	251	1	+1					
at Idaho	18	35-191	5.5	15-31	165	1	25	43-172	4.0	24-29	339	2	-1					
N Mexico St	14	22-197	9.0	18-23	244	0	29	55-276	5.0	21-40	256	2	-1					
at Utah St	18	30-68	2.3	22-44	231	2	27	39-236	6.1	24-43	247	0	-1					
Boise St	12	23-53	2.3	19-28	219	2	29	52-206	4.0	20-28	304	3	+1					
N Texas	20	31-193	6.2	21-38	213	1	16	37-111	3.0	19-31	214	3	+2					
TOTALS	158	335-1406	4.2	177-317	2023	16	262	491-2281	4.6	217-350	2701	19	-3					
AVERAGES	14	30-128	4.2	16-29	184	1.4	24	45-207	4.6	20-32	246	1.7	-0.3					

STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (33,410)

PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	4 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-8	4-7	1-10	11-34
ATS	3-5	5-6	7-3	4-6	19-20
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-3
Home Dog	1-0	1-3	3-0	1-2	6-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	2-4	4-1	3-2	2-4	11-11
Grass	3-5	3-6	6-1	4-5	16-17
Artificial	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-1	3-3

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TO	AVG
Jonathan Adams	202	1043	39	1004	6	5.0
Danny Smith	43	212	19	193	2	4.5
Jacques Walker	28	168	8	160	3	5.7
Jamie Hickenbotham	7	51	3	48	1	6.9
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TO	INT
Cleo Lemon	306	173	56.5	1964	13	7
Andy Shatley	11	4	36.4	59	1	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TDLONG		
Robert Kilow	72	1002	13.9	3	55	
Jacques Walker	25	163	6.5	1	24	
Jamie Hickenbotham	17	256	15.1	1	71	
Jonathan Adams	15	126	8.4	1	19	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK INT
Andy Shatley	65	2455	37.8	-	32.5	0 10
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	NET	LONG
Nick Gatto	6-7	2-2	1-2	0	1	9-12 43



RB Jonathan Adams

JOE HOLLIS
 (Career 15-39-1)
 5th Year at Arkansas St
 Record at Arkansas St: 11-34

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

RB	Antonio Warren	5-11 185	PS#113
WR	Elliott Jacobs	6-2 210	PS#87
QB	Josh Driscoll	6-3 220	PS#103
LB	Reggie Everett	6-0 225	PS#145JC
DB	Willie Whitmore	6-1 190	PS#170
OL	John Allison	6-2 275	PS#184JC
DL	Steven Gibbs	6-3 335	PS#204
LB	Eddie Walker	5-11 195	PS#166
LB	Justin Blackard	6-2 240	PS#249JC
WR	Jason Wood	5-11 175	PS#224

DEFENSIVE STATS	TKL	SKC	FL	PBU	INT
Charles Mabry	96	1.5	4	2	0
Hanis Bowens	67	0	1	13	2
Segun Ajigbada	64	1	4	0	0
Russell Seaton	61	1.5	3	0	0
Sean Mitchell	61	1	2	5	0
Terrance Fuller	51	0	1	1	2
Tyshon Reed	50	1	5	1	0
Travis Ducking	43	1	2	1	2
Erik Kellim	32	1	5	1	0
John Bradley	31	1	5	0	0
J.C. Miller	29	2.5	2	0	0
Les Echols	27	0	1	2	1
Corey Williams	27	2.5	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Robert Kilow	13	133	10.2	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Robert Kilow	27	724	26.8	0	

NORTH TEXAS EAGLES

QUARTERBACKS - This is one unit that has really struggled over the past few years and they completed 43.4% as a group for just 177 ypg in 1998. They had 3 players with starting experience return in 1999, but slipped even lower to 40.4% and 110 ypg. Richard Bridges, who started the last 6 games of 1999 as a soph, began last season as the starter but threw for just 198 yards (47%) and lost his job to true frosh Scott Hall. Hall, who played S and WR as a soph and junior in high school and then moved to QB as a senior, was recruited as a DB by most schools but was given the opportunity to play QB here. On the first drive in his first game vs Baylor, he took the team 9 plays for a TD. Naturally, as a true frosh he struggled and in his start vs Boise St hit just 1 of 11 passes. After that he settled down and hit 40 of 74 (54%) over the final 4 starts for 527 yards and 4 TD's with a pass efficiency rating of 123.6. For the year he hit just 48.7% with 937 yards and a 6-6 ratio. He should be solidly improved with a year under his belt. Bridges (PS#94) is also back and he has 830 yards passing and 254 yards rushing with 8 starts in 3 years. Spencer Slack (6-2 204 Jr) was PS#177 and has 336 yards passing in 10 games over the last 2 years. Jeremy Pearl (6-3 190 So) fractured his elbow last year as a Fr and did not play. After years of struggling, they may actually have some semblance of a pass attack, and should put up much better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Mean Green suffer a big loss in Ja'Quay Wilburn who leaves as the school's all-time leading rusher. He led the team in rushing in each of the last 4 seasons. Due to injuries and a very inexperienced offensive line, Wilburn did not have his best year as a senior but still finished with 756 yards (4.4). Michael Hickmon has 4.56 speed and has spelled Wilburn the last two years with 558 yards rushing but has been plagued by injuries. Dickey signed JUCO Kelvin Galbreath who had 626 yards in just 7 games at JUCO last year. He enrolled in spring, and I expect him to win the starting job. Also at the TB position is Ben Miller (6-0 194 So, PS#434) and 4 freshman RB's with Branch and Bishop the top frosh recruits here this year. FB Aaron Holly led the team in rushing twice last year and finished with 184 yards (3.8) despite missing a couple of games due to injury. He was an unexpected loss in the offseason. Whitehead has 14 career starts and I list the FB's below. With the loss of Wilburn and Holly this unit looks weaker, but the newcomers could make it more effective than expected.

RECEIVERS - Last year NT Texas had to replace their top WR who averaged a lofty 18.8 per catch but did have 2 starters returning. This year they once again lose their top receiver and also their #2 man. Gone are WR Byron Curtis (21 rec, 16.0) and WR LaDarrin McLane (13 rec, 13.8). They are solid at the TE position with the top 2 returning and not listed below are Sam Parker (6-3 235 So, PS#145) and Taylor Casey (6-3 210 So, PS#93). Muenchow, who had 10 rec's at the TE spot in '99, broke his hand vs Samford last year and only had 6 rec's and should be more effective. They do bring in JUCO Michael Thrash who has good size and 4.5 speed and he should become the feature WR. I list the rest of the 2 deep below at WR. This is not an overwhelming group and while a little less experienced than last year, should only be stronger in 2001.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 only one full-time starter returned but the 5 linemen were an Ironman group, playing almost every snap and they gave up almost the fewest amount of sacks in the Big West (12) and paved the way for Wilburn's 1,000 yard season. Last year they had to replace 2 starters to graduation. Prior to the year, two backups quit the team and returning starter Andrew Lott quit after 4 games due to losing his starting spot. The line gave up 22 sacks and had a ypc of just 3.4. During the year there were 2 frosh and 2 soph starters so naturally 4 starters return this year with 6 letterman back altogether. The only losses this year are LG Josh Kay (11 sts, 2 yr str), backup LG Buck Prevette and Lott. I list the 2 deep below and the front wall shows some good size, averaging 302 lbs, and should greatly benefit from a year of maturation as well as weight room training.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It's been a long time since Mean Joe Green played DT for UNT and a long time since they've had a D-line of that caliber. Last year it was a very young defensive front as they had to replace all 4 starters and the projected front 4 in August averaged just 242 lbs. The line got a lot bigger during the year as true frosh Brandon Kennedy (325 lbs) started the final 6 games and earned 2nd Team Big West honors. DT Marlon Lee was the Def Player of the Week vs Baylor but injured his groin and saw limited action (3 tackles) the rest of the year. He is one of the few players who depart. They lose DE Jeff Harris (9 sts, 29 tkl, 6 tfl) who led the team with 11 pressures. This year's front wall is extremely deep with 7 players returning with starting experience, 11 overall with game experience and some solid freshmen and JUCO recruits coming in. I look for a big year from Alex Pahlulu who had 20 starts at SMU in '97 and '98 but injured his knee at JUCO in '99 and was not 100% last year although he did have 10 tackles and 8 QB hurries. Chris Ridgeway (6-4 243 So) was PS#180LB and had 17 tackles and 2 tfl as a true and I list him as a 3rd string in the spring! While I list a 3 deep below, the unit is even deeper than that. For Tre Davis (6-1 235 So) he had 6 tackles. Eric Bridges (6-2 226 Jr) had 3 starts, 17 tackles and 3 tfl last year. Joey Harrison (6-2 267 Jr) was PS#357DL. Reginald Odum (6-2 274 Sr) has been bothered by a knee injury in his career but has good size and they bring in Grady Davis (6-2 230 Fr) who is PS#104TE. JC transfer Darrell Daniels had 8 sacks in 10 games at JC and is being counted on to become the outside pass rusher. Dickey talked about the depth of his team overall and this looks like the deepest position.

LINEBACKERS - In both 1999 and 2000 UNT returned all 3 starting LB's but this year suffer some losses. Gone are LB Cory Pertile (11 starts, 75 tkl, 5 tfl, 2nd BW), Fred Pertile (10 starts, 56 tkl, 3 tfl) and Jeff Rodgers (#6 w/58 tkl, 2 tfl). Brad Kassell, who was the #2 tackler in the entire Big West last year averaging 10.5 tkl per game while earning 1st BW honors, returns for his senior season. Taylor Casey has good speed and moved from TE at the start of last year, earning 1 start with 29 tkl. He should continue to improve in his second year at the position. A couple of Fr not listed below are Cougar McBride (6-1 215) and Luke Coe (6-2 213) as well as soph Chris Barber (6-4 216). I list the 2 deep below and with the presence of Kassell you know it will be a good unit, but it is clearly less experienced than last year's version and looks weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNT ranked a respectable #76 in my pass D rankings in '98 but slipped to #106 in '99 with just 5 int's as a team for the second time in 3 years. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters due to graduation, returning 2. They led the Big West in pass defense with CB Lawrence Ellis leading the conference in pbu's and CB McGee leading in int's with 4. As a team UNT bagged 10 int's and finished #75 overall in my pass defense rankings allowing 61.3% but with only a 9-10 ratio and giving up only 197 ypg. They must replace Ellis (11 sts, 1st TM BW, 59 tkl, 14 pbu) as well as SS Heath Moody (11 sts, 59 tkl, 2 tfl, 4 pbu) and 3rd string CB Nick Hopke (10 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back and the biggest addition is Jonas Buckles who is a rare super recruit (PS#47) and should have a huge impact in 2001. With McGee back to handle the CB spot, and the addition of Buckles, this unit looks stronger in 2001, and should improve upon last year's finish in the pass defense rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 UNT finished 58th in my special teams rankings, having a top-notch punter, kicker and KR. In 1999 they surprisingly dropped to #82. Last year they had to replace P Baker who had a net punting of 39.2 and naturally slipped even further to #114 in my rankings. In their loss to Ark St they had 4 bad special teams plays which cost them dearly. Jason Ball is back after a season of handling all 3 duties (FG, KO, punt) and should improve especially after being bothered by a hamstring injury most of last year. While his punting average was not great, he had 17 punts inside the 20 and ZERO touchbacks showing he was much more concerned with field position than his average. He may get some help at one of the positions from Brad Kadlubar (5-11 205 Fr) who was PS#75K. Ty Jackson averaged 20.9 per KR and led the Big West in PR's with a 10.7 avg as a soph. He is also back. Ball had 4 punts blocked but they did have a problem with snaps on many of those and that should be corrected. I look for reasonable improvement in this area.

N. TEXAS (3-8) CONFERENCE: SUN BELT

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 6*

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 42 (20,21,1)

Lost: 14 (6,8,0)



NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	STS	YDS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
2000	5	27.3	20	183	4.4	197	61.3	13.9					
1999	8	26.5	20	217	4.8	184	61.3	15.1					
1998	6	27.0	22	215	4.8	202	60.3	15.4					
1997	6	30.1	22	196	4.2	227	59.1	14.1					
1996	8	26.6	21	159	3.5	231	55.8	14.7					

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
Baylor	11	37-106	2.9	11-20	159	0	19	36-107	3.0	18-30	218	2	-4
at Texas Tech	7	33-49	1.5	6-13	107	2	19	29-80	2.8	42-55	238	1	1
at UNLV	16	42-108	2.6	17-34	163	2	16	44-314	7.1	7-15	133	1	-2
at Kansas St	4	28-103	3.7	7-17	35	2	25	58-260	4.5	15-22	217	1	1
Samford	15	50-262	5.2	5-10	72	1	17	52-166	3.2	9-16	92	0	4
Utah St	6	35-69	2.0	8-17	72	2	17	40-156	3.9	21-36	170	2	0
at Boise St	11	39-120	3.1	3-20	42	3	33	54-291	5.4	20-28	292	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	8	41-207	5.0	6-11	108	4	15	40-114	2.9	17-31	135	2	2
Idaho	14	42-134	3.2	10-24	145	0	22	35-150	4.3	27-45	319	0	1
at Arkansas St	16	37-111	3.0	19-31	214	3	20	31-193	6.2	21-38	213	1	-2
N Mexico St	17	53-208	3.9	6-12	63	2	13	39-180	4.6	12-25	139	3	4
TOTALS	125	437-1477	3.4	98-209	1180	22	216	458-2011	4.4	209-341	2166	14	+4
AVERAGES	11.4	40-134	3.4	9-19	107	2	19.6	42-183	4.4	19-31	197	1.3	0.4

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)

PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total

Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	12-32
ATS	4-6	7-4	3-8	5-5	19-23
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-3	1-3	2-2	6-8
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Dog	1-5	5-1	2-5	3-3	11-14
Grass	1-1	3-1	0-5	1-2	5-9
Artificial	3-5	4-3	3-3	4-3	14-14

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS						
RUSHING						
	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ja'Quay Wilburn	173	781	25	756	4	4.4
Michael Hickmon	73	269	13	256	2	3.5
Scott Hall	100	364	134	230	1	2.3
Aaron Holly	48	187	3	184	1	3.8
PASSING						
	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Scott Hall	154	75	48.7	937	6	6
Richard Bridges	36	17	47.2	198	0	1
RECEIVING						
	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Byron Curtis	21	336	16.0	1	51	
LaDarrin McLane	13	179	13.8	0	50	
Codie Massey	10	130	13.0	0	22	
Ja'Quay Wilburn	10	63	6.3	0	16	
PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK
Jason Ball	75	2865	38.2	-	29.0	4
KICKING						
	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Ball	1-2	3-4	1-3	1-1	6-10	52

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Darrell Dickey (Career 8-25) 4th Year at N Texas Record at N Texas: 8-25

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
WR Ja'mel Branch 5-7 170 PS#130
RB Roy Bishop 6-2 207 PS#181
OL Jason May 6-4 270 PS#267
QB Chris Miller 6-1 265 PS#269
TE Grady Davis 6-2 230 PS#104
TE Rusty Beck 6-4 220 PS#133
RB Patrick Cobbs 5-9 189 PS#385
DL Chris Moss 6-3 245 PS#410
OL Mark Molamphy 6-3 300 PS#445JC
WR Michael Thrash 6-2 185 PS#455JC

DEFENSIVE STATS
Brad Kassell 115 3 6 2 INT
Cory Pertile 75 3 2 3 0
Craig Jones 73 0 1 0 0
Heath Moody 59 0 2 4 0
Lawrence Ellis 59 1 3 15 2
Jeff Rodgers 58 0 2 1 0
Fred Pertile 56 0 3 3 0
Ron Paris 43 1 3 2 0
Don McGee 35 0 0 1 4
Brandon Kennedy 33 1 9 2 0
Luke Conder 30 1 3 1 0
Jeff Harris 29 1 5 3 0
Robert Conrad 29 0 1 0 0
PUNT RETURNS
Ty Jackson 16 171 10.7 0
NICK RETURNS
Ty Jackson 16 334 20.9 0

PHIL'S FORECAST

UNT is the 4th largest university in Texas. NT finished their IAA schedule in 1994 with a solid 7-4 record. They have recorded just 2, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 3 wins in their first six years of IAA ball. Last season they had to replace 21 seniors & had just 12 listed on the roster while Dickey signed just 3 JUCO's after heavily relying on them in his first 6 years. N Texas began last year with just 72 scholarship players (the NCAA limit is 85) with the prior recruitment of JUCO players being the reason for the shallow depth. They join the Sun Belt Conference this year & faced 4 Sun Belt foes last year, going 2-2 versus them & almost upsetting Idaho. In that game the Vandals drove in the final :40 for a FG after NT was SOD on 4th & 3 deep in their own territory. Last year's team recorded its first road shutout win in 14 years when it blanked ULL 13-0. Dickey likes this year's group & says that for the first time since he's been here they have an experienced player at every position returning. On offense, NT ranked #114 out of 115 teams in my rankings last year but do have a solid QB in Scott Hall & should be able to find a replacement for RB Wilburn who had an off year in 2000. The best offense they've had under the Dickey era scored just 15.7 ppg & they should top that this year. NT had my #87 rated defense last season & look much deeper up front and they should continue to improve against the run where they allowed 183 ypg & 4.4 ypc, both improvements from 1999. Overall, despite having to replace 2 star LB's, they should have a tougher stop unit. They are only #8 in my special teams ratings in the conference. The non-conf slate is hellacious with TCU, Oklahoma, Arkansas & Texas Tech for starters. They should be competitive once conf play rolls around & I look for them to possibly bag 2 or 3 wins in the Sun Belt but topping last year's victory total will be a chore.

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SCOTT HALL SO. 6-1 211 PS#168DB. Std/L 9as true, 937 yds (48.7%), 6-8 ratio, 364 rush, Richard Bridges (6-3 223 Sr) PS#94, 830 yds pass, 254 rush, 8 sts, 3 yrs.
RB Kevin Galbreath Jr. 5-9 190 626 yds in 7 gms at JC ly. Michael Hickmon (5-10 214 Jr) 302 yds (4.6) in 99, 3 yds in 2000, 256 yds (3.5), 6 rec (2.5).
FB Robert Whitehead Sr. 6-3 226 4 sts at LB in '98, 27 tkl, 3 tfl, 6 sts at FB in '99, 20 yds, 4 sts in 2000, 8 games, 62 total yards. Freddie Johnson (6-2 190 Fr) at JC ly. in cor spg. Corie Massey (5-10 167 Sr) PS#470DB, 10 rec (13.0) in 2000.
WR George Marshall Jr. 6-1 190 8rec (13.4) as true, 1 stly, 9rec (18.2), 6 rec 1st 3gms. Brent DeGroot (5-11 193 Sr) 7rec (12.1), 2Y. Kevin Howard (5-9 174 So) PS#210.
TE JEFF MUENCHOW JR. 6-4 240 6 sts as true, 10 (10.5), 10 sts ly (broken hand) & rec (14.7). Randy Gardner (6-4 245 So) PS#100, 1 st as true, 6 rec (12.0).
C IAN HOBBS SO. 6-4 265 PS#490DL in 99. Listed 2nd str all yr but RS. 11 sts at C as Fr & nearly every snap. Andrew Brewster (6-2 247 Fr) 7 gms backup ly.
RG NICK ZUMIGA SO. 6-3 319 PS#275OL ly. 10 sts at RG as true, 2nd TM Big West, 1L. Travis Matlock (6-1 336 So), 5 yrs at Fr Canadian FB after HS.
LG Chris Land So. 6-4 320 PS#404OL. 6 games as backup G as true. Mark Molamphy (6-3 294 Jr) PS#445JC. Orig at Kansas in 98, in for spring.
RT JR. RANDLE JR. 6-2 294 PS#420 in 98, 9 sts at Fr & Fr & HM BW. 11 sts at RT ly & HM BW again. Brad Winkley (6-6 352 Sr) 8 gms as backup ly.
LT MATT TURNER JR. 6-3 290 4 tkl in 5 gms at DL in 99 (injuries). Moved to LT ly. 10 sts despite brkn foot in spg. Jonathan Jusiewicz (6-4 255 Fr) PS#435.
K JASON BALL SR. 5-7 160 Hit 9 of 11 FG's in 99, long of 38, 2nd TM BW ly. 7 of 26 KO's TB's. 6 of 10 FG's in 2000, long of 52 and 2 were blocked.

DE RON PARIS SR. 6-3 228 1 st, 31 tkl, 5 tfl in 98 & 99, 11 sts ly, 43 tkl, 4 tfl, 8 press. Luke Conder (6-3 257 So) 2 sts, 30 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 pbu last year.
DT BRANDON KENNEDY SO. 5-10 325 PS#223DL. 6 sts as true, 33 tkl, 10 tfl, 2nd TM BW. John Ryan (6-3 270 Jr) 5 tkl. Donovan Wright (6-1 250 Jr) 7 tkl, 3 tfl, 2Y.
NT Alex Pahlulu Sr. 6-0 301 9 sts as true at SMU, 42 tkl, 8 tfl, 11 sts in 98, 54 tkl, 3 tfl. Knee inj in 99. 1 stly, 10 tkl. Gabe Haro (6-0 266 Sr) 2 yds, 23 tkl, 1 tfl.
DE CHRIS MCIVER JR. 6-1 254 10 tkl as true, 6 gms (inj), 8 sts ly, 17 tkl.
4th, 2nd TM BW, Darrell Daniels (6-5 230 Jr) 8 sts at JC. Chris Ridgeway PS#180, 17 tkl.
WLB Taylor Casey So. 6-3 210 PS#93TE. Moved to LB in preseason ly. 1 st as true, 29 tkl, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Chris Hurd (6-1 220 So) 14 tkl, 4 gms as true.
MLB BRAD KASSELL SR. 6-3 241 PS#151TE. 45 tkl, 1 sk as true, 11 sts, 112 tkl, 17 tfl, 6 pbu in 99. 11 sts ly. 1st TM BW, 115 tkl, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 4 int, 2 pbu.
LB Cody Spencer So. 6-3 230 PS#177DL. 5 tkl, 8 gms as true. Justin Claborn (6-2 242 So) PS#337, 1 tkl, 6 gms as true. Aaron Tei (6-1 220 Fr) PS#362.
CB DON MCGEE JR. 5-11 190 8 tkl as true, 11 sts ly, tied #1 in BW w/4 int, 35 tkl, bkpt punt. Will Chimm (5-10 171 Sr) PS#236, 1 tkl. Walter Priestley (5-10 178 Fr) PS#380.
CB Ty Jackson Jr. 5-7 172 PS#257WR. 2 tkl, 2Y & #1 PR in BW ly. Dominique Mackey (6-1 192 Fr) PS#319. Keith Frazier (6-0 185 Jr) PS#340 & orig at Wyo.
SS Jonas Buckles Jr. 5-11 213 PS#47DB. 11 tkl as true, 11 tkl as true. FS missed most of 2000 with severe ankle inj. Montrell Parks (6-2 224 Fr) PS#435LB.
FS CRAIG JONES SO. 6-0 211 8 tkl as true, 11 sts at Fr, #3 w/7 tkl, 1 tfl. Hard hitter. Robert Conrad (6-1 205 Jr) 2 tackles in 1999, 3 sts last year, 29 tackles, 1 tfl.
P JASON BALL SR. 5-7 160 Took over P duties ly & 75 punts, 38.2 avg but 4 blk's (poor snaps) net of 29.0, 17-20, 0 TB's. Brad Kadlubar (5-11 205 Fr) PS#75.

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Cajuns had a returning starter in Derek Dyer who threw for 1,066 yards (44%) with a 4-10 ratio in 1999. Dyer started the first 2 games and then stunningly quit the team after throwing for 211 yards (43.5%) with a 1-2 ratio. Jon Van Cleave (PS#51) took 25 snaps vs Texas and perhaps was the reason that Dyer left as he saw the writing on the wall. Van Cleave would start the next 5 but threw for just 687 yards (45.5%) with a 1-5 ratio. Nick Dugas (PS#30) was more of an option QB and finally became eligible last year after being a PQ in 1999. He started the next game but hit just 10 of 25 on the year for 76 yards while rushing for 211. Lance Domec, who had 7 career starts prior to the year, took over for the final 3 games and finished with 806 yards (53.2%) and a 7-5 ratio and led the team to its only win vs ULM. He would have had a higher completion percentage but in the game vs Jax St the Cajuns suffered 10 dropped passes. He was recruited by both Miami, Fla and Ohio St. Dugas is an explosive playmaker and has moved to WR. Matt Lane (6-0 192 rF) was PS#250 and had a 41-12 ratio in HS. He hit 16 of 32 for 172 yards in this year's spring game. While their most consistent QB from last year departs, I think Van Cleave should be one of the best QB's in the new Sun Belt Conference and look for this position to be solidly improved now that he has gained experience and has a spring under his belt.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year all of the top rushers returned and Darren Brister simply set the career record for rushing yards for a RB at this school (the all-time leading rusher is QB Brian Mitchell). Surprisingly, Brister had his lowest rushing total in his 4 years as a starter with just 512 yards (4.4) but did have his best receiving year with 12 (8.8). John Bernard was the #2 rusher in 1999 and had 203 yards (3.1) last year but was lost for the season vs La Tech. Jerome Coleman (6-1 225 Jr) was a PQ in 1999 and finished with 416 yards (3.6) as well as 11 rec's (5.4) last year. He is a power back (only has 4.6 speed) and should be the go-to guy this year. There is a possibility that Dugas (PS#30QB) could see time at this position and he would become their top RB should he move here, but for now it looks like WR will be his home. Trikeith Miller (6-0 195 Sr) has 107 total yards in 2 years and 4.47 speed. Walk-on Ivan Taylor (6-2 185 So) was impressive in the spring. Brister was clearly the top back last year in terms of production and will be missed so this unit looks a little weaker.

RECEIVERS - In 1999 ULL had all of their top WR's back and some promising recruits but the top 2 signees were both PQ's. This year they must replace WR Desmond Williams (4 sts, 24 rec, 12.0) but almost everyone else is back including the top 2 receivers. Marcus Wilridge has led the team in each of the last 2 years with 37 and 38 rec's and has good speed. Fred Stamps (5-10 165 So) was PS#67 and had 21 rec's (7.2) as a true frosh and should continue to improve. Andre George (6-0 200) has 4.48 speed and gets better each year. I look for Dugas to move into this area as he is a dangerous weapon and he could become the feature WR. I list the 2 deep below, and they also return a player with starting experience at TE. Even with the loss of Williams, this unit looks stronger, especially with the addition of Dugas.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last spring this was Baldwin's most talked about position. He had to replace just one starter and one backup and after each practice he commented on how the O-line was vastly improved over the 1999 version which generated just 2.7 ypc rushing and allowed 42 sacks. The unit did prove to be stronger, as the team improved to 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks on the year. Still, those are far from overpowering numbers. This year they must replace C David Gaar (11 sts, 3 yr str), RG Mark Lamere (9 sts, 2 yr str), RT Henry Hellesline (9 sts, 2 yr str), G Jesse Harmon (4 sts) and G Wayne Smith (5 sts). The lone returning starter is LT Jonathon Raush who has had 22 straight starts here despite playing TE in HS. Eight different players started last year and hopefully this group will be a little more stable. Baldwin plugs in a JUCO and a couple of rF and overall 3 players return with starting experience as shown in the 2 deep below. Clearly, this group is less experienced than the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cajuns had to replace 3 starters from the defensive front last year but after allowing 5.1 ypc rushing and recording just 16 sfs in '99, the defense (as a whole) improved to allowing 4.2 ypc with 29 sacks. This year's front should be one of the best in the Sun Belt as the only loss is DT James Martin (11 tks). Seven players return with starting experience and they get a boost from the additions of LSU transfer Derace James as well as rF David Gaines. Two DE's who played as true frosh will benefit from the added year of maturity and experience. There are even some HT's in this group. Look for ULL to continue to improve in the defensive rankings.

LINEBACKERS - The Cajuns had to replace 2 players who combined for 11 starts from this position last year but had 4 players back with starting experience. This year they lose SLB Travis Schwartz (8 sts, 59 tks, 4 tfs), who missed 2 games with a concussion, MLB Willie Robinson (1 st, 11 tks), and WLB Victor Hart (1 st, 9 tks). The last 2 years being a returning starter at this position has meant little as most have lost their jobs during the course of the year. Not only does Baldwin have 3 players returning that started 6 or more games, but he also adds a JUCO, HT true frosh and a rF to the mix (see 3 deep below). This has the makings of a decent unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULL finished #97 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and only had to replace one starter last year due to graduation but another returning starter, CB Cornell Schumack, failed to retain his eligibility. The unit finished #96, allowing 59.9% with a 20-15 ratio. This year everyone is back and the unit is extremely deep. I list the 2 deep below and 7 players return with starting experience plus they have some big time additions not even listed in the group. Other players who could make an impact are Leman Anderson (6-1 181 Jr, PS#100DB, PQ in '99), Ray Stone (5-10 180 Sr), JUCO Quinton Boyd (5-11 195 Jr), Jerome Bias (6-2 195 Jr, PS#137WR, 3 tks as true), Jamaal Sanders (5-10 190 JC trans) and Clifton August (6-1 205 So, PS#304DB). I'm very high on CB Charles Tillman who has good size (6-1 190) and 4.5 speed. Tillman had 6 int's and 9 pbu last year. FS Kyries Hebert has led the team in tackles as a frosh and soph and both make my 1st Team Sun Belt list. This group is extremely deep and will likely have some of the players that I mention work their way into the 2 deep or possibly win a starting job. I expect a significant rise in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jerry Baldwin was the DL and special teams coach at LSU so I expected him to pay close attention to this unit throughout his career. In his first season here ULL surprisingly fell from #79 in my special teams rankings to #103. Instead of improving last year the unit only got worse (#112) and was a major problem area as they suffered 3 blocked punts and had 4 punts returned for TD's (2 off of blk's). They also struggled in the FG area where Brent Bergeron, who hit 7 of 11 in 1999, hit just 3 of 8 with a long of 27 and had an xp blocked against Tulane which would have tied the game. He was 0 for 4 from 30+. This could be one of the most improved units in the country this season. First of all, Baldwin signed Lucas Murphy who had 36 touchbacks on KO's in HS last year and connected on 3 FG's from 50+ including a 59 yarder. He has a booming leg and Baldwin says he may assume all 3 duties (FG, Punt & KO). Also joining the team is JUCO Jonathon Knott who hit 12 of 17 FG's at JC. P Grant Autrey is back after improving his average from 33.7 in 1999 to 37.1 last year. More exciting news is the return of Nick Dugas, who was forced to take over the PR duties at midseason last year when starter John Bernard was lost for the year. Dugas simply averaged 14.5 on 11 PR's. All of the top KR's are back this year and Dugas may become the top man there as well. Baldwin knows this area hurt them badly last year and I expect increased emphasis on special teams this season and a pretty good sized climb in the rankings.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin' Cajuns actually had 3 straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from 1993 to 1995 but have now had 5 straight losing seasons. Three years ago Jerry Baldwin inherited a team that lost their 9 games by an average of 30 ppg and the defense gave up 41.2 ppg while allowing 5.2 ypc rushing. Last year they returned 17 starters from a 2-9 group but stunningly lost to three IAA opponents and had just one victory. High notes of last season were their road win at UL Monroe and the fact that they led Mid Tenn St 24-7 in the 2H before losing in 2 OT's. They also led Texas 10-0 after 1Q, led Northwestern St (19th ranked IAA team) 21-17 with :36 left and lost to Tulane by 1 point (blocked xp). Their home field is nicknamed "The Swamp" and they beat Texas A&M here 29-22 in 1996. The fact that they are now entering conference play can only help recruiting. I expect big things out of QB Jon Van Cleave and with players like WR Nick Dugas the offense will definitely improve on last year's 15.5 ppg. They continue to make strides defensively and last year allowed 4.2 ypc rushing and 32.3 ppg which doesn't sound great but when compared to 1998 shows marked improvement. This year Baldwin has 10 starters back on that side of the ball plus some outstanding newcomers and the unit includes 2 players in the secondary who I named 1st Team Sun Belt. Overall they may have the best defense in the conference. The non-conf slate is rough and they must beat the lone IAA team that they face in the opener. Most of their winnable Sun Belt games are on the road as they host 2 of the top contenders. I like the looks of this team with the marquee players they have on offense and an upgraded defense and they should definitely top last year's one win total.

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OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JON VAN CLEAVE SO. 6-4 232 PS#51, 5 sts as true, 687 yds (45.5%), 1-5 ratio, 45 yds rush, 4.7 spd. Matt Lane (6-0 192 rF) PS#220QB, 4.7 spd, 41-12 ratio in HS.
RB Jerome Coleman Jr. 6-1 225 PS#225QB, 4.9 spd, 11 sts, 416 yds (3.6), 11 rec (5.4). Trikeith Miller (6-0 195 Jr) 4.7 yds rush (4.3), 7 rec in 2Y, 4.47 spd.
WR NICK DUGAS JR. 6-1 185 PS#30QB, 4.55 spd, 10 rec (8.5), 211 yds rush (4.0) 76 yds pass, 14.5 on PR's. Fred Stamps PS#67: 4.4 spd, 3 sts, 21 rec (7.2) as true.
WR ANDREW GEORGE JR. 6-0 200 PS#219, 4.48 spd, 12 rec's (10.3) in 99 as true. #2 rec in w/24 rec (16.8). Claude Whitaker (6-1 200 Jr), Elijah Mallory (6-0 180 Jr).
WR MARCUS WILRIDGE SR. 5-11 195 5 sts as true, 19 rec (16.8), RS in 99, 7 sts in 99, 37 rec (13.6), 10 sts ly, 38 rec (13.8), 4.55 spd. Scott Cory (6-3 205 Jr) 23 rec in 2 years.
TE Josh Joerg 6-4 235 PS#127TE, Earned 5.5 as true, 1 rec, 12 yds, 1 TD ly, Blake Bourque (6-1 235 Jr) converted FB, 355 bench, 550 sqd.
C Garrett Charkalis Sr. 6-3 310 PS#372, 5.58 speed, 315 bench, 455 sqd, 2 starts in 2000, 2L. Josh Newton (6-3 270 Jr) PS#323JUCO, In for spring.
RG Paul Balensiefen rF. 6-2 308 PS#346, #1 RG in spring. Added 18 lbs. Cory Monroe (6-4 300 So) PS#169, 4.7 speed. Tony Hull (6-4 300 So) 5.0 spd.
LG D'Anthony Batiste So. 6-3 273 PS#200DL, 3 sts, lettered as true in 2000. Nathan Rogers (6-4 265 Jr) PS#325OL, Jay Smith (6-1 265 So). Added 10 lbs.
RT Marques Smith So. 6-4 348 Lettered as backup in 7 games as true. Demetrius Brooks (6-4 311 rF) was PS#390. Mike Moore (6-4 305 Jr) is PS#535.
LT JONATHAN RAUSH JR. 6-2 280 4.90 spd, 11 sts as true, 11 sts ly. Has greatly improved strength. Antonio Grant (6-4 345 Jr) Hugul JC trans. Chris Perrone (6-5 315 So).
K Jonathon Knott Jr. 6-2 190 PS#230JC, 12 of 17 FG's, 56 of 62 xps in 2Y at JC. Lucas Murphy (5-11 185 Jr), 36 TB's on KO's in HS ly, 3 FG's from 50+ incl 59 yd FG.

LOUISIANA-LFT (1-10) CONFERENCE: SUN BELT

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 10
LETTERMAN:
Returning: 49 (17,30,2)
Lost: 16 (11,4,1)



LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	OFF	DEF	OFF	DEF	PASS	%	OFF	DEF	RET	PTS	OFF	DEF	OFF	DEF	PASS	%	OFF	DEF
STS	YPP	YDS	YDS	RUSH	RUSH	YPC	YPC	YDS	YDS	STS	YPP	YDS	YDS	RUSH	RUSH	YPC	YPC	YDS	YDS
10*	15.5	16	124	3.2	162	47.8	18.4	+2	2000	7	32.3	20	151	4.2	236	59.9	12.0		
8*	18.5	16	114	2.7	141	47.7	13.8	+4	1999	8	37.7	23	219	5.1	220	55.2	11.6		
7*	18.1	16	118	3.0	182	45.7	16.6	-9	1998	6	41.2	23	221	5.2	289	55.1	12.4		
7	16.0	16	125	2.9	163	47.3	18.0	-26	1997	5	50.3	22	282	6.2	194	50.4	9.5		
7*	27.6	22	128	3.2	278	52.9	14.7	-4	1996	7	36.7	22	232	5.2	176	46.4	11.1		

	OFFENSE						2000 STATS BY GAME						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S/KS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S/KS BY	TURN						
Sam Houston St	16	44-150	3.4	9-24	90	2	16	35-98	2.8	17-30	151	1	+1						
at Texas	19	42-68	1.6	17-34	183	3	25	23-90	3.9	25-40	403	0	0						
at Texas Tech	11	34-94	2.8	11-22	85	4	15	31-101	3.3	24-37	240	3	-1						
Northwestern St	14	41-204	5.0	10-21	123	3	16	41-188	4.6	13-33	117	3	0						
at UAB	13	28-(-27)	-1.0	15-38	118	6	20	53-290	5.5	8-16	129	0	0						
Tulane	19	40-166	4.2	17-35	291	2	28	31-138	4.5	32-49	410	1	+3						
at Louisiana Tech	16	47-219	4.7	10-26	81	1	29	24-97	4.0	35-48	399	4	0						
N Texas	15	40-114	2.9	17-31	135	2	8	41-207	5.0	6-11	108	4	-2						
at UL Monroe	15	39-91	2.3	15-30	177	1	13	33-81	2.5	14-26	147	6	+1						
Jacksonville St	20	36-176	4.9	15-37	198	1	21	47-201	4.3	13-23	205	2	-3						
at Mid Tenn St	22	39-105	2.7	28-45	299	3	24	38-168	4.4	24-39	292	5	+3						
TOTALS	180	430-1360	3.2	164-343	1780	28	215	397-1659	4.2	211-352	2601	29	+2						
AVERAGES	16.4	39-124	3.2	15-31	162	2.5	19.5	36-151	4.2	19-32	236	2.6	0.2						

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total						
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-9	1-10	6-38	
ATS	1-9	5-4	6-4	5-3	17-20	
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	
Home Dog	0-5	1-1	2-0	1-0	4-6	
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Away Dog	1-4	4-3	3-3	4-2	12-12	
Grass	1-6	4-3	4-3	3-3	12-15	
Artificial	0-3	1-1	2-1	2-0	5-5	

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren Brister	116	546	34	512	1	4.4
Jerome Coleman	114	495	79	416	4	3.6
John Bernard	66	236	33	203	1	3.1
Nick Dugas	53	211	86	125	3	2.4
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lance Domec	139	74	53.2	806	7	5
Jon Van Cleave	132	60	45.5	687	1	5
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Marcus Wilridge	38	524	13.8	3	41	
Andre George	24	404	16.8	2	76	
Desmond Williams	24	288	12.0	1	27	
Fred Stamps	21	151	7.2	0	17	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK
Grant Autrey	81	3005	37.1	-	30.0	1
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Bergeron	3-4	0-1	0-3	0-0	3-8	27

JERRY BALDWIN (Career 3-19) 3rd Year at Louisiana-Lft Record at Louisiana-Lft: 3-19

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB Stanley Smith	6-2 230 PS#134
DB Jonathan Knott	6-2 190 PS#230JC
DB Jerrell Carter	5-8 175 PS#228
DL James Edwards	6-3 280 PS#253
OL Nathan Rogers	6-4 265 PS#325
OL Josh Newton	6-3 270 PS#323JC
OL Kerone Dixon	6-6 250 PS#343
TE Kenny Guenther	6-4 245 PS#170
OL Mike Moore	6-4 305 PS#535
K Lucas Murphy	5-11 185 PS#77

DEFENSIVE STATS	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyries Hebert	88	0	4	4	3
Charles Tillman	60	2	1	9	6
Travis Schwartz	59	2	2	1	0
Derrick Marshall	46	7	4	0	0
Marrius Berry	44	1	0	1	0
Ricky Calais	43	5	1	0	0
Walter Sampson	37	0	0	0	0
Brad Franklin	33	0	2	7	1
Ross Bruppacher	29	2	3	2	0
Mat Cieslak	27	0	2	4	0
Darrien King	26	0	2	0	0
Jamal Smith	24	0	1	1	1
Braden Deamer	19	0	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
NICK DUGAS	11	159	14.5	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Marcus Wilridge	15	314	20.9	0	

UL MONROE INDIANS

QUARTERBACKS - Former Super Bowl QB Stan Humphries returned to his alma mater as the QB coach in '99 and inherited returning starter Andre Vige (6-3 200 Sr) who threw for 1,967 yards (47.9%) with a 17-9 ratio in '98. I called for rFr Andy Chance to beat out Vige for the starting job in 1999 and he did just that. Twice during the year Chance rushed and passed for over 100 yards in the same game and improved as the season went on. In the first 6 games, he had a 0-4 TD/Int ratio but over the last five it was 5-4. He has 4.6 speed and is also a solid passer. Last year Chance started 6 games missing 5 due to a concussion. He threw for 1,149 yards (53%) with only a 2-8 ratio while rushing for 191 yards. He also plays on the ULM baseball team and is a solid athlete. Ryan Corcoran was the #2QB & started vs Mid Tenn St but suffered a broken jaw and missed the rest of the year. In 5 games he threw for 246 yards (60%) while rushing for 25 yards. Vige returned to the starting lineup and threw for 638 yards (54.3%) with a 3-5 ratio. Vige and a healthy Chance are back. Also in the mix are Daniel Peterson (6-3 190 Jr) who was PS#218 and has lettered as a long snapper the last 2 years, and Adam Gatlin (6-1 184 Jr) who was PS#127 and has 4.7 speed. Gatlin got a lot of snaps with the 1st unit in scrimmages this spring while Chance was playing baseball. This unit should put up much better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - ULM has not had a successful rushing offense in quite some time. In fact in the last 6 years their best output was 129 ypg and 3.2 ypc and that came in 1999. Last year they had to replace their leading rusher who averaged 4.3 ypc but did have numerous experienced players return including transfers from Arkansas and S Ark. However, the unit struggled even more as their best output was 114 yards vs LT and they averaged just 57.0 ypg and a paltry 2.0 ypc. Part of that can be blamed on a shaky O-line, but the RB's must bear the brunt of it. This year they must replace TB Mark Henderson who led the team with 436 yards and a respectable 5.0 ypc. Also gone is FB Tim Lyons who added 43 yards (2.3). Keith Thomas came on down the stretch, leading the team in rushing in 2 of the last 4 games and finished with 186 yards (3.3). Bryant Jacobs had 164 yards (3.8). Jacobs had an impressive offseason, setting ULM records for RB's with a 400 lb bench and 4.39 401 Thomas and Jacobs are back and added to the mix is Trey Patterson (5-10 185 rFr) who was PS#395 and rushed for 1,687 yards with a 10.0 ypc as a senior in HS. You may see the FB more in the offense as Ivory Brown (6-0 255 Fr) was PS#120 and originally signed at S Miss. He squats 505 lbs and has 4.65 speed. Brian Mathis (5-10 220 So) also had an impressive spring after moving over from SS. Even with the loss of their top back, this unit should be more effective.

RECEIVERS - Last year ULM had to replace 2 of their top 3 WR's as well as their starting TE but did have their leading receiver returning. This year they must replace their top 2 WR's. Gone are WR Darryl Carter (PS#52DB, 11 sts, 37 rec), HB Kevin Stevenson (9 sts, 40 rec), TE Cameron Wynn (16 rec) and WR Richie Zimmerman (13 rec). They get a solid transfer in John Floyd (6-4 220 Jr) who had 2 starts and 7 rec's at S Miss in 1999. He has an NFL combination of size and speed (4.5) and gives the unit an instant upgrade. He broke his jaw in the spring but should be 100% by fall. I list the 2 deep below and it is an underwhelming group overall. This is one area where some true frosh could play immediately. Last year's production was far from inspiring and with the addition of Floyd I'll call this group stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Indians had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation last year then had starting C Robert Aguirre go down with a broken leg after 2 weeks. OT's Roderick Daniel and Padraic McGinnis missed 5 starts combined due to injuries. ULM went from a respectable 3.2 ypc rushing to just 2.0 last year while allowing 39 sacks. It was a very thin group this spring with just 9 scholarship OL's available. They do add a couple of JC transfers that will join the team in the fall. They've made some moves as Larry Pink, the starter at LG, moves to LT and Juan Parra, who had 5 starts at center, moves to guard. It will be difficult to replace Daniel (10 sts, 4 yr st) and McGinnis (7 sts, 3 yr st) but six players are back with starting experience and JUCO's Wil Watkins (6-5 320) and Leo Pruneda (6-5 315) give the unit an infusion of size and talent this fall. As long as this group maintains its health, they should clearly be more of a blocking force than the 2000 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULM had to replace 5 players last year but only one full-time starter in Jonathan Foster who led the team with 12 sacks. Three players returned with starting experience and for the second consecutive year, ULM allowed a respectable 4.0 ypc rushing but the sack total dropped from 29 to 9 overall for the defense with Brennan Bertrand leading the team with just 3 sacks. Bertrand missed this spring with injury but should be back so 3 of 4 starters return. The only losses are NG Bartholomew Butcher (10 sts, 33 tkl, 3 fl), DE Mike DeHorney (3 sts, 39 tkl) and DE Ron Phenix (3 sts, 29 tkl). The big time addition this year is John Thompson, who transfers in from S Carolina, and they also bring in 2 JUCO's including Zack Sims who at 6-4 335 will likely find a spot somewhere. Thorpe should take care of the speed aspect for the DE's, and this unit should put more pressure on opposing QB's in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - ULM uses a 4-2-5 defense with their RSS more like a DB than an LB, but I list that position here, making them a 3 man group. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but Keasler called the unit the strength of the defense as Otis Robinson and Carey Johnson could both have been classified as returning starters. The unit was hit hard as Otis Drew left the team, backup Dominique Gladney saw little action, Johnson was injured early and missed action as did Carlos Hughes. Their top LB, Otis Robinson, missed the final 2 games with injury. Maurice Sonnier was forced to start 5 games as a true frosh and was the #5 tackler. The coaches say he has unlimited talent. I list the 2 deep below and also in the mix is Hughes who returns after having one start and 37 tackles in 3 years. John Winchester (6-4 205 rFr) who is PS#174QB, Mark Miller (5-10 210 So) who was PS#330DB (missed last year due to academics), and Matthew Latino (6-1 220 rFr) who was PS#377 will contribute. This year they lose Johnson (8 sts, 76 tkl, 5 fl), Gladney (15 tkl, 2 fl) and Ryan Fandel (9 tkl, 1 fl) as well as last year's RSS Dedrick Buckles who moves to FS. Still, this group is just about as experienced as last year and has added talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM finished a solid #48 in my pass D rankings in 1999 as they had 3 starters back and allowed just 49.8%. Last year they lost their star CB who was a 5th round draft pick in the NFL as well as one other starter and then lost starting CB Henry Whitehead with an ACL injury after 8 starts. Not much went right for ULM last year and naturally they dropped in the rankings, finishing #107 and allowing 56.6% and 23 TD's with only 5 int's. This year they must replace Whitehead (8 sts, 18 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu), FS Michael Davis (3 sts, 41 tkl), CB Nick Hall (1 st, 6 tkl) and CB Mark Potter (3 sts, 13 tkl, 3 pbu). They made some changes, moving RSS Dedrick Buckles to FS and last year's FS Seneca Lee to CB trying to add speed to the unit. Cash Mouton, who is bigger than last year's returning starter Karlton Washington and also has more speed, beat him out in the spring and I expect him to be a top-notch CB in the Sun Belt. I list the 2 deep below and 3 of the 4 projected 1st stringers have starting experience. I look for a good sized jump in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 6 years ULM has not finished any higher than #80 in my special teams ratings. After a #107 finish in 1999 they had to replace their P and top returnman and dropped even further to dead last. That #115 ranking does not even sum up the pain that this unit inflicted on the team as they suffered 7 blocked punts and had a botched fake FG int'd and returned for a TD along with numerous mistakes throughout the year. Against Arkansas, injuries forced them to play a backup LS, holder and kicker and naturally they missed a FG and an xp. K Justin Mink lost his job in Week 2 to Daniel Francis who hit 3 of 4 with a long of 33 before missing the rest of the year with a broken ankle. They attempted just 1 FG over 40 yards. Preventing the blocked punts and bad snaps is an area that Keasler must make a priority. The 7 blocked punts (3 in '99) led the NCAA but that is not a category that you would want to lead the country in. Steve Hunnicutt handled the punting duties as a true frosh and averaged a paltry 35.0 and the team had a pathetic net of 26.8. QB Andy Chance also had 8 punts with a 39.3 average and both are back which should lead to marked improvement. They must replace their top PR who averaged just 4.4 ypr. Top KR HJ Adams averaged 20.5 on a ULM record 42 KR's. Of course returning that many kicks meant the opposition was scoring a bunch. Basically every one returns and I would hope Keasler will put a lot of effort into it in the offseason.

UL MONROE (1-10) SUN BELT

CONFERENCE:
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (20,15,4)
Lost: 24 (11,12,1)



UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

6*	8.7	14	57	2.0	185	53.7	27.8	-17	2000	6	37.7	18	164	4.0	190	56.6	9.4
7*	16.9	16	129	3.2	152	56.8	16.6	-5	1999	6	29.3	16	149	4.0	185	49.8	11.4
8	20.6	14	87	2.6	210	46.7	14.4	+16	1998	10	29.3	23	184	4.3	259	56.6	15.1
9	18.8	16	126	3.4	186	52.8	16.6	-2	1997	6	26.6	20	147	3.7	227	59.8	14.1
4*	17.5	17	101	2.7	230	48.2	19.0	-5	1996	9	32.1	20	246	5.4	169	55.6	12.9

OFFENSE										DEFENSE									
2000 STATS BY GAME										2000 STATS BY GAME									
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
at Minnesota	15	33-59	1.8	17-32	173	2	22	46-172	3.7	18-28	258	1	-2						
at Memphis	10	19-44	2.3	17-43	132	2	14	46-180	3.9	13-24	98	2	-1						
Nicholls St	20	38-69	1.8	25-37	369	7	7	37-156	4.2	2-13	0	1	-2						
at Tennessee	11	26-33	1.3	21-37	146	4	27	42-234	5.6	20-31	274	2	0						
SW Texas	22	20-51	2.6	28-59	278	2	17	44-176	4.0	14-26	144	0	-4						
at Arkansas	10	32-85	2.7	13-30	109	3	20	40-166	4.2	17-33	237	0	-1						
at Mid Tenn St	9	25-76	3.0	20-32	119	2	17	42-192	4.6	14-24	151	1	-1						
at UCF	13	38-(-20)	-0.5	17-34	182	6	18	22-84	3.8	17-29	338	1	-3						
UL Lafayette	13	33-81	2.5	14-26	147	6	15	39-91	2.3	15-30	177	1	-1						
Louisiana Tech	20	38-114	3.0	22-30	200	4	27	28-138	4.9	27-38	404	0	0						
Wofford	14	21-40	1.9	23-44	178	1	13	64-212	3.3	1-3	8	0	-2						
TOTALS	157	323-632	2.0	217-404	2033	39	197	450-1801	4.0	158-279	2089	9	-17						
AVERAGES	14.3	29-57	2.0	20-37	185	3.5	17.9	41-164	4.0	14-25	190	0.8	-1.5						

STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	4 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	5-6	5-6	1-10	16-29
ATS	6-4	2-6	4-5	1-7	13-22
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	2-3
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	4-3	1-3	2-5	0-6	7-17
Grass	5-3	2-5	3-4	1-5	11-17
Artificial	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-5

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TO	AVG	
Mark Henderson	88	446	10	436	1	5.0	
Keith Thomas	56	214	28	186	0	3.3	
Bryant Jacobs	43	179	15	164	1	3.8	
Tim Lyons	19	52	9	43	1	2.3	
Andy Chance	61	191	166	25	0	4.0	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TO	INT	
Andy Chance	210	111	52.9	1149	2	8	
Andre Vige	129	70	54.3	638	3	5	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TDS	LONG		
Kevin Stevenson	40	432	10.8	1	38		
Darryl Carter	37	369	10.0	2	67		
Sean Brown	22	242	11.0	0	43		
HJ Adams	18	189	10.5	0	45		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT
S. Hunnicutt	65	2273	35.0	-	26.8	7	8
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Justin Mink	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	28	
Daniel Francis	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-4	3-3	

BOBBY KEASLER (Career 84-50-2) 3rd Year at UL Monroe Record at UL Monroe: 6-16

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL	Wil Watkins	6-5 320	PS#313JC
LB	Shelton Williams	6-3 195	PS#263
OL	Dwayne Harris	6-3 300	PS#347
OL	John Kirk	6-4 320	PS#477
DL	Lloyd Brimmer	6-3 275	PS#414
LB	Ainecco Shine	6-2 225	PS#365
DL	Paul Dylon	6-5 255	PS#432
OL	Zack Sims	6-4 335	PS#473C
TE	Richard Lynn	6-5 235	PS#163
WR	John Floyd	6-4 215	PS#416

DEFENSIVE STATS

TOL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dedrick Buckles	103	0	5	4
Cedric Robinson	103	1	4	0
Carey Johnson	76	0	5	0
Seneca Lee	69	0	1	2
Maurice Sonnier	67	1	5	0
Otis Robinson	66	0	3	0
Brennan Bertrand	56	3	2	0
Michael Davis	41	0	0	0
Mike DeHorney	39	0	1	1
Donald Malveaux	35	1	1	0
Courtney Joiner	34	0	1	0
Bartholomew Butcher	33	0	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Stevenson	11	48	4.4	0
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
HJ Adams	42	860	20.5	0

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Indians joined IAA ball in 1994 and strung together 3 consecutive 5 win seasons from 1997 to 1999 with the latter being Bobby Keasler's debut. Keasler came from McNeese St where he guided his teams to 5 top 4 finishes in IAA ball from 1993 to 1998. Last season was clearly a disappointing year as they lost to two IAA teams, managed just one win all season (lowest at school since 1909) and played their season finale before fewer than 1,000 fans at home in their loss to Wofford. They lost to a winless ULL team and a good part of the reason for their decline was that they lost countless players for the year due to injury. On the positive side they did outgain Minnesota 239-226 in the first half. The offense was woeful as they averaged just 8.7 ppg and did not score in the 1Q from the 2nd game through game 9 and suffered back-to-back shutouts for the 2nd consecutive year. Stan Humphries took over the OC duties in the final 2 games and ULM notched 12.5 ppg and 266 ypg in those efforts. He's moving to a one back offense and with QB Andy Chance and 6 starters overall returning on offense, they have to be more potent. The team set 12 new school weightlifting records during the spring and figure to be bigger and stronger on the defensive side of the ball where they have 7 starters back including a much improved D-line and secondary. They allowed 37.7 ppg (worst in the new league) last year but only 354 yards (best in the league). They had 7 punts blocked and were -17 in the turnover ratio category which put the defense in peril many times. I look for huge improvement in the ppg allowed and check out the Turnovers-Turnaround article for more about that -17. The non-conf state should mean 2 victories for them but the Sun Belt schedule is tough as they host 2 of the top teams and have most of their winnable games on the road. Clearly, this year will be an improvement for ULM and if they can upset one of the big boys at home they have a shot at making some noise in conference play this year.

OFFENSE

QB ANDY CHANCE JR. 6-2 207 PS#85. 11 sts as rFr, 1327 yds (57%), 5-8 ratio, 641 rush (4.9), 61 sts (11) 1149 yds (53%) 2-8 ratio. 191 rush (3.1). Adam Gatlin PS#127.
RB KEITH THOMAS JR. 5-11 190 1st st true, 265 yds (4.1). RS in 99: 186 yds (3.3) 2sts ly. Bryant Jacobs (5-7 170 2Jr) 2sts, 164 yds (3.8) ly. (4.3) 2nd, 400 bench, 560 squat.
WR SEAN BROWN JR. 5-9 166 7 sts, 37 rec (2.9) 32 yds, 22 rec (11.0) in 2000. Mack Vincent (5-11 197 So) 1 st, 15 rec (10.4) ly. Started this spg.
WR HJ ADAMS SO. 5-10 185 11 sts, 18 rec (10.5). ULM record 860KR yds (20.5) in 2000. 485 squat. Brooks Greer (5-10 163 So) 14 rec (8.9) in 8 gms ly.
WR John Floyd Jr. 6-4 220 2 starts, 11 games at S Miss in 99. 7 rec (9.9) Bowl MVP. 4.5 speed. Kamal Broadway (6-2 216 rFr) PS#255DB. Good size.
TE BEN WRIGHT JR. 6-2 250 4 rec's (11.8) in '99. Forced to play OL ly because of injury. 4 sts at C, 2 at RT. BJ Welch (6-2 230 So) 5 games ly, no rec's.
C Robert Aguirre So. 6-3 305 Started 1st 2 gms at C ly. Suffered broken leg vs Memphis - out ly. Hayden Wardworth (6-2 255 rFr) 5 gms, 355 power clean.
RG SHANE LUNA SO. 6-2 290 405 bench, 10 sts at RG in 2000. Dwayne Harris is PS#347OL. Bruce Hampton (6-3 315 rFr) was the #2 RG in spring practice.
LG Juan Parra Sr. 6-3 304 JUCO transfer. 5 sts at C in 2000. earned letter. Ben Zapata (6-2 310 So) PS#371. 1 st at RG, 1 at LG ly and lettered.
RT Josh Wade So. 6-4 270 2 sts at RT as rFr, lettered. Wil Watkins (6-5 320 Jr) PS#313JC. Didn't allow skt at JC ly. Leo Pruneda (6-5 315 Jr) JC trans. 11 sts.
LT LARRY PINK JR. 6-3 277 Lettered in 98. 11 sts at RG in 99. 11 sts at LG ly. Moved to LT in spg, 505 squat. Kenny Ordeaux (6-4 286 So) PS#210. 1L.
K DANIEL FRANCIS SO. 5-10 186 PS#54. Won job early - hit 3-4 FG's w/L33. 4-4 xp's. Lost for yr w/broken ankle. Justin Mink (5-8 155 Sr) 7-11 U44 in '99. 2-3 U28 ly.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE BRENNAN BERTRAND JR. 6-4 238 PS#301LB. 56 tkl, 3 sks, 3 fl, 9 QB hurries. 9 sts ly. Justin Ebersole (6-4 260 So) PS#236. 18 tkl, 1.5 sks ly, athletic.
DT DONALD MALVEAUX SR. 6-2 290 PS#213LB. 4 sts, 3-4 tkl, 8 fl true, 4 sts, 39 tkl, 2 fl in 99. 35 tkl, 5 fl, 5 QB press in 8 sts ly, 385 p-clean. Michael Holmes (6-120 rFr) PS#289.
NT Michael Anthony So. 6-2 260 27 tkl, 3 fl in 11 games ly. Zack Sims (6-4 335 Jr) HUGE JC transfer. Jamond Mason (6-2 285 So) is JC w/3Y elig left.
DE JOHN THOMPSON SO. 6-2 245 PS#142LB. Skat out after trans from S Car. Corey Conde (6-2 240 So) 10 sts, 32 tkl, 6 fl ly. Lacks speed needed for DE, could move to DT.
WLB Maurice Sonnier So. 6-2 210 PS#378. 67 tkl, 6 fl, 5 sts true as ly. 'Unlimited talent.' David Higgins (6-0 223 So) PS#193. 12 tkl, 2 fl in 8 gms as true ly. 4.58 speed.
MLB OTIS ROBINSON SR. 5-10 213 PS#105. 2 sts, 69 tkl, 3 fl, 1 int in 98. 8 sts, 68 tkl, 7 sts, 8 fl, 1 int in 99. 8 sts, 66 tkl, 3 fl ly. Chris Brantley (6-0 215 So) 28 tkl ly.
CB CASH MOUTON rFr. 6-0 170 PS#297. Very athletic, beat out Washington this spg. Karlton Washington (5-8 177 Sr) 29 tkl, 3 int in 99. 8 sts, 31 tkl, 3 int ly.
CB SENECA LEE SO. 5-11 170 PS#340WR. 10 sts as FS ly. 69 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int. Vernard Wilkerson (6-1 190 rFr) PS#380. Courtney Nettles (5-10 178 rFr) PS#76RB.
LSS DERRICK MCGILL JR. 5-9 192 PS#175. 23 tkl in 10 games as true ly. 3 tkl, 1 int in 1 game ly. Suffered concussion out year. AJ Bocard (5-10 180 rFr) knee inj ly.
RSS Courtney Joiner So. 5-10 188 PS#203. 4 sts, 3

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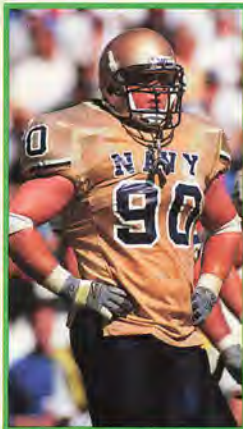
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UCF DL Josh McKibben

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 INDEPENDENT TEAM

1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB Matt LoVecchio, ND	Brian Madden, Navy	Ryan Schneider, UCF
RB Julius Jones, ND	Raheem Lambert, Navy	Demontray Carter, Troy
RB Terrance Williams, UCF	Emmett White, Utah St	Tony Fisher, ND
WR David Givens, ND	Doug Gabriel, UCF	Javin Hunter, ND
WR Elgin Hicks, S Fla	Jimmy Fryzel, UCF	Chris Stallworth, Utah St
TE Michael Gaines, UCF	Casey Poppinga, Utah St	Rashad Drayton, UConn
C Jeff Faine, Notre Dame	Brian Schulz, Navy	Travis Muse, UCF
G Willie Comerford, UCF	Sean Mahan, ND	Jim Walker, Utah St
G Ryan Scarola, ND	Dan Venuto, Navy	Rodney Jordan, Troy St
T Jordan Black, ND	Sam Forehand, Troy St	Ken Dawson, S Fla
T Steve Edwards, UCF	Kurt Vollers, ND	James Newton, Utah St
DL Nate Putnam, Utah St	Osi Umenyiora, Troy St	Ryan Roberts, ND
DL Elton Patterson, UCF	Davern Williams, Troy St	Josh Brindel, Navy
DL Anthony Weaver, ND	Josh McKibben, UCF	Vernon Marable, Troy
DL Grant Irons, ND	Michael Wagoner, Navy	Travares Jurineack, USF
LB Kawika Mitchell, S Fla	Ryan Hamilton, Navy	Tyreo Harrison, ND
LB Jake Bowen, Navy	Tito Rodriguez, UCF	Naazir Yamini, Troy St
LB Rocky Boiman, ND	Jesse Busta, Utah St	Tony Newson, Utah St
CB Shalimar Brazier, Navy	Clifford Jefferson, ND	Maurice Tucker, S Fla
CB Adebola Jimoh, Utah St	Travis Fisher, UCF	Bernard Brown, S Fla
SS Ron Israel, ND	Jamar Gasper, Utah St	DeJuan Cromer, Navy
FS Ricot Joseph, UCF	Gerome Sapp, ND	Terrance Smith, UConn
K Javier Beorlegui, UCF	Geoff Heyl, UConn	David Hills, Navy
P Joey Hildbold, ND	Steve Mullins, Utah St	Devin Sanderson, S Fla
KR Julius Jones, ND	Demontray Carter, Troy	Emmett White, Utah St
PR DeAndrew Rubin, S Fla	Heyward Skipper, Troy	Asante Samuel, UCF

2000 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING									
	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG			
Emmett White, Utah St	11	242	1322	5.5	13	120.2			
Demontray Carter, Troy	10	135	804	6.0	6	80.4			
Rafael Williams, USF	11	167	704	4.2	4	64.0			
Julius Jones, Notre Dame	10	162	657	4.1	7	65.7			
Tony Fisher, Notre Dame	11	132	607	4.6	6	55.2			

PASSING EFFICIENCY									
	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF	
Matt LoVecchio, ND	125	73	58.4	1	980	7.8	11	151.7	
Ryan Schneider, UCF	286	177	61.9	11	2334	8.2	21	147.0	
Marquel Blackwell, USF	296	171	57.8	4	2016	6.8	13	126.8	
Brock Nutter, Troy	258	140	54.3	5	1800	7.0	13	163.6	
Ryan Tracey, UConn	292	159	54.5	5	1984	6.8	15	125.1	

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME									
	G	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG			
Aaron Jones, Utah St	11	63	1159	11	105.4	5.7	18.4		
Tyson Hinshaw, UCF	11	89	1089	13	99.0	8.1	12.2		
Jonathan Carter, Troy St	11	40	632	8	57.5	3.6	15.8		
Stephen O'Connor, UConn	10	50	678	2	61.6	4.5	13.6		
John Fitzsimmons, UC	10	42	676	9	67.6	4.2	16.1		

TOTAL OFFENSE									
	RUSHING	PASSING	TOT OFFENSE	YDSPG					
Jose Fuentes, USU	10	38	-87	368	2709	2622	262.2		
Ryan Schneider, UCF	9	27	-88	286	2334	2246	249.6		
Ryan Tracey, UConn	8	42	8	292	1984	1992	249.0		
Marquel Blackwell, USF	11	128	566	296	2016	2582	234.7		
Matt LoVecchio, ND	8	72	300	125	980	1280	160.0		

PUNTING									
	G	NO	YDS	AVG					
Steve Mullins, Utah St	11	64	2647	41.4					
Devin Sanderson, USF	10	47	1933	41.1					
Joey Hildbold, Notre Dame	11	60	2456	40.9					
Adam Coles, UConn	11	56	2267	40.5					
Matt Allen, Troy St	11	70	2800	40.0					

KICKOFF RETURNS									
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG					
Jonathan Carter, Troy St	10	286	1	28.6					
Demontray Carter, Troy St	7	239	1	34.1					
Julius Jones, ND	15	427	1	28.5					
DeAndrew Rubin, USF	14	389	0	27.8					
Emmett White, Utah St	22	531	0	24.1					

PUNT RETURNS									
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG					
DeAndrew Rubin, USF	9	211	1	23.4					
Joey Getherall, ND	24	392	2	16.3					
Rayshun Reed, Troy St	24	201	0	8.4					
Cliff Hill, UConn	12	133	0	11.1					
Asante Samuel, UCF	25	275	0	11.0					

KICKING									
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG				
Lawrence Tynes, Troy St	12	16	20	80.0	49				
Javier Beorlegui, UCF	11	14	18	77.8	48				
David Hills, Navy	11	9	12	75.0	45				
Brad Bohn, Utah St	11	14	20	70.0	47				
Bill Gramatica, S Florida	11	16	24	66.7	63				

TACKLES									
	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG				
Tito Rodriguez, UCF	9	80	41	121	13.4				
Brent Passey, Utah St	11	66	53	119	10.8				
Naazir Yamini, Troy St	11	68	52	120	10.9				
Jesse Busta, Utah St	11	61	49	110	10.0				
Chris Lepore, Navy	11	67	42	109	9.9				

SACKS									
	G	NO	YDS						
Elton Patterson, UCF	11	10	68						
Anthony Weaver, Notre Dame	11	8	42						
Naazir Yamini, Troy St	11	6	32						
Vernon Marable, Troy St	11	5	25						
Josh McKibben, UCF	11	5	40						

TACKLES FOR LOSS									
	G	NO	YDS						
Elton Patterson, UCF	11	19	169						
Razul Wallace, UConn	11	19	48						
Brent Passey, Utah St	11	17	73						
Jamar Wilkins, UConn	11	16	88						
Josh McKibben, UCF	11	14	104						

2000 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA
Troy St	9	3	300	160
Notre Dame	9	2	344	226
UCF	7	4	333	221
S Florida	7	4	278	201
Utah St	5	6	292	356
Connecticut	3	8	220	368
Navy	0	10	152	363

PHIL STEELE'S 2001 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. Notre Dame - The Irish went from 5-7 in 1999 to 9-2 during the regular season last year and a Fiesta Bowl berth. That bowl game exposed them as a team that benefitted from +12 turnovers during the season as they were dominated by Oregon St in an embarrassing loss. The season was still a success considering they lost their top defensive player and starting QB in the first few games. This year they have 49 lettermen back and will be stronger on both sides of the ball. Road trips to Nebraska, Purdue, and Texas A&M in the first 4 games make for a tough start but it should be another solid year and they are easily the class of the Independents.

2. Central Florida - This program just joined IA in 1997 and has made great strides. Had Alabama not been in such a down year, their upset of the Tide and a 7-4 record might have got them in a bowl last year. They only have 10 starters back but the addition of RB Terrance Williams, who missed last year, and some other transfers could have them stronger on both sides of the ball. After facing the #109th toughest schedule last year, the slate gets tougher with road trips to Clemson, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech and Arkansas on the docket. Despite that schedule, a winning record is within reach and if they can bag an upset of two of the aforementioned (tough task) a bowl could be in the offing.

3. Troy St - Troy is not the 3rd best Independent in terms of talent, in fact they probably rank 5th of 6th among the bunch. One thing they do have is a team that was ranked #4 in IAA heading into the playoffs last year, 12 returning starters including their QB, and a schedule that has FIVE IAA teams on it!! They may take some IA teams by surprise and have a shot at a winning record.

4. Utah St - If I had 5 spots on a national coach of the year ballot for 2000, Mick Dennehy would have been included on it. Although he had a 5-6 record with a loss to a 2-7 IAA team in the season finale, it was his first losing season ever as a head coach. Last year his Aggies had to replace 22 seniors and then he axed 18 players from scholarship when he took over. They began the year 1-4 but somehow, with a depleted squad, made some noise in the Big

West. If they can withstand the fact that there is no conference title to play for, they should have a decent shot at 4 or 5 wins. They do face a tougher schedule than last year. They have 15 returning starters along with a much more veteran team.

5. Connecticut - Navy is a stronger team than the Huskies by about 5 points in my ratings. So why do I pick UConn ahead of Navy??? This is a prediction of the teams based on record at the end of the year and UConn has a much more favorable schedule. I think their defense, with 11 starters back and improved speed throughout, will be much more formidable and QB Ryan Tracey was just coming into his own last year when he was injured and their season went into the tank. He is back and healthy along with 7 other starters on offense. They have the talent and schedule to easily top last year's 3 win total.

6. Navy - Normally when I do a + or - rating on each team from the previous year, the service academies usually start out at a minus or very small positive number due to the fact they play a large amount of seniors and graduation losses are great. This Navy team has 33 lettermen back and came up +25 which could be the highest yet for a service academy. That means they are vastly improved and will bag an upset or two this year. Their AD does not believe in a manageable schedule, however, and facing 5 bowl teams and similarly improved teams like Temple, Rutgers and Tulane does not leave room for very many wins. Call for an upset along the way and 3 or 4 wins vs a tough schedule.

7. South Florida - This team just started playing football in 1996 but has made great strides in a very short period of time and is already making the move to IA in just their fifth year!!!! While CUSA has accepted them for the 2003 season, it may take them that long to get competitive in IA ball. While they were 7-4 in IAA ball last year, they had a scholarship edge over their opponents and this year will be at a scholarship deficit and not only are taking a step up in level of competition, they only have 8 returning starters! Call them the weakest team in IA ball this year and their best shots at wins come vs a pair of IAA teams that remain on their docket.

Independent Notes: It is tough being an Independent in today's NCAA game unless of course your name happens to be Notre Dame. There is not doubt that ND is the strongest team in this group but the rest of the teams will find it tough to compete in the postseason (just ask Central Florida which sat home with a 7-4 record last year). Two Independents are new to IA in Troy St and South Florida. Navy and Utah St are among the most improved teams in the country. South Florida loses the most lettermen among the 7 teams here with 30, while Connecticut and Central Florida lose just 15 and 16 respectively. All 7 teams have an experienced QB. As you would expect ND dominates the All-Independent teams but Central Florida landed 14 players on my Top 3 Teams, Utah St 12 and Navy 11.



C Jeff Faine is 1 of 12 Fighting Irish to make my 1st Team.

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QB Matt LoVecchio accounted for 13 TD's as a true frosh and was 7-1 as the starter.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - The Irish were very young at this position coming into last year, with Arnaz Battle as the starter early on. In just 2 games Battle rushed for 185 yds and threw for 173 and was very effective but was injured and lost for the year. He moves to WR for 2001. Gary Godsey was 2nd string after moving back from TE but at 6-6 240 was not ideal for running this offense. He got in two starts and threw for 224 yds (46%) while rushing for just 21 yds. He was replaced in game 5 by Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) who had a tremendous finish, going 7-1 SU as a starter while setting a school record with just 1 int in 125 passes (.8% prior to the bowl) with the previous record being 1.72%. He threw for 1,118 yds and rushed for an additional 423 and his pass efficiency rating of 151.7 would have placed him 7th in the country (he just needed 1 more game to be eligible). LoVecchio was the first true frosh to start at ND for more than 2 games since Steve Buehrlein in 1983 and is known as a very cool customer. The Irish are very deep in this area which will allow some of the backups to move to other positions. Also in the mix are a pair of talented freshmen who almost played last year but managed to redshirt. Carlyle Holiday (6-3 203 rFr) was PS#8 and Jared Clark (6-4 223 rFr) was PS#23. Both are the type of athletes needed for the Irish option offense and Davis said he will play the backup in each game to gain experience. This unit is much more experienced than last year and deep with talent and should be solidly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - The Irish are in great shape here with one of the most experienced and talent-laden RB corps in the country. Tony Fisher (PS#17) started all 12 games in 1999 and led the team in rushing with 783 yds (5.0). By season's end it looked as if Julius Jones (PS#12) was the best back on the team and he finished with 375 yds (5.0) rushing and 90 yds receiving as a true

frosh. Jones won the starting job in 2000, but suffered through an injury plagued year. He still managed to lead the team in rushing with 687 yds (3.9). Fisher ended up starting six games and had 616 yds (4.5). Terrance Howard (6-1 195 Sr) was PS#11 and rushed for 452 yds (5.4 ypc). Chris Yura (6-0 202 Jr, PS#50) had 5 yds rushing in 2000. Garron Bible (5-10 194 rFr) was PS#71DB. They are well stocked at the FB position and Mike McNair may finally become a factor after being injured in 1999 and slowly regaining his health last year. Tom Lopienski and Jason Murray shared the FB duties and both are solid while McNair (PS#8) had an impressive spring. They also signed 3 frosh (2 are listed under Top Newcomers). This group is even more experienced and has added talent and is clearly one of the best in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Irish do not throw the ball much, and in fact last year passed just 28.8% of the time. They did however have some dangerous WR's, led by Joey Getherall and Javin Hunter who both avg'd over 18.5 ypc. David Givens is a good sized WR (6-3 214, PS#8) who led the team with 29 rec's (11.5). They must replace Getherall this year as well as backup Jay Johnson (2 rec, 29.0) but have plenty of talented WR's including 4 frosh, 3 of whom are VHT's. They also bring in QB Arnaz Battle (PS#6) and his top-notch athleticism. They must replace their top two TE's in Jabari Holloway (#4 DC of NE) and Dan O'Leary (#6 DC of BUF). John Owens was brought over from the DL at the end of the year and Gary Godsey moved back from QB and both figure to be in the mix at TE as well as some of this year's talented true frosh and Billy Palmer (6-3 249 rFr, PS#66DL). Last year ND had 6 of their top 8 receivers returning but did have to replace two of their top three WR's, and this year's group looks just as experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Irish OL remained intact with the same 5 starters in all 12 games last year, the first time that has happened since 1989. That came one year after they were forced to start 9 different OL's due to injury. Last year ND had to replace just one starter and one backup. After allowing 33 sacks in 1999 they decreased that total to 25 last year but since the Irish do not pass a lot they were still allowing a sack on 10.7% of their passes (not good). After rushing for 4.2 ypc in 1999 they dropped to 4.1 last year. I've commented over the last few years how I really like how precise the ND Athletic Department is as they keep track of minutes played. For the offensive line, a position that gamblers fear stats, that is a key piece of information. Last year my 5 projected starters came into the season with 981 combined minutes of playing time from 1999. This year the projected starting 5 have 875 from last year, so it is almost as experienced. They must replace RG Mike Gandy (12 sts, Top OL Award, 2 yr st'r, #3 DC of CHI) and LG Jim Jones (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), but all 5 backups return. John Teasdale had 10 starts in 1999 but lost his job last year and also returns at tackle. With 3 starters back, I look for better production in 2001.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1999 the Irish returned all 4 starters to the D-line but allowed 4.0 ypc rushing, and the defense had just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and one backup due to graduation and then lost DE Grant Irons, their top DL, to injury 2 games into the season. That left a young 2 deep but they actually improved statistically, allowing 3.7 ypc and the defense had 33 sacks. This year they must replace NT Lance Legree (12 sts, 52 tkl, 6 flt) and DT BJ Scott (11 sts, 4.5 sks). Everyone else is back plus they get the return of Irons. Naturally this unit is loaded with VHT's as there are 7 in the 2 deep that I list below and that does not include 2 true frosh VHT's. As long as everyone stays healthy, this group appears to be in much better shape and could turn into a dominating defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 the Irish had to replace all 3 LB's and the defense was weak. Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters but did have 3 players back with starting experience and the unit was more productive. This year the only losses are LB Anthony Denman (12 sts, 2nd TM AA, 93 tkl, 17 flt, #7 DC of JAX) and backup Anthony Brannon (1:12 PT). While Denman is a big loss, 4 of the top 5 return and naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's. I list the solid 2 deep below and this unit has even more experience than last year and should improve once again.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1999 the Irish had very little experience then finished #63 in my pass D rankings and in 1999 they had 2 starters back and moved up to #60. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a top backup but did get back a 1999 starter from injury and had 4 players returning with starting experience as Tony Driver moved back to SS where he started 7 games. The Irish finished a mediocre #63 in my pass D rankings last year allowing 51.6% with an 18-13 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB Brock Williams (12 sts, 51 tkl, 8 pbu, #3 DC of NE) and Driver (12 sts, 72 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, #6 DC of BUF). Despite the losses, this unit has 7 players returning with starting experience including Clifford

NOTRE DAME 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					
Julius Jones	175	736	49	687	7	3.9					
Tony Fisher	137	647	31	616	7	4.5					
Terrance Howard	83	457	5	452	4	5.4					
Matt LoVecchio	81	423	172	251	2	3.1					
Arnaz Battle	26	185	28	157	0	6.0					
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT					
Matt LoVecchio	158	86	54.4	1118	11	3					
Gary Godsey	41	19	46.3	224	2	2					
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG						
David Givens	29	333	11.5	2	46						
Joey Getherall	18	333	18.5	4	68						
Javin Hunter	16	313	19.6	3	48						
Tony Fisher	14	108	7.7	3	36						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+ NET	BLK	IN20					
Joey Hildbold	66	2705	41.0	- 37.2	0	24					
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
Nick Setta	3-3	5-7	1-5	0-0	9-15	47					
PLAYER	TKL	SCK	FL	PFU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SCK	FL	PFU	INT
A. Denman	93	5	12	1	0	T. Harrison	50	1	4	0	0
Tom Driver	72	1	0	7	2	Shane Walton	42	0	2	3	2
R. Boiman	67	4.5	5	0	0	Gerome Sapp	39	0	2	0	0
Lance Legree	52	2	4	1	0	Ryan Roberts	28	5	1	0	0
Brock Williams	51	1	4	8	1	BJ Scott	27	4.5	2	2	1
Ron Israel	51	0	5	3	3	C. Jefferson	24	0	0	0	0
A. Weaver	50	8	5	5	2	Glenn Earl	23	0	0	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Joey Getherall	26	391	15.0	2	Julius Jones	19	515	27.1	1		

Jefferson who had 12 starts in 1999 but suffered an ankle injury last year and only started 3 games. With the veteran unit that they have on hand this year, I look for them to improve and have their best finish in my pass D rankings in the last 4 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Bob Davis's four years ND's highest finish in my special teams rankings prior to last year was 34th which was in his first season. However, the Irish were simply my #2 rated special teams unit last year. In one game vs Nebraska, the Irish had 317 return yds. PR Joey Getherall was #9 in the NCAA with a super 15.0 avg and 2 TD's while Julius Jones was #3 in the NCAA in KR's with a 27.1 avg and 1 TD. The Irish also allowed a school low 4.7 avg in the regular season in the PR return game. In KR's the Irish allowed just 19.6, giving them a 5.3 yard field position edge. P Joey Hildbold (PS#15) avg'd 41.0 per punt and the team had a super net of 37.2. Nick Setta struggled at midseason, missing 4 of 5 FG's in games 4 thru 9, but hit 9 of 15 overall with his long from 47 and 4 of his misses were from 40+. The Irish also blocked 5 kicks, setting a school record. They do lose Jerry Rosburg who coached PR and KR coverage as he left for an NFL spot. They also lose Getherall at PR but should find a capable replacement and this unit looks like it will rank in the top 10 once again.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year, for the first time since 1986, Notre Dame was not ranked in the Preseason Top 25, finishing 34th in the opening AP Poll. The Irish had a textbook Turnovers=Turnaround year in 2000 as they went from 36 offensive turnovers in 1999 and a poor 5-7 record to tying an NCAA record with just 8 turnovers last year and finishing a respectable 9-3. Once QB LoVecchio settled in as the starter, the offense went into high gear. After five games they averaged just 253 ypg total offense and 154 yds rushing, but over the last six they averaged 423 ypg (263 rush). It may have had something to do with the schedule as they faced four ranked teams in the first five games and had a much softer schedule in the second half of the season. The good news is that the majority of the offense is back including an experienced LoVecchio. With 4 starters back on the O-line and premier players at all of the skill positions, they should have their most potent offense and

top 30 ppg. While they must replace 5 starters on defense they get back their top DL Irons, who missed most of last year with injury, and should have one of the better stop units in the country. The schedule is not easy with 3 of their first 4 games being road trips to Nebraska, Purdue and Texas A&M. Mich St, USC, BC and Tennessee all dot the schedule as well as an improved Stanford in the season finale. There is no doubt ND is a stronger team than they were last season and even with the tougher schedule, they have a legitimate shot at matching or topping last year's 9 win total.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

OL Mark LeVoy 6-7 310 PS#4	OL Zachary Giles 6-4 285 PS#7
DL Corey Mays 6-1 234 PS#22	WR Carlos Campbell 6-1 190 PS#18
DL Dan Stevenson 6-5 300 PS#19	RB Ryan Grant 6-1 198 PS#25
DB Quentin Burrell 6-1 185 PS#21	DL Jeff Thompson 6-5 265 PS#36
DB Rashon Powers-Neal 6-3 215 PS#36	DE Lionel Bolen 6-1 185 PS#41
TE Justin Tuck 6-5 215 PS#16	RB Cory Jones 6-2 215 PS#50
LB Brandon Hoyte 6-0 219 PS#29	WR Matt Shelton 6-1 170 PS#53
TE Matt Root 6-2 225 PS#23	

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OFFENSE

QB MATT LOVECCHIO SO.	6-4 194 PS#13. Started last 8 as a true (7-1 as starter). 1118 yards pass (54%), 11-3 ratio, 423 rush. Carlyle Holiday PS#8. Jared Clark is PS#23.
RB JULIUS JONES JR.	5-10 201 PS#12. 375 yds (5.0) as true. 5 sts in 2000 (inj) 687 yds (3.9). Tony Fisher (6-2 225 Sr) PS#17. 12 sts in 99, 783 yds (5.0). 6 sts ly, 616 (4.5).
FB TOM LOPIENSKI JR.	6-1 236 PS#9. 3 sts, 89 yds as rFr. 5 sts in 2000, 97 total yds. Jason Murray (6-1 256 Sr) PS#24. 26 yds. Mike McNair (6-0 237 Jr) PS#8 inj'd in 99.
WR JAVIN HUNTER SR.	6-0 190 PS#3. 1 st in 99, 13 rec (17.2). 9 sts in 2000, 16 rec (19.6). Ronald Rodamer (6-4 210 rFr) PS#11. Lorenzo Crawford (5-10 186 rFr) PS#8.
WR DAVID GIVENS SR.	6-3 214 PS#8. 5 starts in 98 and 99, 13 rec (12.5). 6 sts in 2000, #1 w/29 rec (11.5). Arnaz Battle (PS#6QB) 2 sts, 391 pass, 383 rush, 3 yrs.
TE JOHN OWENS SR.	6-3 260 PS#4TE. 9 tkl, 1 sack, 3 flt at DE in 2000.
GARY GODSEY (6-6 239 So) PS#7.	2 sts at QB in 2000, 224 yards passing (46%), 21 yds rush.
C JEFF FAINE SO.	6-3 290 PS#6DL in 99, 2nd string as true but redshirted.
12 sts ly, #1 w/29:25 minutes, every snap in 7 games. JW Jordan (6-1 269 Sr) 13:54 in 3Y.	
RG SEAN MAHAN JR.	6-3 290 PS#21 in 98, 1 st as rFr, 67:32 minutes. 2nd string ly, 85:17 minutes, 2 letters. Sean Milligan (6-4 286 So) PS#4, 6:07 minutes last year.
LG RYAN SCAROLA JR.	6-5 310 PS#9 in 98, 1 start, 62:23 minutes in 99, 2nd string ly & 6:23, 60 special teams plays. Ryan Gillis (6-3 300 So) PS#11, 5:05 minutes ly.
RT KURT VOLLERS SR.	6-7 307 PS#8. 2nd string in 98 but 0 minutes. 3 sts in 99, 120:51 min. 12 sts ly, 249:06 min. John Teasdale (6-5 305 Sr) PS#12TE. 10 sts, 301:42 min 3Y.
LT JORDAN BLACK JR.	6-6 308 PS#19, 9 sts as rFr, 232:22 minutes. 12 sts in 2000, 243:49 min. All Ind Team. Brennan Curtin (6-8 315 So) PS#37, 25:50 min last year.
K NICK SETTA SO.	5-11 169 PS#1 in 99. Hit 9 of 15 FG's as rFr with a long of 47. 4 misses were 40+ (1-5). David Miller (5-11 196 Jr) who hit 2 of 5 FG's in 99 will contend.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DE RYAN ROBERTS JR.	6-2 254 PS#28LB. 6 tkl, 1 sk, 47 minutes as rFr. 8 sts, 28 tkl, 5 sks. 144:27 minutes in 2000. Jim Molinaro (6-6 270 So) PS#20, 1 tkl in :33 last year.
DT CEDRIC HILLARD SO.	6-2 294 PS#10 in 99, 15:12 min, 31 tkl, 2 flt. Andy Wisne (6-6 279 Sr) PS#30DL. 12 tkl, 2 sks in 99, 12 tkl, 2 sks ly. Greg Pauly (6-6 271 rFr) PS#4.
DT ANTHONY WEAVER SR.	6-3 276 PS#15. 11 sts as true, 31 tkl, 8 flt, 9 sts in 99 w/ 24 tkl, 2 flt, 12 sts at DE ly, 50 tkl, 8 sks, 5 flt. Darrell Campbell (6-4 285 So) PS#22, 4 tkl ly.
DE GRANT IRONS SR.	6-5 275 PS#5LB. 3 sts, 45 tkl as true. 5 sts in 98, 31 tkl, 3 flt (inj). 10 sts tkl in 99, 34 tkl, 4 sks. 2 sts tkl inj, 4 tkl ly. Kyle Budinscak (6-4 246 rFr) PS#97.
OLB ROCKY BOIMAN SR.	6-4 239 PS#26DB. 4 sts in 99, 39 tkl, 4 flt, 10 sts ly, 5 tkl, 5 flt. Pat Ryan (6-3 231 So) PS#61, 5 tkl ly. Derek Curry (6-3 228 rFr) PS#25 & RS.
CB CLIFFORD JEFFERSON SR.	5-9 175 PS#5. 12 sts in 99, 77 tkl, 8 pbu, 2 flt, 3 sts ly (inj) 24 tkl, 2 flt. Jason Beckstrom (5-10 190 So) PS#45, 3 sts in 2Y, 28 tkl, 4 pbu, 117:22 min.
CB SHANE WALTON SR.	5-11 186 PS#34A, walk-on. 10 sts ly tkl inj, 42 tkl, 2 flt, 2 int, 3 pbu. Vontez Duff (5-11 186 So) PS#12RB, 5 tkl ly. Preston Jackson (5-9 169 rFr) PS#69.
SS RON ISRAEL SR.	6-1 208 PS#85, 2 sts, 16 tkl, 2 flt, 2 pbu in 98 & 99.
FS GYRONE SAPP JR.	5-11 175 PS#1. 5 tkl, 5 flt, 3 int, 3 pbu. Glenn Earl (6-1 213 So) PS#60, 1 start, 23 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu ly.
TMS PLAYS. DONALD DYKES (5-11 197 Jr) PS#41, 1 st, 32 tkl, 2 yrs. Justin Smith (5-11 197 So) PS#43TE.	
P JOEY HILDBOLD JR.	5-10 185 PS#15K in 99, 54 punts as a true, 39.0 average, 66 punts in 2000. 41.0 average & solid net of 37.2. PK Nick Setta (So) PS#1 is his backup.

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

ND is 6-14 ATS L11Y if they lost SU to a team the previous season. While they do not play this year, the dog is 9-1-1 & 6-0 ATS in the Michigan series.
Fighting Irish are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 reg season neutral site games. ND is 8-3-1 ATS when closing the season at USC.
Irish are 9-2 ATS as a home dog since 1986.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ND Opp	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Sep. 1														
Sep. 8	at Nebraska	A												Fighting Irish are 7-15 ATS their last 22 games on artificial turf. ND is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS their last 4 tries as an away dog.
Sep. 15	at Purdue	G												Notre Dame is just 2-6 ATS the L/8 series meetings, but won SU & ATSLY. Fighting Irish are 2-7 ATS last 9 on the road vs the Big 10.
Sep. 22	Michigan St	G												Notre Dame is 4-1 ATS in their last 5 home openers. The home team is 10-5 ATS in the Michigan St series.
Sep. 29	at Texas A&M	G												ND came into 2001 with a 5-2 ATS mark their last 7 vs the Big 12. Pending earlier results, ND is 10-17 ATS in September.
Oct. 6	Pittsburgh	G												Golden Domers are 8-4 their last 12 vs the Big East. ND is 11-4 SU & 10-5 ATS L/15 meetings & 5-1 SU & ATS L/6.
Oct. 13	W Virginia	G												Notre Dame is 7-14-1 ATS as home chalk under Davie. ND is 7-1 ATS in their second straight home game.
Oct. 20	USC	G												Irish are 12-6-1 ATS vs USC the last 19, but 1-4 ATS the last 5. Notre Dame is 12-6 ATS their last 18 vs Pac 10 teams.
Oct. 27	at Boston College	A												Might apply here: Irish are 8-14 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss. ND is 7-3 SU but 4-6 ATS their last 10 meetings with BC.
Nov. 3	Tennessee	G												Could apply: Notre Dame is 5-10 ATS as a HF in November S/90. Irish are 1-12 ATS prior to a bye since 1993.
Nov. 10														Bonus: Notre Dame is 2-8-1 ATS in their last 11 home finales.
Nov. 17	Navy	G												ND is 4-14 ATS last 18 vs Service Academies. Navy has not beaten ND since '63, the longest current series streak for ND.
Nov. 24	at Stanford	G												The visitor is 6-3 ATS the last 9 but 0-5 SU the last 5 meetings. Fighting Irish are 9-4-1 SU, 10-4 ATS the L/14 when visiting Pac 10 sites. Bonus: ND is 2-7 ATS in road finales NOT at USC.

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,232)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-4-1	9-2	8-3	7-5	9-2	5-7	9-2	53-25-1
ATS	4-7	5-6	6-5	4-8	5-5-1	4-8	8-3	36-42-1
Home Fav	1-5	2-3	4-1	1-5	2-2-1	2-5	2-2	14-23-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	4-1
Away Fav	1-2	2-2	2-3	1-3	1-2	0-1	4-0	11-13
Away Dog	2-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-2	0-1	7-5
Favorite	2-7	4-5	6-4	2-8	3-4-1	2-6	6-2	25-36-1
Dog	2-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	11-6
Grass	4-5	4-5	5-4	3-7	5-3-1	4-7	7-2	32-33-1
Artificial	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	4-9
vs Indep	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-5
vs Non-Indep	4-6	5-4	5-5	3-7	4-5-1	4-7	7-3	32-37-1
Off SU Win	3-3	4-4	4-4	1-5	4-4-1	2-3	6-2	24-25-1
Off SU Loss	0-4	1-1	2-0	3-2	0-1	1-5	1-1	8-14

Coach: BOB DAVIE (Career 30-19)
Davie's records AT NOTRE DAME

5th Year at Notre Dame	8-14	Home Favorite
30-19 Straight Up	3-0	Home Underdog
21-24-1 Vs The Spread	6-6	Away Favorite
5-9 Off A S/U Loss	5-4	Away Underdog
2-2 Vs Independent	18-24-1	Vs Non-Indep

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Fiesta	+7	Colorado	24-41	L
95	Orange	+10'	Florida St	26-31	W
97	Independence	+6'	LSU	9-27	L
98	Gator	+2'	Georgia Tech	28-35	L
00	Fiesta	+3'	Oregon St	9-41	L

NOTRE DAME (9-3) INDEPENDENT

CONFERENCE:

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7* Returning: 49 (22,24,3)
DEFENSE: 6 Lost: 19 (10,9,0)

LETTERMEN:



NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

OFFENSE									DEFENSE								
RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF YD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL YD	RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF YD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4
4*	29.0	20	182	4.2	238	57.8	14.5	-4	1999	6	27.6	21	142	4.0	242	58.0	13.9
7	27.3	20	212	4.6	168	52.9	13.9	+7	1998	7	20.7	21	146	3.6	208	59.0	17.2
7*	21.7	20	171	4.1	180	59.4	16.2	+4	1997	6	20.4	20	191	4.5	171	56.9	17.8
7*	35.4	23	270	5.2	194	58.0	12.5	-3	1996	7	16.5	16	119	3.1	150	44.9	16.4
9*	32.7	22	236	4.7	185	57.7	12.9	+10	1995	5	20.6	20	191	4.5	181	55.1	18.1

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME DEFENSE

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Texas A&M	21	49-194	4.0	10-16	133	2	17	37-90	2.4	16-28	165	2	+1
Nebraska	11	40-198	5.0	3-15	40	2	20	59-274	4.6	7-15	103	3	0
Purdue	14	34-78	2.3	14-25	158	2	20	43-177	4.1	13-24	221	3	+1
at Michigan St	8	37-149	4.0	5-16	63	1	19	50-167	3.3	12-24	181	6	+1
Stanford	16	50-166	3.3	10-18	100	3	18	29-142	4.9	19-43	242	2	+2
† Navy	25	55-218	4.0	14-21	229	2	12	32-58	1.8	11-20	188	2	+1
at W Virginia	12	43-227	5.3	9-17	146	3	22	46-134	2.9	16-35	305	3	+1
Air Force	19	47-212	4.5	10-25	171	3	27	53-206	3.9	17-29	265	4	0
Boston College	21	61-380	6.2	9-12	86	0	15	30-124	4.1	15-29	172	0	0
at Rutgers	22	60-295	4.9	14-20	186	1	17	30-174	5.8	13-28	175	1	+4
at USC	22	62-246	4.0	9-15	142	1	18	30-78	2.6	17-35	251	4	+3
Oregon St (Bowl)	18	37-17	0.5	13-33	138	5	20	39-127	3.3	17-25	319	3	-2
TOTALS	209	575-2380	4.1	140-213	1592	25	225	478-1781	3.7	173-335	2587	33	+12
AVERAGES	17.4	48-198	4.1	12-18	133	2.1	18.8	40-148	3.7	14-28	216	2.8	1.0

1996 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-22	14-7	L
Purdue	-21	35-0	W
at Texas	-3'	27-24	L
Ohio St	+3	16-29	L
Washington	-10'	54-20	W
Air Force	-21	17-20	L
† Navy	-16	54-27	W
at Boston College	-24	48-21	W
Pittsburgh	-37	60-6	W
Rutgers	-41	62-0	W
at USC	-13	20-27	L

1997 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	-20'	17-13	L
at Purdue	-19'	17-28	L
Michigan St	-2'	7-23	L
at Michigan	+14	14-21	W
at Stanford	-1	15-33	L
at Pittsburgh	-10'	45-21	W
USC	-6	17-20	L
Boston College	-15	52-20	W
Navy	-17	21-17	L
at LSU	+11	24-6	W
W Virginia	-10	21-14	L
at Hawaii	-28	23-22	L

1998 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	+6	36-20	W
at Michigan St	-7	23-45	L
Purdue	-7	31-30	L
Stanford	-17	35-17	W
at Arizona St	+3'	28-9	W
Army	-25	20-17	L
Baylor	-14'	27-3	W
at Boston College	-11	31-26	L
at Navy	-20'	30-0	W
LSU	-2'	39-36	W
at USC	+8'	0-10	L

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	-17	48-13	W
at Michigan	+7'	22-26	W
at Purdue	+4	23-28	L
Michigan St	-6'	13-23	L
Oklahoma	-6	34-30	L
Arizona St	-12'	48-17	W
USC	-8	25-24	L
Navy	-27	28-24	L
at Tennessee	+9'	14-38	L
at Pittsburgh	-9	27-37	L
Boston College	-8'	29-31	L
at Stanford	+5'	37-40	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	-3	24-10	W
Nebraska	+13'	24-27	W
Purdue	+6	23-21	W
at Michigan St	+4	21-27	L
Stanford	-11'	20-14	L
† Navy	-20	45-14	W
at W Virginia	-3	42-28	W
Air Force	-13'	34-31	L
Boston College	-8'	28-16	W
at Rutgers	-22	45-17	W
at USC	-1	38-21	W

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Daunte Culpepper. Victor Penn was in the unenviable position of replacing the legend in 1999 but he ended up setting a UCF single season record for pass attempts and was a quality QB with a powerful arm and good speed. Penn started the first 4 games last year but was injured and ended up losing his starting job. In his final year he threw for just 779 yards (57.8%) with a 5-6 ratio. Ryan Schneider had an impressive spring last year and started the final 7, throwing for 2,334 yards (61.9%) with a 21-11 ratio and was 9th in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Schneider is nowhere near as mobile as Penn and had just 28 yards rushing. Brian Miller (6-5 225 So) was PS#74 and played in 3 games last year, throwing 7 passes and rushing for 32 yards. He is mobile with a strong arm and will challenge for the starting job. Jon Rivera (6-3 185 rFr) was PS#60 and has 4.6 speed and is a classic drop back QB who threw for over 5,000 yards in his high school career. He piloted the scout team last year. Andrew Harris is PS#44 this year. This position is loaded with talent and I look for Schneider to improve in his sophomore season if he hangs onto the job.

RUNNING BACKS - This is one of the most improved positions in the country. Last year Terrance Williams (PS#1JC) went down to an ankle injury prior to the season and Omari Howard and Edward Mack both were banged up during the year. Howard had 601 yards rushing in 3 injury-plagued years and departs. They also lose Mack who rushed for 344 yards (3.9), and starting FB Dwight Collins (44 yds, 4.4). The team's leading rusher turned out to be Corey Baker who had 417 yds (4.6). Baker is back for his sophomore season but could be demoted all the way to 4th string this year. Williams had 4 starts in 1999 for only 369 yds (3.9), but you don't become PS#1JUCO without having a lot of talent and much is expected of him. He was banged up in the spring but should be fully recovered for the fall. Alex Haynes (5-11 205 rFr) was PS#50 and brings power to the TB position. He had a solid spring. There is a lot of depth and improved talent at the TB slot. I list the top 3 FB's below. I look for big things out of Williams and Haynes as long as they stay healthy.

RECEIVERS - Last year UCF returned 3 of their top 4 receivers but did have to replace the #1 man, Charles Lee, who left early for the NFL. Tyson Hinshaw was among the NCAA leaders in rec's all year and set a school record with 89 rec's (12.2) despite having a separated shoulder at the end of the season. Their star WR coming into the season appeared to be Kenny Clark (PS#37) who had 54 rec's in 1999, but he was bothered by ankle injury last year and had just 31 (15.3). Those two both depart. They do have some outstanding additions this year and I list the 2 deep below. Jimmy Fryzel and Tavirius Davis were #2 and #3 in rec's, with Fryzel averaging 16.8, and they bring in two top-notch rFr in Tavaris Capers (5-9 160, PS#63) and Marcus Glover (PS#180, 5-11 170) as well as JUCO transfer Doug Gabriel. They offer an outstanding combination of size and speed. Starting TE Mario Jackson is back but may lose his job to super transfer Michael Gaines (PS#18) who originally signed with Alabama in 1999 and is finally eligible. Despite the losses, I see this unit as being even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year UCF returned 4 starters to the front wall but Coach Kruczek said the unit overall was the biggest disappointment of the spring. Returning starters Garrett McCray (PS#164) and Brian Huff lost their jobs so the unit was comprised of 2 returning starters and paved the way for just 2.8 ypc rushing but did allow only 20 sacks in 415 pass attempts (4.8%). They will miss C Chris Lorenti who was a 4 year starter. Also departing this year are OG John Beauchamp (2 yr sFr, 11 sts) and OT Kurt Baumann (10 sts). Kruczek did sign 3 JUCO's to add to the mix and I look for McCray and Huff to regain starting spots after combining for 20 starts in '99 and 5 last year. Five players in the 2 deep below have starting experience and Comerford should show off his NFL potential this season. It will be tough to replace Lorenti at C but they do have 2 good candidates, so I'll call this unit a notch weaker with the potential to improve as the season progresses.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Knights are making steady progress in rush defense so this unit has been improving. They went from allowing 3.9 ypc rushing in '98 to 3.5 in '99 and were down to 3.1 last year, although they allowed more ypg rushing, going from 119 in '99 to 131 in 2000. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and DE Fred Harley lost his starting job but still finished with 52 tackles and 8 tfl. This year they must replace Harley as well as DT Jeff Mauldin who was a '98 starter that regained his job last year and had 9 starts (34 tkl's, 5 tfl). UCF suffered an unexpected loss when Don Page (9 sts, 41 tkl's, 10 tfl) quit the team for personal reasons. Josh McKibben is their star and is one of the strongest players on the team with a 635 sack. He had 80 tackles, 14 tfl and 10 hurries and is a force in the middle along with his brother Jake. I list the 2 deep below and all 4 projected 1st teamers have starting experience. This unit is not quite as experienced as last year and therefore steps down a notch.

LINEBACKERS - The Knights had to replace 2 starting LB's in both '99 and 2000 but this year only one departs but it was an unexpected loss as Tony Hardman (9 sts, 83 tkl's, 8 tfl) left the team for medical reasons. The only other loss to this unit is productive backup Rachaud Smith (1 st, 43 tkl's, 5 tfl). Three players return with starting experience including an HT, and Antoine Poe is interesting as he is PS#89 and would have been ranked higher out of high school if not for a knee injury. He was originally recruited by Fla St, Miami and Florida. They gain a VHT true frosh who I have put in the 2 deep below and backup Dwight Perkins originally signed at Clemson. Tito Rodriguez, their best LB, missed 2 games last year due to injury but was still #2 in the NCAA in tackles per game. This group is more experienced than it was last year and should be more productive.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF ranked #70 in my pass defense rankings in 1998, #72 in 1999 and last year had 3 starters returning and 6 players overall who had starting experience. With that experience the team rose to #52, allowing just 54% with a solid 11-15 ratio. This year's group is just as experienced. They must replace two starters in SS Damian Demps (11 starts, #2 tackler, 2 int, 9 pbu), CB Davin Bush (10 starts, 3 int, 14 pbu) and backup FS Tommy Shavers (2 starts, 32 tkl's). Elliot Shorter started 6 games at LB last year but moved to safety for the last 5 due to injuries and is the projected starting SS. Travis Fisher and Asante Samuel are two solid CB's and they also bring in two top-notch JUCO transfers (listed below) who were both in for the spring and will contend for the starting spot. Ricot Joseph was a walk-on, but a very productive one, and returns for his third year as the starting FS. This unit should be just as tough as last year's fine secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 UCF was #10 in my special teams rankings thanks to their KR defense and super KR/PR Paul Miranda. After Miranda departed they only dropped to #50 overall in '99 which was still a solid performance. Javier Beorlegui has handled KO's, punting and kicking duties in the past two years and will try to hang on to each job for the 3rd season. Gabe Leavitt (PS#16) redshirted in 1999 and failed to win the job last year. He will contend for duties this season. The top PR and KR was Asante Samuel and he is back. UCF also has Luther Huggins who was a national high school champ in the 200 meters and redshirted last year. UCF blocked 5 more kicks last year with their top blockman Ricot Joseph who had 4 blk's alone in 1999. UCF finished #62 in special teams last year despite a poor performance in KR's and this group actually has the potential to burst into the Top 20 this year.



QB Ryan Schneider

UCF (7-4) CONFERENCE INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4*

DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 38 (15,21,2)

Lost: 16 (9,7,0)



UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	PTS	OFF	DEF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	STS	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS		RUSH	YPC	YPC	PASS	YPP	TURN			STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	
7	30.3	20	79	2.8	295	60.0	12.4	-2	2000		6	20.1	20	131	3.1	193	54.0	16.1
3	25.2	23	130	3.9	287	56.8	16.6	-2	1999		7	28.9	20	119	3.5	255	58.6	12.9
10	35.7	25	145	4.2	343	73.5	13.7	-6	1998		5	19.0	19	142	3.9	180	54.7	17.0
9	34.0	20	127	3.9	290	61.7	12.3	+3	1997		7	27.5	21	131	3.5	262	57.7	14.3
6	25.2	19	91	2.9	273	50.6	10.8	-28	1996		7	23.7	20	151	3.6	237	57.4	10.0

2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	BY	TURN
at Georgia Tech	11	26-8	0.3	16-31	247	3		26	44-110	2.5	23-41	226	3		-2
Northwestern St	18	33-132	4.0	21-34	253	1		19	42-189	4.5	9-31	128	3		-1
at Akron	26	32-126	3.9	25-43	306	0		26	50-279	5.6	15-25	228	1		-4
William & Mary	22	37-112	3.0	19-35	278	4		10	38-66	1.7	7-19	71	5		0
at E Michigan	28	35-136	3.9	27-38	365	1		21	32-30	0.9	25-36	250	3		+1
at N Illinois	21	23-30	1.1	30-40	301B	0		21	56-221	3.9	10-18	153	0		+5
E Kentucky	16	22-80	3.6	20-33	255	2		16	37-20	0.5	20-34	216	11		0
UL Monroe	18	22-84	3.8	17-29	338	1		13	38-(-20)	-0.5	17-34	182	6		-3
at Alabama	25	33-95	2.9	27-49	283	1		20	34-179	5.3	15-30	250	0		+3
at Louisiana Tech	14	24-47	2.0	18-37	254	1		27	28-53	1.9	34-52	363	8		+1
Virginia Tech	24	23-21	0.9	28-45	362	6		21	61-313	5.1	2-8	55	0		-2
TOTALS	223	309-866	2.8	249-415	3247	20		220	460-1440	3.1	177-328	2122	40		-2
AVERAGES	20.3	28-79	2.8	23-38	295	1.8		20.0	42-131	3.1	16-30	193	3.6		-0.2

STADIUM: CITRUS BOWL (70,188) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	4 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-2	4-7	7-4	25-19
ATS	5-4	5-4	4-5	4-4	18-17
Home Fav	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	5-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-3
Away Fav	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	4-5
Away Dog	3-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	9-6
Grass	4-3	4-4	3-5	3-2	14-14
Artificial	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	4-3

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	
Corey Baker	91	455	38	417	2	4.6	
Edward Mack	89	368	24	344	5	3.9	
Omari Howard	39	134	8	126	3	3.2	
Dwight Collins	10	49	5	44	0	4.4	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	
Ryan Schneider	286	177	61.9	2334	21	11	
Victor Penn	116	67	57.8	779	5	6	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TDLONG			
Tyson Hinshaw	89	1089	12.2	13	55		
Jimmy Fryzel	36	606	16.8	3	61		
Tavirius Davis	34	445	13.1	3	61		
Kenny Clark	31	474	15.3	4	79		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT
Javier Beorlegui	45	1802	40.0	-	35.9	1	17
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Javier Beorlegui	6-6	4-6	4-5	0-1	14-18	48	

MIKE KRUCZEK (Career 20-13) 4th Year at UCF Record at UCF: 20-13

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB	Andrea Hoston	6-2 220	PS#22
QB	Andrew Harris	6-2 215	PS#44
TE	Marcus Clemons	6-5 270	PS#32
WR	Doug Gabriel	6-2 205	PS#60JC
DB	Peter Sands	6-2 190	PS#115
RB	Keith Williams	5-10 190	PS#135
WR	Dee Brown	5-11 238	PS#125
DE	Charles Thompson	5-10 180	PS#113JC
TE	Darcy Johnson	6-6 220	PS#167
DB	Terrance Bell	6-0 190	PS#168JC

PHIL'S FORECAST

UCF first established a football program in 1979, moving to IAA in 1990 and IA in 1997 and has made tremendous strides. They play their home games in the Florida Citrus Bowl. Last year they led Georgia Tech 17-7 in the 3Q and 17-14 with 3:48 left. They have lost by 4 points or less 4 times vs SEC teams but finally broke through last year with a win at Alabama. Unfortunately it was an off year for Bama or that victory would have vaulted them and their 7-4 record to a bowl game. They had a record crowd of 50,220 on hand vs Virginia Tech in the season finale. They went 7-4 but did benefit from playing only Div IA's 109th toughest schedule. This is Mike Kruczek's (ex-Steeler QB) fourth year and he got a well deserved contract extension through 2004. On offense, UCF returns just 4 starters but QB Ryan Schneider is now experienced. TB Terrance Williams could have his breakout year, and the O-line looks solid. They averaged 30.3 ppg last year and could come near those numbers again even with a much tougher schedule. Gene Chizik is in his 4th year as defensive coordinator and last year they were #28 in total defense in the NCAA (although #59 in my rankings which take into account strength of schedule). Their defense, with 6 starters back, loses just 7 lettermen and should be even stronger but may not be able to match last year's numbers due to the tougher schedule. Even with 6 road trips this year, including ventures to Clemson, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech and Arkansas, UCF could pull an upset or two out of that mix and emerge with its second straight winning season. If they do that, they have a shot at getting to their first bowl game.

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB	RYAN SCHNEIDER SO.	6-2 215	PS#48	Std L7 as rFr, 2334 yds (62%)	DE	Brent Bolar So.	6-3 235	1 st as rFr, 34 tkl's, 3 sks, 4.75 spd
QB	Brian Miller (6-5 225 So) PS#74, 7 passes, Jon Rivera (6-3 185 rFr) PS#60,					Marcus Clemons (6-5 270 Jr) is PS#32TE, Wanzell Underwood (6-5 245 Jr) 1 tkl, 1 tfl ly.		
TB	Terrance Williams Sr.	5-10 190	PS#1JC	4 sts in 99, 369 yds (3.9), RS ly.	DT	Jake McKibben Jr.	6-1 285	35 tkl's, 5 tfl, 2 pbu as true, 2 sts, 32 tkl's, 1 tfl ly.
FB	Alex Haynes (5-11 205 rFr) PS#50, Corey Baker (5-10 185 So) PS#434, 417 yds (4.6) ly.				1 tfl ly, Chris Weeks (6-2 280 So) PS#184, 23 tkl's as true, Larry Brown 18 tkl's, 4 tfl ly.			
FB	Sean Gaudy Jr.	6-2 240	PS#350	Lettered as red & punishing blk'r.	DT	JOSH MCKIBBEN SR.	6-3 265	18 tkl's as true in 99, #1 st in 99, #2 w/70 tkl's, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 30 press, 11 sts ly, 80 tkl's, 5 sks, 9 tfl, 2 pbu, 635 sack, Thomas Andersons (6-4 250 Jr).
1 st	at Fla St ly, played LB w/ 15 tackles, De Brown PS#125WR, Chris Burden (6-2 225 So).				7 tfl, 30 press, 11 sts ly, 80 tkl's, 5 sks, 9 tfl, 2 pbu, 635 sack, Thomas Andersons (6-4 250 Jr).			
WR	Jimmy Fryzel Jr.	5-11 175	PS#255, 22 ly w/36 rec, Doug Gabriel (6-2 205 Jr) PS#60JC, orig signed w/ Miami, FL	DE	ELTON PATTERSON JR.	6-2 255	PS#255, 20 tkl's, 2 sks, 3 tfl as true, 10 sts at DE in 2000, 88 tkl's, 10 sks, 9 tfl, 25 hurries, Boma Ekiyor (6-2 225 J) 3 tkl's in 7 gms ly.	
WR	Huggins (5-11 175 rFr) HS track champ.				at DE in 2000, 88 tkl's, 10 sks, 9 tfl, 25 hurries, Boma Ekiyor (6-2 225 J) 3 tkl's in 7 gms ly.			
WR	Tavirius Davis Sr.	6-2 190	PS#113, 31 rec in 99, 83 ly w/34 rec.	SLB	WILLIE DAVIS SR.	5-11 215	1 st, 10 tkl's, 1st 2Y, 8 sts ly, 83 tkl's, 4 sks, 5 tfl, Dwight Perkins (6-2 220 So) PS#122, 4 tkl's ly, Brandon Greenlee (6-1 205 Jr).	
T	Tavaris Capers (5-9 160 rFr) PS#63, Thad Ward (5-9 195 Sr) PS#180JC, 7 rec here ly.				5-11 215	1 st, 10 tkl's, 1st 2Y, 8 sts ly, 83 tkl's, 4 sks, 5 tfl, Dwight Perkins (6-2 220 So) PS#122, 4 tkl's ly, Brandon Greenlee (6-1 205 Jr).		
TE	MICHAEL GAINES SO.	6-3 265	PS#18TE & originally at Alabama, Sat out ly, Mario Jackson (6-2 230 Jr) PS#63, 4 rec as true & 11 sts ly, 8 rec (12.6).	MLB	TITO RODRIGUEZ SR.	6-2 235	2 sts, 23 tkl's as rFr, 3 sts, 34 tkl's, 3 tfl in 99, #2 in NCAA in tkl's per game ly, 8 sts, 10 tfl, Chris Piliro (6-1 225 Jr) 18 tkl's, 2 tfl.	
out ly, Mario Jackson (6-2 230 Jr) PS#63, 4 rec as true & 11 sts ly, 8 rec (12.6).					99, #2 in NCAA in tkl's per game ly, 8 sts, 10 tfl, Chris Piliro (6-1 225 Jr) 18 tkl's, 2 tfl.			
C	Travis Mue Jr.	6-6 230	PS#131OL, good drive blocker, Mike Mabry (6-2 280 Jr) PS#325JUCO, Norman Lewis (6-3 270 rFr) PS#260, is quick.	WLB	Antoine Poe So.	6-0 205	PS#89 despite inj in HS, VHT ability, 1 st, 18 tkl's, 3 tfl ly, Recruited by Fla St, Andrea Hoston is PS#22LB, Savaris Brown (6-0 215 rFr).	
RG	WILLIE COMERFORD SR.	6-4 320	PS#20, 5 tkl's @ Mich St in 97, 404 plays here in 99, 10 starts ly, 97 KD's, 0 sks allowed, Johnovan Morgan (6-4 272 Jr) PS#237JC.	CB	Asante Samuel Jr.	5-11 190	PS#149, 1 st at FS as true, 12 tkl's, 4 pbu, 1 st ly at CB, 26 tkl's, 2 int, 6 pbu, Carlos Thompson (5-10 180 Jr) PS#113JC, 5 int ly.	
LG	Garrett McCray Jr.	6-4 300	PS#164, 11 sts as rFr in 99, 1 st ly, 18 knockdowns, 0 sks allowed, Taylor Robertson (6-6 280 Jr) 7 gms as rFr & 11 gms ly, 2L	CB	TRAVIS FISHER SR.	5-10 175	Orig signed w/Baylor, PS#81JC in 99, 1 st, 32 tkl's, 11 pbu here, 11 sts ly, top cover CB, 37 tkl's, 2 int, 11 pbu, Terrance Bell (6-1 PS#168JC).	
RT	STEVE EDWARDS SR.	6-5 345	PS#59JC, 8 sts in 99, 55 knockdowns, 3 sks allowed, John Wimberly (6-6 300 Jr) 1 st at LT in 99, 12 knockdowns, 7 gms ly.	SS	ELLIOT SHORTER SR.	5-10 190	9 tkl's in 98, 2 sts at SS in 99, 27 tkl's, 2 tfl, 3 pbu, 6 sks at LB ly, 87 w/75 tkl's, 7 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu, Albert Snyder (6-1 170 Sr) 28 tkl's, 3 sks.	
LT	Brian Huff Jr.	6-6 285	Started LB at RT in 99, 7 gms as backup ly & 4 sts, 2 letters, Alex Mendez (6-6 305 Jr) PS#347JC, Chris Decker (6-8 270 So).	FS	RICOT JOSEPH SR.	6-1 190	44 sps, 6 sts in 99, 35 tkl's, 2 int, 3 pbu, 9 sts ly, 74 tkl's, 2 int, 7 pbu, Peter Sands is PS#115, Garren Bray (6-0 205 rFr) PS#364.	
K	JAVIER BEORLEGUI SR.	6-1 225	PS#37, Hit 10 of 20 FG's in 99, long of 45, 31-35 xps, Hit 14 of 18 in 2000, long of 48, incl 4 of 5 from 40-49, 39-40 xps.	P	JAVIER BEORLEGUI SR.	6-1 225	PS#37K, 11 punts in 98, 28.2 average, 49 punts in 99, 40.3 avg & net of 35.5, 45 punts in 2000, 40.0 avg & net of 35.9.	

TROY STATE TROJANS

QUARTERBACKS - Brock Nutter returns for his 4th year as the starter but of course this will be his first year facing mostly IA foes. It is also his first year running the spread offense brought in by new offensive coordinator John Shannon, who comes in from Jackson St. Nutter threw for 1,435 yards as a rFr and improved in 1999, completing 57.3% for 1999 yds with a 13-7 ratio. In 2000, he threw for an identical amount of yards but improved his TD ratio again to 16-5 although his completion % dropped to 54%. He has a strong arm with good size and speed and has 590 career gross yards rushing. He seemed to have difficulty learning the new offense as he threw 3 ints in the spring game. Hansell Bearden (6-1 190 rFr) was PS#188 and hit 9 of 21 in the spring game. Derek Bynum (6-1 203 So) was on the JV team in 1999 and redshirted last year. As long as Nutter stays healthy, he will be an improved QB this year although his stats may drop due to facing tougher competition.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Troy St had to replace their top rusher but did get a super VHT transfer in Demontay Carter from Auburn. Carter had 10 starts at AU in 1997-98 and 646 yards but had some fumbling problems and decided to transfer. He sat out in 1999 but last year led the team with 865 yards (5.8) and added 253 yards receiving and 271 return yards, living up to his VHT status. He was named Southland League Newcomer of the Year. Wayne Thomas redshirted at Alabama in 1997. He transferred to Troy St in 1998 and was the #1 rusher that year with 435 yards (5.8). His numbers dropped the last few years with 3 starts and 388 yards (4.5) in 1999 and 173 (4.6) last year and he departed. DeWhitt Betterson (6-1 201 rFr) was PS#399 and was a track champ in high school. LeBaron Black has been the #2 rusher in both of the last 2 seasons with 468 yds (5.0) in '99 and 392 yds (3.4) in 2000. Roddric Johnson (5-9 225 Jr) is a transfer from S Miss. They must replace FB Thad Buttone (12 sts, 213 yards, 1st Tm Southland Football League). This is not a deep group but as long as Carter stays healthy, this is a IA caliber RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Trojans had to replace all 3 starters and their top returning receiver had just 18 rec's. This year they lose their top guy in WR Jonathan Carter (1st Tm SFL) who had 44 rec's and a WR best 16.8 ypc with 9 TD's. He was a 5th round NFL draft choice (NY Giants) and will be missed but overall the unit has more experience, and I list the 2 deep below. This group is far from overwhelming, and some of this year's signees should contribute. Overall it is a little more experienced than the 2000 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Troy St had 4 starters return last year but had to replace a rare NFL DC who was considered one of the top IAA linemen. The unit opened the way for 4.3 ypc rushing and allowed just 21 sacks in 1999, and they had similar stats last year, giving up just 23 sacks while rushing for 4.0 ypc. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are LG Brent McAlley (12 sts, 2nd Tm SFL), RG Brent Harrison (10 sts, HM SFL), C Blake Carruthers (12 sts, AA, 1st Tm SFL) and RT Charles Thomas (12 sts, 1st Tm SFL). They do have a couple of interesting additions in Trent Garmon who was PS#117 and played as a true frosh at Army, and Sam Forehand (PS#64) who is an LSU transfer that started 2 games there in 1999. I list the 2 deep below and 2 players return with starting experience. The talent looks decent here with the 2 HT transfers, but they must learn the new blocking schemes of the spread offense, and it will take time to develop cohesion.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last season the Trojans had to replace DT Al Lucas, who was the IAA National Def POY, and DE Aaron Fields who was 2nd Tm AA. Surprisingly the defense didn't drop off as expected, as the '99 and 2000 numbers were very similar. This year they must replace DL Tim Betts (12 sts, 53 tkl, 1st Tm SFL, #1 in 14 QB hurries), DL Antonio Ford (24 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Jimmy Holloway (7 tkl). They do have some interesting players in the 2 deep that I list below including Auburn transfer Daven Williams, Alabama transfer Carlos Stennis, and JUCO transfer Greg Mills who was PS#71 out of high school in 1999. Five players return with starting experience including 3 full-time starters. While they probably lost their top DL from last year, they have a spattering of IA caliber talent in the unit, and I look for improvement in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Troy St had to replace their #1 tackler last year but came out of the spring with a very impressive LB corps. They played well last season and this year only have one loss in SLB Nick Colbert (#3 tkl/r, 8 tfl). It's a good sign when your top 2 tacklers are both LB's and both return in Naazir Yamini and Jimmy McClain who both top 230 lbs. The open LB spot will likely be filled by Corey Sears (a S Miss transfer) and filling the backup spots are Jerry Bolton, a Miss St transfer, and Donny Young who originally signed at Clemson. Blakeney also brings in 2 HT true frosh who are listed in the 2 deep below. While the stats will not be stronger on defense due to a tougher schedule, this unit looks to be in even better shape than it was last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Troy St had to replace an All American CB last year but had 3 of 4 starters returning. This year they must replace SS Antonio Thompson (12 sts, 80 tkl, 5 int, 2nd Tm SFL), FS Chris Archie (started 14, 23 tkl, 2 int's) and FS Travis Bozeman (8 sts, 35 tkl). Three players do return with starting experience and they bring in DeLoise Moore (PS#154) who was a top-notch JUCO RB and proved productive in his switch to DB with 7 tackles in the spring game. This unit is a little less experienced than it was last year and of course will be facing tougher QB competition. While I did not rank them in the ratings last season, I would project them to be in the lower half of my pass defense rankings in 2001.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Naturally playing IAA ball Troy St has never been ranked in my special teams rankings. Using last year's stats, they would have finished #30 but keep in mind they did play softer competition. If they had played IA teams, they would have probably finished lower. This year they have two significant losses. One is a year punter Matt Allen who averaged 40.2 with a net of 35.8. He'll be tough to replace but they do bring in a solid JUCO who could match those numbers. Also gone is one of the best and underrated kickers in the country in Lawrence Tynes. Tynes hit 16 of 20 FG's last year with a long of 49 including 5 of 6 from 40-49. They have most of their returnmen back with the exception of KR Jonathan Carter who averaged a lofty 28.6 on 10 returns. Demontay Carter averaged 33.9 and top PR Rayshun Reed is back with an 8.4 avg while Heywood Skipper averaged 15.5. Keep in mind they are stepping up in level of competition so their numbers may not be as strong.

Overall the group looks weaker than last year's version. A lot will depend on who the new kicker and punter are, but this was a solid group last year and actually looks to have a shot at finishing in the upper half of the rankings this season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Trojans have been a Southland Football League powerhouse with 3 titles in the last 5 years. In 1999 they beat Cincinnati, S Florida and Mid Tennessee St and were the #6 team in IAA ball. Last year they were the #4 team in IAA until the playoffs when they were upset in the first round. They were the 4th winningest IAA team since 1990 but have never faced a IA foe until 1999. This is Larry Blakeney's 11th year and he is an outstanding 92-29-1 and guided the team's move from Div II to Div IAA. He was 10-1 in his IAA debut after a 5-5 Div II season. He can only hope for more of the same type of transition this year as they face a much tougher schedule including six IA opponents. Their new OC is John Shannon who comes over from Jackson St and is making a huge change from the option to a pass attack.

It will take Troy St some time to learn the offense and opening up at Nebraska could be ugly. To make matters worse, they have only one starter back on the O-line. As the season progresses, you'll see an improvement in the offense, especially as the schedule gets lighter. Defensively seven starters are back and they only have to replace 7 lettermen but after allowing just 16.1 ppg last year you can expect that number to rise with Nebraska and Miami (Fla) on the slate. Troy St will not match last year's 9 victory total but has enough IAA opponents (5) that they can dominate to have a solid shot at a winning season.



RB Demontay Carter



QB Brock Nutter

TROY ST (9-3) INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5*

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 41 (19,20,2)

Lost: 21 (10,7,4)

CONFERENCE:



TROY STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK OFFENSE - LAST 3 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	
6*	27.5	17	152	4.0	172	53.7	11.8	+12	2000	6	16.1	16	103	3.0	197	52.1	18.7
8*	29.5	18	195	4.3	221	57.0	12.8	0	1999	8	18.2	17	97	3.0	189	50.4	15.7
-	22.9	17	164	3.5	137	58.3	15.2	+8	1998	-	16.0	16	86	2.7	204	52.5	18.1

	OFFENSE						2000 STATS BY GAME						DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN					
at Alabama A&M	17	43-189	4.4	13-25	179	1	14	22-34	1.5	23-40	260	2	+2					
at Appalachian St	14	37-119	3.2	16-27	332	3	19	30-119	4.0	27-46	310	1	0					
Alabama St	25	42-153	3.6	21-35	309	3	12	25-(-1)	0.0	16-38	312	3	+5					
at S Florida	15	32-166	5.2	10-28	55	3	23	40-163	4.1	17-34	273	0	0					
at N'Western St	18	45-175	3.9	17-29	227	3	13	30-68	2.3	11-27	183	2	-2					
SW Texas	14	35-144	4.1	12-21	172	1	12	34-33	1.0	19-31	144	4	+3					
at Sam Houston	12	45-132	2.9	11-19	73	1	18	31-53	1.7	23-44	247	3	+2					
Nicholls St	17	31-126	4.1	14-26	165	2	10	55-156	2.8	1-4	31	3	+1					
at SF Austin	15	49-173	3.5	11-20	113	0	15	30-144	4.8	17-38	152	2	+2					
McNeese St	18	33-127	3.8	13-24	129	4	15	38-168	4.4	18-31	120	0	+1					
at Jacksonville St	16	41-263	6.4	6-11	115	0	15	34-172	5.1	10-27	94	2	+1					
Appalachian St	19	25-58	2.3	16-33	199	2	27	48-128	2.7	27-41	237	6	-3					
TOTALS	200	458-1825	4.0	160-298	2068	23	193	417-1237	3.0	209-401	2363	28	+12					
AVERAGES	16.7	38-152	4.0	13-25	172	1.9	16	35-103	3.0	17-33	197	2.3	1.0					

STADIUM: RICHARD M. SCRUSHY FIELD (17,500)

PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total

Straight Up 5-6 8-4 11-2 9-3 33-15

ATS 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Home Fav 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Home Dog 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Away Fav 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Away Dog 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Grass 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Artificial 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	
Demontay Carter	148	899	34	865	6	5.8	
LeBaron Black	114	421	29	392	3	3.4	
Thad Buttone	46	215	2	213	1	4.6	
Wayne Thomas	38	178	5	173	3	4.6	
LaQueatus Justice	33	137	2	135	1	4.1	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	
Brock Nutter	291	156	53.6	1999	16	5	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		
Jonathan Carter	44	737	16.8	9	65		
Heyward Skipper	29	418	14.4	2	59		
Demontay Carter	15	253	16.9	2	78		
LeBaron Black	15	84	5.6	0	16		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Allen	76	3052	40.2	-	35.8	0	25
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Lawrence Tynes	5-6	6-8	5-6	0-0	16	20	49

LARRY BLAKENEY

(Career 92-29-1)

11th Year at Troy St

Record at Troy St: 92-29-1

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

LB	Leverne Johnson	6-0	235	PS#135
RB	DeLoise Moore	6-0	205	PS#154JC
LB	Keith Staple	6-2	220	PS#199
QB	David Taylor	6-5	210	PS#161
LB	Arthur Adams	5-10	200	PS#253
WR	Michael Morris	6-1	180	PS#263
DB	Damien Coleman	6-0	183	PS#287
LB	Bernard Davis	6-0	215	PS#271
DB	Jermaine Miller	6-0	175	PS#306
P	Roger Ridgeway	5-11	185	PS#369JC

DEFENSIVE STAFF

Naazir Yamini	120	6	1	8	1
Jimmy McClain	107	0	1	8	2
Nick Colbert	83	2	6	3	2
Osi Umenyiora	81	0	0	0	0
Antonio Thompson	80	0	3	8	5
Daven Williams	56	3	4	2	0
Tim Betts	53	4	10	1	0
Vernon Marable	42	5	1	0	0
Deiric Jackson	40	0	3	11	1
Travis Bozeman	35	0	2	6	3
David Philpary	34	0	0	8	1
Shelton Felton	32	0	1	2	0
Jerry Bolton	28	0	0	3	1
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Rayshun Reed	24	201	8.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Jonathan Carter	10	286	28.6	1	

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BROCK NUTTER SR.	6-1 208	PS#153.	12 sts as rFr, 1435 yds (58%), 8-7 ratio 357 rush, 13 sts in 99, 1999 yds (58%), 13-7 ratio 132 rush, 12 sts ly, (54%) 16-5 ratio 101 rush.	DE OSI UMENYIORA JR.	6-4 270	75 tkl, 6 tfl, 13 sts as rFr, 81 tkl, 10 sts, 7 hurries in 2nd Tm SFL ly. Shelton Felton (6-2 250 Jr) PS#194LB, 16 tkl, 6 hurries in 99. 11 gms, 32 tkl ly.	
RB DEMONTAY CARTER SR.	5-10 191	PS#171	10 sts at Aub in 98/99, 646 yds (3.7), 865 yds (5.8), 15 rec (16.9) here ly. LeBaron Black (5-10 205 Jr) 988 tkl yds w/2 sts L2Y.	DT DAVERN WILLIAMS JR.	6-3 289	11 sts, 56 tkl, 7 tfl in 2000 after transfer from Auburn. Carlos Stennis (6-2 271 Sr) Bama transfer. 14 tkl in 9 games last year.	
WR JERMAINE RICHARDSON JR.	5-10 180	PS#171RB	in 2000. Moved to WR in spring. Thomie Venisee (6-1 202 Jr) PS#268WR, 6 rec (12.0), 3 starts the last 2 years.	DT JOSE GAMBOJA JR.	6-1 275	22 tkl, 3 tfl, 19 games with 1 start in 2 years. Byron Knight (5-11 265 Jr) 40 tkl, 20 games, 5 starts the last 2 years here.	
WR HEYWOOD SKIPPER JR.	6-0 182	7 rec (8.4) as a rFr, 9 sts ly, 29 rec (14.4), 12 PRs (15.5) with 2 TD's. 1 KR (26.0). Damien Coleman is PS#287DB.		DE VERNON MARABLE SR.	6-2 280	26 tkl, 5.5 tfl in 12 gms in 98, 26 tkl, 3 tfl, 6 sts in 99, 42 tkl, 5 sts, 12 sts, 2nd Tm SFL ly. Greg Mills (6-2 260 So) PS#71. JC trans in spg.	
SL DANIEL O'BRIEN SR.	6-2 180	PS#292JUCO.	11 receptions (11.9) in 7 games in 2000. Calvin Colquitt (5-11 185 rFr) was PS#353RB and moved to WR.	SLB JIMMY MCCLAIN SR.	6-1 230	38 tkl as true in 1998, 79 tackles, 3 tfl, 11 gms in 1999, 22 tackler w/107, 8 pbu, 2 int, 15 hurries in 12 starts last year.	
SL ADRIAN MOORE JR.	6-1 230	2 rec (19.5) as true, 7 rec (14.6) w/12 sts, 2nd Tm SFL in 2000. Cedric Phillips (6-3 230 So) played in 6 gms as true in 2000.		MLB NAAZIR YAMINI JR.	5-11 234	18 tkl, 10 games in '99, 11 tackler w/120, 6 sks, 5 tfl, 12 starts in 2000. Leverne Johnson (top recruit) is PS#135 this year.	
C TRENT GARMON JR.	6-2 309	PS#117.	Transfer from Army. Played in 4 gms on varsity as rare true frosh there in '99. 4 games and 54 plays here last year.	WLB COREY SEARS SR.	6-1 219	PS#151RB, RS in 1997 at S Missis. played, 9 tkl, 6 tkl in 6 gms here in 98. 36 tkl, 21 gms L2Y. Keith Staple is PS#191LB.	
RG RODNEY JORDAN JR.	6-5 291	200 plays, 26 knockdowns, 79% blocking grade, 2nd string as rFr. 447 plays, 2 starts, 96 knockdowns, 85% grade ly. 2L.		CB DAVID PHILYAW JR.	5-9 185	PS#339DB, 3 tkl, 1 start (inj) in 1999.	
LG ROBIN LEE JR.	6-2 289	Lettered as true in 1999. 5 games, 81 plays w/14 knockdowns in 2000. 2 letters. Charlie Goodyear (6-2 280 Jr) is PS#337.		CB DEIRIC JACKSON JR.	5-8 179	11 gms as true. 40 tkl, 11 gms, 10 sts ly.	
RT SAM FOREHAND SO.	6-8 360	PS#64.	2 sts at RG in 9 games as a rFr for LSU in '99. Sat out ly. Oliver McCord (6-2 275 Jr) 77%, 78 plays in 5 games ly.	Rayshun Reed (5-10 184 Jr) 31 tkl, 5 tfl, 5 gms, 11 gms as true. 24 tkl, 15 pbu, 7 sts (inj) in 99.	SS Chris Cox So.	5-9 175	10 tkl as true in 99. Med RS ly. Derrick Ansley (6-2 175 So) PS#247CB, 8 tkl in 3 games as true. Neal Oates (5-11 185 rFr) SFL.
LT STAN CURINGTON JR.	6-7 286	2L.	Blkup as rFr in 99, 12 sts, 542 plays, 81.6% grade w/74 KD's ly. Johnnie Maddox (6-3 271 Jr) 200 plays in 11 games ly.	FS DeLoise Moore Jr.	6-0 205	PS#154JC ly. Moved from TB to DB in spring. Ronald Harper (6-1 180 So) was #1 FS after spring. Carl Simmons, 3 tackles ly.	
K DREW BOTELER RFR.	5-8 165	Career long of 52 yards in high school. Redshirted in 2000. Eric Pollock hit a 26 yarder in the spring game. Both will contend.		P Roger Ridgeway Jr.	5-11 185	PS#363JC. Averaged 43.3 ypp at JC in 2000. Argued to get injured. Drew Boteler (5-8 165 JC) could average 40 yards a game.	

UTAH ST AGGIES

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Crosbie (PS#180) started the final 4 games in 1998 and threw for 1,111 yards (45%) with an 8-4 ratio. Big things were expected from him in 1999 and while he threw for 2,007 yards in his 11 starts, he completed just 46.8% with a 10-17 ratio. Last year he began the year as the starter and hit 16 of 34 in the opener. Versus Southern Utah he completed just 5 of 15 for 27 yards and the team was struggling. Dennehy would have gone to backup Brian Benza, but he was suffering with a bruised sternum so he turned to 3rd stringer Jose Fuentes (PS#121). Fuentes had 11 pass attempts in 1999 and he ended up starting the final 9 games in 2000 due in part to the fact that Crosbie tore ligaments in his hand on Sept 12th and missed the rest of the year. Fuentes threw for 2,709 yards (52.7%) with a 16-8 ratio and was 2nd Tm Big West. He threw for 509 yards vs Boise St and 421 vs Idaho. He also set a school record with 196 straight passes without an interception. While Benza departs both of the other QB's are back and Dennehy says that it's a little more mobile than Fuentes as he rushed for 333 yards in 1999 while Fuentes rushed for only 40 last year. Travis Cox (6-1 189 rF) was PS#190 and will contend. Robert Fockeatt (6-1 185 rF) was PS#188. Naturally with 2 full-time starting QB's back this unit is more experienced and definitely looks stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Aggies had to replace their all-time career leading rusher in Demario Brown who broke the USU record for single season rushing with 1,536 yards in 1999. Emmett White was a 1st Tm Big West returner in 1999, but I did not expect much out of this unit. I underestimated him, as White simply led the NCAA in all-purpose yardage and rushed for 1,322 yards (5.5) while hauling in 47 rec's (12.6). He had 578 all-purpose yards vs New Mexico St, a game in which he rushed for 322 yds, setting both an NCAA record for all-purpose yards and a USU single game rushing record. He sat out all of the spring scrimmages this year after surgery on his chronically injured left wrist and hand but should be 100% in the fall. USU uses a FB at times and FB's had 8 starts overall last year. The top 2 are back in John Roberts (5-9 195 Sr) who rushed for 313 yards in 1998 and 141 in 1999 and Joe Solosabal (5-11 221 Sr) who had 2 starts and one reception in 9 games last year. Only 2 (White and Roberts) had more than 1 attempt last year. David Fiefla (5-8 189 So) had 3 starts at WR and 31 rec last year, and moves back to TB for 2001 to be White's relief. Roger Fernandez (5-10 170 rF) was the Scout Team Offensive Co-MVP last year. As long as White stays healthy this group should be just as productive.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace three of their top 4 receivers but did have their top guy back in Aaron Jones. Jones, despite playing the majority of the season with a broken hand, broke a school record with 297 rec yards vs Boise and had 1159 yards with 63 rec's (18.4). He was 1st Tm Big West and will be missed. The rest of the receiving corps last year was very young and had scant experience here as it was made up of frosh, JUCO transfers and players from other positions. David Fiefla ended up as the #3 receiver with 31 grabs (11.1) and most of the group remains intact and now has experience. Fiefla has been moved to TB but could always move back here should the need arise. Dennehy uses multiple formations including 4 WR sets and they also line up with 2 TE's and a FB at times so plenty of WR's will see the field. I list the top 2 TE's below and also in the mix are JR Suguturaga (6-3 220 Sr) who had 3 starts at FB and Chris Cooley (6-4 215 So, PS#200TE) who had 19 tks and 4 tfl last year. Jones avg'd 18.4 ypc while the next closest WR avg'd just 11.1, but even though they lose their star, this group could come close to last year's numbers as they have much better depth.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '99 this unit was hit hard by graduation losses and injuries and no less than six different players started at C. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation as well as 2 backups who combined for 5 starts but had six players back with starting experience and added 3 JUCO's. After allowing 25 sacks in 1999 they gave up just 15 and paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing. Last year's starting OT's practically blocked out the sun with heights of 6-9 and 6-10, but they lose their best OL in RT Jeff Long who was 1st Tm Big West along with 3rd year starting C Junior Pututau. Also departing are backups C Matt Jenkins and RT Steve Canidate. Dennehy brings in 3 more JUCO's including 2 of whom I plugged in at starting spots and overall 3 starters return including 2nd Tm BW Jim Walker. Even with the loss of 2 top-notch starters, this unit has more experience and should be even stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and had just 29 sacks as a team in 1999 but last year had to replace all 4 DL starters due to graduation and then had 2 starters, DE Nick Onandia and DT Nate Larsen injured and lost for the year during the season. This is the same school that produced players like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones from the defensive front and Nate Putnam was compared to Jones last year. Putnam started the last 8 games as a true frosh and was 1st Tm BW and looks like a future star. For quite a bit of the year 2 of the starters on the DL were frosh (rF Jorge Tapia & true Putnam), and the defense managed just 23 sacks, allowing 4.4 ypc rushing. This year the only losses are Larsen (8 sts, HM BW, 23 tks, 4 tfl), DT Jared Solosabal (2 sts, 19 tks, 3 tfl), DT Jason Moore (1 st, 5 tks) and DT Jaron Fano (5 tks). Five players return with starting experience including 3 full-time starters. They also get back Onandia who got a medical redshirt after starting in the first 3 and have Tyler Olsen on hand. This group is much deeper and should be solidly improved.

LINEBACKERS - On the surface, this unit appears much weaker as they have to replace all 3 starters in Brent Passey (11 sts, 1st Tm BW, DEF MVP, 17 tfl), Blake Eagal (11 sts, 1st Tm BW, 105 tks, 12 tfl) and Cade Smith (10 sts, 87 tks, 10 tfl) as well as backup Justin Oswald (5 tks). Those are big losses but Jesse Busta was 1st Tm BW and the #2 tackle despite not starting last year, and also back is Tony Newson who was 2nd Tm BW with 9 starts in 1999 but missed 2000 with injury. Also returning is Ryan Solomona who had 3 tackles in 1999 and quit the team last year for personal reasons. While this year's unit will be a little weaker, the dropoff will not be as much as you would expect with the loss of all 3 starters, and keep in mind that the 2000 defense struggled for most of the year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies finished #75 in my pass defense rankings in 1999 and last year had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and then lost a projected starter to a knee injury at the beginning of the year. As expected, the unit struggled as they finished #92 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 56.1% with a 19-11 ratio and 255.6 ypg. This year the only losses are CB Shaun Healy (1 st, 16 tks, 2 pbu, 1 int), SS Maurice Caraway (1 st, 10 tks) and CB Desmond Watson (5 tks). Basically all 4 starters return including 6 players with starting experience and they add a couple of JUCO's. I look for this unit to improve dramatically in the pass defense rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998 this unit finished just #111 in my special teams rankings but moved up to #18 in 1999. In 1998 Tony Walker led the team with 25.4 on KR's and 8.4 on PR's. In 1999 it was Emmett White with a 23.9 on KR's and 15.0 on PR's. Both returned last year and White led the way with a 2.1 avg on KR's and 8.7 on PR's, although Walker actually had more KR's but avg'd just 17.9. Both are back once again and of course, White, who's been 1st Tm Big West as a return specialist the last 2 years, led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000. Surprisingly with everyone back including K Brad Bohn the group finished just #80 in my rankings last year. Part of the reason was the fact that they had 3 punts blocked and gave up 2 TD's on PR's while blocking just one punt. Mullins was 2nd in the Big West in punting and 1st in net punting and returns. This year they do lose Bohn whose strong leg hit 14 of 20 FG's with a long of 47 and one of his misses was from 50+. I look for better results in the block/TD category, and since they have excellent players at the punter and return positions this unit should make dramatic strides in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

It is surprising to note that USU has had 18 non-winning seasons in the last 20 years despite having several quality coaches roam the sidelines including Bruce Snyder, Charlie Weatherbie and John L. Smith in that span. This is the same Utah Snyder that in '97 went to the Humanitarian Bowl as the Big West champions. Mick Dennehy was 39-12 in 4 seasons coaching Montana winning 3 Big Sky titles, and his team reached the IAA Championship Game in '96. He became Utah St's 3rd head coach in 4 years last season. Last year he had to replace 22 seniors and then following the spring took 18 scholarships away from players, leaving him with just 66 scholarship players. They started off the season 1-4 but they turned it around and won four of their last 6 games. The toughest loss of the year came in the finale vs IAA Idaho St which cost them a winning season, and gave Dennehy his first losing season as a Division I head coach. This year they are in the unusual predicament of being Independent as they elected not to join the Sun Belt Conference. They are hoping to get a berth in the WAC in the future. If they get off to a slow start like last year they will not have time to regroup for the conference games and regain emotion for the second half of the year. The schedule is also tougher this year as they have to travel 15,405 miles. Last year the longest trip was to the state of Texas. It will be interesting to see how the team responds with no conference title to play for. I think Dennehy did a great job with this team last year guiding them to 5 wins, as I expected much less. This year they are in much better shape in the second year of the system and have much more depth. I look for the Aggies, with 15 returning starters, to be vastly improved on both sides of the ball and their season should mirror last year. They have a tough first six games and can only hope to win just 1 or 2 of those, but over the last 5 have a good shot at 4 or 5 victories and a chance of flirting with a winning season in their first as an Independent.

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB JOSE FUENTES JR. 6-3 188 4 gms, 11 passes in 99, 9 sts ly, 2709 yds (52.7%), 16-8 ratio, 2nd Tm BW. Jeff Crosbie (6-5 198 Jr) 2007 yds (47%), 11 sts in 99.
RB EMMETT WHITE SR. 5-11 199 PS#174. 53 yds in 99, 788 rec yds, 11 sts ly, #1 NCAA all purpose yds, 1322 rush (5.5), 47 rec (12.6) 21 PR, 22 KR, 1st Tm BW.
WR CHRIS STALLWORTH SO. 6-3 190 7 sts in 2000 as true, 26 rec, 11.1 ypc. 1 TD. Kevin Curtis is PS#250JUCO. Michael Washington is PS#208WR this year.
WR GARY COLEMAN JR. 5-10 175 PS#182JC this year. Had 43 rec's, 15.7 ypc, 7 TD's at JC ly. Markus Torian (6-0 210 So) 1 rec in 5 gms at Wash St in '99.
WR MARSHALL SANDERS SR. 5-8 160 4 sts, 13 rec, 10.1 ypc here ly, JC in '99.
DE FIEFLA (5-8 189 So) #3 rec ly, 31 rec, 11.1 ypc, 3 sts. Jason Demj (6-1 193 So).
DE CASEY POPPINGA JR. 6-5 247 PS#93. Wyo & mission 96-99, 9 sts here ly, 15 rec (12.7). Scott Collins (6-6 243 Sr) PS#275JC in 99, med RS, 2 sts, 2 rec ly.
C ARIO GALLIANO JR. 6-4 290 PS#70JC this year. Battling for starting ly for C job in spring. Also #2 LT in spring. Ed Powell (6-3 300 Sr) lettered as backup ly.
RG JIM WALKER SR. 6-3 293 PS#280JUCO. 8 starts in 2000, 2nd Tm Big West. Luis Trujillo (6-2 310 Jr) PS#281OL. 3 starts at RG last year, 1 letter.
LG JESS SCHUCK SR. 6-2 305 3 letters. Backup in '98, 11 starts in '99, 11 starts in '00. Jason Green (6-5 260 rF). Barry McLaughlin (6-5 277 Jr) PS#450JC.
RT GRANT CARVELEY JR. 6-5 285 #1 RT in the spring, PS#333JUCO. Eric Gwilliam (6-5 257 Sr) lettered as backup OT in 11 games in 2000. JUCO transfer.
LT JIM NEWTON JR. 6-10 294 PS#199OL. Tallest player in USU history. Lettered as a backup in 1998. RS in 1999 (injured) had 11 starts at LT in 2000.
K BEN CHAET FR. 6-1 175 PS#78. Hit 5 of 8 FG's with a L/49 as a Sr in HS ly. Dane Kidman (5-10 178 Jr) hit 44 yd FG in 99, his only career att at USU.

UTAH ST (5-6) INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7
 LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (18,16,1)
Lost: 19 (8,10,1)



UTAH STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS												DEFENSE											
RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	TURN				STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP				
5*	26.5	19	120	4.1	266	51.3	14.6	-2			2000	4	32.4	22	197	4.4	256	56.1	14.0				
8	21.3	20	176	5.0	196	46.5	17.5	-11			1999	7	27.4	21	160	3.9	230	53.5	14.2				
4	21.5	17	103	2.7	215	46.0	14.8	-3			1998	7	28.1	17	123	3.0	197	50.3	11.4				
8*	32.4	24	162	4.2	278	49.6	13.6	+1			1997	6	24.7	22	125	3.0	246	53.7	15.0				
4*	26.6	25	149	3.7	318	55.3	17.5	-6			1996	8	30.8	22	168	3.9	226	52.4	12.8				

OPPONENT	OFFENSE						2000 STATS BY GAME						DEFENSE					
	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S ^K S/VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	S ^K S BY	TURN					
at Texas Tech	18	28-147	5.3	16-35	153	2	25	28-77	2.8	37-57	505	1	-2					
Southern Utah	11	26-29	1.1	15-28	225	0	18	56-297	5.3	5-24	71	0	+3					
at Arizona St	15	32-103	3.2	17-38	240	5	19	48-131	2.7	12-21	374	3	-2					
Utah	19	19-52	2.7	19-43	230	0	22	59-278	4.7	9-15	186	0	-1					
at BYU	16	25-11	0.4	22-34	209	3	29	38-198	5.2	25-39	335	2	-1					
at N Texas	17	40-156	3.9	21-36	170	3	6	35-69	2.0	8-17	72	2	0					
Idaho	21	37-130	3.5	20-36	439	1	20	36-155	4.3	27-45	251	4	0					
Arkansas St	27	39-236	6.1	24-43	247	0	18	30-68	2.3	22-44	231	2	+1					
at N Mexico St	28	36-322	8.9	24-39	297	0	27	52-369	7.1	15-32	226	3	-1					
at Boise St	23	24-86	3.6	25-57	509	1	28	48-260	5.4	21-30	381	3	+1					
Idaho St	15	19-51	2.7	15-36	209	0	29	59-262	4.4	20-34	180	3	0					
TOTALS	210	325-1323	4.1	218-425	2928	15	241	489-2164	4.4	201-358	2812	23	-2					
AVERAGES	19.1	30-120	4.1	20-39	266	1.4	21.9	44-197	4.4	18-33	256	2.1	-0.2					

STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (30,257) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total						2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS												
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	4-7	5-6	18-26	John Roberts	26	111	12	99	3.8	Jose Fuentes	38	40	127	-87	0-2.3	
ATS	7-3-1	4-6	3-7	4-5	18-21-1	PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD INT	Jose Fuentes	368	194	52.7	2709	16	8
Home Fav	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	3-4	Jeff Crosbie	49	21	42.9	180	2	1	RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD LONG	
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-1	4-6	Aaron Jones	63	1159	18.4	11	72	Emmett White	47	592	12.6	2	74	
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-1	David Fiefla	31	344	11.1	1	34	Chris Stallworth	26	289	11.1	1	27	
Away Dog	3-0-1	3-2	1-4	1-4	8-10-1	Casey Poppinga	15	190	12.7	0	49	Marshall Sanders	13	131	10.1	1	25	
Grass	6-2	3-4	3-5	2-3	14-14	PUNTING	NO YDS	AVG	50+	NET BLK	IN20	Steve Mullins	64	2647	41.4	11	35.6	3
Artificial	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	4-7-1	KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	Long	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	14-20	47
						Brad Bohn	1-1	7-9	6-9	0-1	14-20							

Mick Dennehy
 (Career 54-31)
 2nd Year at Utah St
 Record at Utah St: 5-6

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001
 OL Ario Galliano 6-4 290 PS#70JC
 DB Richard Watson 5-10 205 PS#120
 DB Mark Estelle 5-10 170 PS#178JC
 WR Gary Coleman 5-10 175 PS#182JC
 WR Michael Washington 6-2 220 PS#208
 D.J. Brooker 6-2 180 PS#210
 DL Michael Gates 6-4 230 PS#296
 OL Grant Carveley 6-5 285 PS#333JC
 OL Donald Penn 6-5 304 PS#361
 OL Kohl Mayberry 6-6 285 PS#366

DEFENSIVE BACKS
 Brent Passey 119 4 13 3 0
 Jesse Busta 110 0 5 1 2
 Blake Eagal 105 0 12 6 2
 Cade Smith 87 2 8 1 1
 Jamar Glasper 60 0 6 6 0
 Nate Putnam 59 4 10 6 0
 Ryan Duncan 51 4 6 0 0
 Tony Walker 51 0 0 8 2
 Ade Jimoh 46 0 0 12 1
 Scott Goss 43 0 0 1 0
 Derrek Shank 39 0 0 5 2
 Jorge Tapia 36 3 7 0 0
 PUNT RETURNS
 NO YDS AVG TD
 Emmett White 21 183 8.7 0
 Nick Walters 20 145 7.3 0
 KICK RETURNS
 NO YDS AVG TD
 Tony Walker 26 465 17.9 0

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

QUARTERBACKS - Last year UConn had to replace its starting QB but brought in JUCO transfer Ryan Tracey who exceeded expectations. Tracey was on pace to set all of the school records in passing when he tore his ACL vs S Florida and missed the rest of the year. He had only limited participation in the spring but should be 100% for the fall. He threw for 1,984 yards (54.5%) with a 15-5 ratio and had four 300 yard passing games last season. Luke Richmond took over for him but then tore a ligament in his thumb and threw for just 351 yards with 2 starts. Chris Willis (PS#132) joined the team in the spring of '99 as a walk-on. After being a scout team player for all of '99 & '00, he was forced into action in the last 3 games and threw for 544 yards, completing a solid 65% with a 1-4 ratio including one start. He'll be in the mix for the backup job this year along with Keron Henry (6-2 190 rFr) who has a solid arm and had a good year running the scout team. This year UConn signed PS#62 Dan Orlovsky who is their QB of the future but he will likely redshirt. As long as Tracey is 100% recovered and stays healthy for the whole season, I look for much stronger numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Taber Small took over the RB duties after transferring from Temple in 1999 and in six starts rushed for 757 yards (3.8). Last year he battled knee and ankle injuries throughout the year and was too small of a back to carry the big load. He played 72 out of 75 plays vs Buffalo but went down as the season went on with just 560 yards rushing (3.5) although he did contribute 23 rec's (9.6). Chandler Poole (5-11 205 So, PS#353) was the backup RB as a true frosh but was hampered by hamstring and ankle injuries early and then prior to S Florida was suspended the rest of the year. Evan Benson (5-10 200 So, PS#251) got in 2 starts as a true frosh in 7 games, rushing for 230 yards (3.3). With Small and Benson both hobbled, DB Jason Dellaselva started the final game at TB and rushed for 86 yards (3.2). FB/TE Tommy Collins (6-3 242 Jr, PS#67TE) got a start at FB and had 16 rec's (8.4), but should play mostly TE in 2001. Justin Spence (5-11 235 Fr) was PS#380 LB and is nicknamed the Mini-Bus so they are solid at the seldom used FB position. One of Edsall's priorities was to upgrade the RB's by bringing in a bigger back who could handle more of the load but he did not accomplish that. However with everyone back, I do look for better production in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Huskies returned 4 of their top 5 WR's but this year have a big loss in John Fitzsimmons who is 6-2 208 and his 10.8 speed in the 100m made him an NFL prospect. He was 2nd on the team with 42 rec's and led the team with a 16.1 ypc despite being suspended for the final game. The big surprise of the WR corps last year was Steve O'Connor. O'Connor, with good size (6-4 190), was PS#143 but had just 11 rec's in his first three years here. He emerged and started 5 and led the team with 50 rec's (13.6). He also departs. Wes Timko had 8 starts, missing 3 due to injury, and is their top deep threat and perhaps the fastest WR here. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Wisconsin transfer Rashad Drayton gives them a big, legitimate weapon at TE. They do lose TE Dan Deignan who had 2 starts and 13 rec's (9.1) in 2000. Two top-notch TE's were signed and Richard Bellina (6-4 252 So) had 2 starts last year, so they are very deep there. While Edsall likes the size and speed of the WR's they are much less experienced than last year at that spot with the loss of their top two guys.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies had a very experienced OL in '99 and allowed just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters, another who had 6 starts, and a backup. Four players returned with starting experience but only 2 qualified as returning starters. Edsall has been happy with the frosh classes he's been bringing in and will redshirt this year's entire class, much like last year. This season they must replace RG Steve Darby (11 sts), C Corey Derfuss (11 sts, 3 yr str) and LG Mark Campoli (10 sts, 2 yr str) as well as backup Justin Pawlowski. Six of the 10 are back and once again that includes 2 returning starters. Overall 3 return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. One of Edsall's priorities is to get the lines to be more physical. This group is clearly bigger than last year's which averaged 279 lbs and the projected starting 5 averages 294 lbs this year. In '99 the top bench of the linemen was 385 but four could not bench 325. This year 3 bench more than 400 lbs. The 2000 version allowed just 22 sacks, but the team only averaged 2.7 ypc. The OL looks a little more physical this year, and I'll call it an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 1998 the Huskies finished #117 out of 119 IAA teams in rush defense. They changed schemes in 1999 and Edsall has been forced to play true frosh the last 2 years. Last season they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and the defense still put little pressure on opposing QB's (15 sacks in '99, 14 ly) and had trouble stopping the run, giving up 4.8 ypc. This year the only losses are DT Ronel Jungius (5 sts, 26 tkl, 5 ft), DE Jamar Wilkins (9 sts, 74 tkl, 5 sks) and DT Ryan Timko (6 sts, 27 tkl). They now move OLB Uyi Osunde into the BAN position, which is a hybrid DE/OLB spot. With his presence on the front wall they will have 4 players returning that started six or more games last year and all 4 were underclassmen. They also get a couple of top-notch additions in JUCO transfer Nick Graby and Auburn transfer Ryan Bushey who I expect to win a starting job. While there are some losses this year, this group has plenty of experience. After averaging 243 lbs per man last year, the starters average 255 this year, and they should be a much stronger unit, even with the loss of their star Wilkins.

LINEBACKERS - In 1999 the Huskies had to replace all 3 starters from this unit but they appeared to be in great shape last year as 5 players returned with starting experience. Unfortunately 2 projected starters were lost for the season including Brandon Smith who started 6 games in 1999 but did not play a down in 2000 due to concussions. MLB Jamie Lenkaitis tore his MCL in Game 4. The star was Razul Wallace whose 19 ft lift set a school record despite only starting the last 7 games. This year, provided injuries do not crop up again, the Huskies are in great shape. The only losses are Michael Ziccardi (1 st, 36 tkl) and backup Bill Neumann (2 tkl). No less than 5 players return with starting experience and even the 2nd unit looks strong. This unit clearly looks tougher.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998 UConn picked off 19 passes, but in 1999, despite having 4 starters back including 3 seniors, they had just 7 int's. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters and another player who started 6 games. They then lost their best player, CB Roy Hopkins, to a knee injury after one game. Once again the number of int's dropped with just six all season and they finished #112 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 62.7%. Two true frosh ended up as starters. This year the big news is that everyone is back, a year more experienced and Hopkins returns. Jamal Lundy, who had 11 starts at FS, does move to the hybrid safety/OLB position of Husky and I list him with the LB's in the 2 deep. Overall 6 players are back with starting experience and Edsall also brings in JUCO Ezra Carey (PS#352) and true frosh Kinnan Herriott (PS#83 in 2000) who was in for the spring. This unit will look a lot more threatening to opposing QB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UConn had a solid special teams unit in their final IAA season in 1999, but had to replace their star punter and PR. They finished #83 in their first year in my rankings. K Geoff Heyl was just a soph and showed a strong leg by connecting on 4 of 5 from 40-49 with 2 of his 6 misses from 50+. He also is solid on KO's. Adam Coles is an interesting player as he played Australian Rules football and last year was his first year of organized US football. He had a very solid year averaging 40.5 per boot including 17 inside the 20 and should continue to improve in his second season. Top PR Cliff Hill did a fine job averaging 11.1 per return and is back while KR Carl Bradford averaged 20.7 and also returns. Last year's special teams were very young and this year's unit now has experience and will move up in the rankings.



HUSKY Jamal Lundy

UConn (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 7*

DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 36 (15,18,3)

Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

CONFERENCE: INDEPENDENT



CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF	
STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	YDS	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	
7	20.0	20	82	2.7	262	54.2	17.2 -7	2000	7	33.5	22	223	4.8	200	62.7 12.6
6	23.2	18	113	3.0	196	51.6	13.3 -11	1999	7	34.8	23	180	4.5	257	62.2 12.5
-	35.5	23	148	3.9	276	56.0	12.0 +10	1998	-	31.8	24	231	4.8	244	57.3 14.9
-	36.2	20	158	4.1	210	54.9	11.6 +6	1997	-	22.4	21	144	3.4	244	55.6 17.3
-	24.4	19	143	3.4	179	23.6	15.6 0	1996	-	19.1	18	136	3.5	200	58.4 17.6

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at E Michigan	19	25-62	2.5	23-49	340	1	19	45-150	3.3	21-35	205	1	0
Colgate	24	34-83	2.4	25-36	327	1	22	47-222	4.7	12-27	184	3	+2
at Buffalo	22	38-139	3.7	20-37	199	3	21	36-101	2.8	26-40	259	1	+1
Northeastern	22	22-84	3.8	22-39	321	2	27	52-220	4.2	22-30	235	1	-1
at Louisville	21	27-28	1.0	27-54	306	2	15	35-156	4.5	19-32	253	4	0
at Boston Coll	19	26-49	1.9	20-40	215	2	25	51-361	7.1	15-22	274	0	-3
at Akron	25	43-106	2.5	22-35	293	3	24	50-289	5.8	17-32	142	0	+3
S Florida	18	30-115	3.8	14-36	180	0	20	43-151	3.5	19-28	165	1	0
Mid Tenn St	20	28-81	2.9	24-46	276	2	28	41-301	7.3	21-28	269	0	-5
Rhode Island	20	37-120	3.2	20-28	168	2	18	57-251	4.4	3-6	72	0	-3
at Ball St	14	31-40	1.3	20-37	254	4	23	54-255	4.7	13-20	137	3	-1
TOTALS	224	341-907	2.7	237-437	2879	22	242	511-2457	4.8	188-300	2195	14	-7
AVERAGES	20.4	31-82	2.7	22-40	262	2.0	22.0	46-223	4.8	17-27	200	1.3	-0.6

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (16,200)

PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total

Straight Up	7-4	10-3	4-7	3-8	24-22
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	3-4
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-2
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	1-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1

2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	
Taber Small	161	613	53	560	8	3.5	
Evan Benson	70	265	35	230	1	3.3	
Jason Dellaselva	27	101	15	86	0	3.2	
Ryan Tracey	42	107	99	8	1	0.2	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	
Ryan Tracey	292	159	54.5	1984	15	5	
Chris Willis	82	53	64.6	544	1	4	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		
Steve O'Connor	50	678	13.6	2	32		
John Fitzsimmons	42	676	16.1	9	66		
Cliff Hill	29	261	9.0	0	23		
Taber Small	23	221	9.6	1	56		
Ayo Sorrells	20	308	15.4	1	43		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	INT
Adam Coles	56	2267	40.5	-	35.9	2	17
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	
Geoff Heyl	3-3	3-6	4-5	0-2	10-16	48	

RANDY EDSALL

(Career 7-15)

3rd Year at UConn

Record at U Conn: 7-15

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2001

QB	Dan Orlovsky	6-5 220	PS#62
TE	Justin Wolf	6-4 230	PS#51
WR	Cory McKinney	6-2 205	PS#118
QB	Jermell Williams	6-2 185	PS#104
OL	Mike Henry	6-4 255	PS#224
DB	Jason Williams	5-10 185	PS#219
DB	Marlon Jones	5-9 170	PS#234
OL	Derrick Lewis	6-4 285	PS#293
DB	Keith Harrison	5-10 170	PS#301
LB	Alfred Fincher	6-2 210	PS#299

DEFENSIVE STAFF

Jamar Lundy	102	0	10	5	1
Razul Wallace	97	2	17	0	0
Uyi Osunde	87	1	4	0	0
Jamar Wilkins	74	5	11	1	1
Kamari Stroman	61	0	5	1	0
Terrance Smith	60	4	6	2	0
Carl Bradford	54	1	1	1	0
Chris Meyer	45	0	3	0	0
Mike Ziccardi	36	0	2	0	0
Greg Smoot	34	2	4	3	0
Trenton Jones	33	0	0	1	0
Justin Cook	31	0	3	0	0
J. Dellaselva	30	0	1	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
CLIFF HILL	12	133	11.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Carl Bradford	34	704	20.7	0	

PHIL'S FORECAST

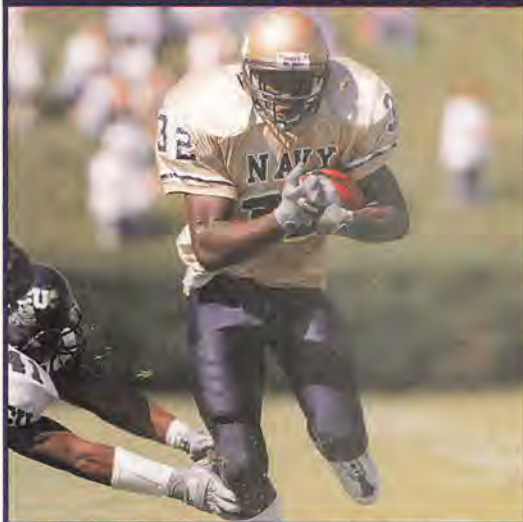
Last year the Huskies' first in Div IAA ball. They had competed in the Atlantic 10 conference in 1999 and finished with just a 4-7 record being outscored by a 34.8-23.2 margin. They took a step up last year but had just 70 scholarship players (they hope to have 82 this year). After 7 games they stood at 3-4 and were averaging 283.4 ypg passing and 25.1 ppg but then star QB Ryan Tracey went down to injury and they lost their last 4 games. Throughout the season they lost 10 different players to injury for the year and in the final game had just 46 scholarship players available. They're playing in a 16,000 seat stadium now but will open up Pentschler Field in 2003 which seats 40,000 and will be joining the Big East in 2005. High notes last year included 2 wins over IAA teams (including 6-5 Akron) and they also held a 21-14 FD edge in their game vs Louisville. However, they faced the #114th toughest schedule out of 115 teams, were manhandled by the one Big East team that they did play (BC 55-3) and lost to a pair of IAA teams including Rhode Island which came into the game just 2-7 in IAA ball. They should be much better prepared for their second year in IAA and they return 8 starters, including Tracey at QB, on offense and 10 starters on defense. On the defensive side of the ball, all 11 projected starters run the 40 in 5.0 or less. While the schedule has some rough spots, it also has plenty of opportunities for wins. It is their first schedule that is versus all IAA competition, however they take on the 3 newest IAA teams beside themselves in Troy St, Buffalo and S Florida. Provided they do not suffer the rash of injuries they did last year, this team should be much more competitive and should improve on the 3 wins and could flirt with a winning season.

OFFENSE 2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

QB	RYAN TRACEY SR.	6-3 215	1691 yds at JC in 99, 8 sts here ly, 1984 yds (54.5%) 15-5 ratio, 107 rush. Chris Willis (5-11 196 Jr) PS#132, 1 st, 544 yds (65%).
RB	TABER SMALL SR.	5-9 198	PS#270, 97 RS at Temple, 757 yds (3.8), 14 TD's here in 99, 560 yds (3.5), 23 rec, 8 sts ly, Evan Benson (5-10 200 So) 230 yds (3.3) ly.
WR	WEST TIMKO JR.	6-3 191	4 sts, 13 rec (13.5) in 99, 8 sts, 18 rec (12.2), 11 ly, Cory McKinney (6-2 205 Fr) PS#118, Jason Williams (5-10 185 Fr).
WR	CLIFF HILL JR.	5-11 180	RS in 97, 7 sts, 22 rec (11.5) in 99, 1 st, 20 rec (15.4) ly, Matt Cutia (5-11 170 Fr) PS#261DB, Fastest on Tm (4.4 speed).
TE	RASHAD DRAYTON SR.	6-4 255	PS#221LB & orig at Wisc. in 97, 17 rec (8.8), 5 sts ly, 18 rec (10.7), Tommy Collins (6-3 242 Jr) PS#67, 2 rec (10.5) in 99, 16 rec (8.4) ly.
C	Brian Markowski Jr.	6-2 294	PS#265DL, Projected starter at C last year until inj'd in Aug. Billy Irwin (6-3 261 Fr), Mike Henry (6-4 255 Fr) PS#224OL.
RG	LeAndre Dupree rFr.	6-2 307	Projected starter until he suffered dehydration problems in preseason. Ryan Krug (6-5 287 Fr), Derrick Lewis (6-4 285 Fr) PS#293.
LG	Laurence Oliver So.	6-4 280	PS#159DL, RS in 99, 1 st ly, Impressive in 4 games at end of yr, lettered. Jason McKee (6-3 300 Fr) PS#406, Athletic.
RT	STEVE CULLY JR.	6-4 300	Saw action in 3 games as bkup in 99. No letter, 11 sts at RT ly, lettered. Bill Chester (6-6 310 Fr), Grant Preston is PS#458.
LT	C.J. HESSEL SR.	6-4 290	Played hocks at small college in 97, RS here in 98, 3 sts at RG, 8 gms in 99, 11 sts at LT ly, 2 letters. Ed Inajchcock (6-4 286 So).
K	GEOFF HEYL JR.	5-9 160	Strong leg, Hlt 10 of 16 FG's ly, long of 48 & 2 misses from 50+, 4 of 5 from 40-49, 22 of 24 xps, 48 yd winner vs Akron.

BAN	UYI OSUNDE JR.	6-4 235	4 sts, 48 tkl, 5 ft in 99, 9 sts, 87 tkl, 5 ft in 2000, Tyler King (6-6 248 rFr), Ken Wilson (6-2 265 So) 2 tkl, 1 ft in 2 gms ly.
DT	GREG SMOOT JR.	6-3 267	PS#243RB, 32 tkl, 4 ft, 10 starts as true in 99, 11 sts ly, 34 tkl, 6 ft, 3 pbu, Warren Spivak (6-2 284 rFr) PS#338DL.
DT	SEAN MULCAHY SO.	6-6 260	PS#120OL, 6 sts, 10 gms as true, 29 tkl, 2 ft, Nick Graby (6-4 270 Jr) PS#353JC, Chris Clarke (6-1 270 So) 7 tkl, 1 ft ly.
DE	HAKEME KASHAMIA JR.	6-3 259	25 tkl, 5 ft, 7 sts, 9 games last year until torn ACL. Ryan Bushey (6-3 253 rFr) PS#251DL, in 1999, Auburn transfer.
WLB	KAMARI STROMAN SR.	5-11 205	5 tkl in 98, 10 sts, 54 tkl, 3 ft, 2 pbu in 99, 9 sts, 61 tkl, 5 ft ly, Justin Cook (6-3 222 Sr) PS#258JC, 3 sts, 31 tkl, 3 ft ly.
MLB	RAZUL WALLACE JR.	6-1 221	16 tkl, 1 st as true, 17 sts, 97 tkl, 2 sks, 17 tkl, 2 ft ly, Jamie Lenkaitis (5-11 233 Sr) 89 tkl, 12 sts in 3Y, 11 ly, 10 MCL ly.
HUSKY	JAMAL LUNDY JR.	5-11 212	PS#344FB, 5 sts, 53 tkl, 11 gms as true, 11 sts at FS ly, #1 w/102 tkl, 10 ft, 5 pbu, 1 int, Robbie Randall (5-11 230 Jr) 8 tkl in 2Y.
CB	ROY HOPKINS JR.	5-9 180	115 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int in 1st 2Y, Strd opener & tore MCL. Med RS ly, Dvaun Black (5-11 173 Jr) WR in 99, 1 st, 18 tkl ly.
CB	CARL BRADFORD SR.	5-8 175	8 tkl in 98, 5 tkl in 99, 10 tkl, 6 pbu, 2 int, 2 sts in 99, 11 sts, 54 tkl, 2 ft ly, Justin Perkins (5-11 160 Fr), Marlon Jones (5-9 170 Fr) PS#234.
SS	TRENTON JONES SO.	6-1 200	5 starts, 33 tkl, 1 pbu in 10 gms as true ly, Kinnan Herriott (5-11 188 Fr) PS#83DB ly, DNO last year, enrolled in January.
FS	TERRANCE SMITH SO.	5-10 185	PS#366DB ly, 3 sts at CB, 60 gms as true ly, int in 10 gms as true ly, Chris Meyer (6-0 190 So) 5 sts, 45 tkl, 3 pbu in 10 gms as true ly.

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN



RB Raheem Lambert was PS#78 and has been the leading RB each of the last two seasons.

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2001

QUARTERBACKS - Brian Broadwater was the new sensation in 1998, taking over and rushing for 854 yards in the last six games. Broadwater began 1999 as the starting QB and was doing a fine job until he was injured. Brian Madden took over and became the first Midshipmen ever to rush for over 100 yards in each of his first 5 games, including his 177 yard effort vs Army when he was voted MVP of the game. Madden was the #1 rushing QB in the NCAA in 1999 and the starter in 2000's spring practices but was injured on the final play of spring drills. Broadwater took over as the starter but was banged up most of the year. A fractured larynx kept him out of the lineup vs BC and left him far less than 100% the next few weeks. Ed Malinowski was playing DB in the spring but moved to QB when Madden & Broadwater were injured. Malinowski got the start vs BC and outplayed Broadwater vs both Air Force and Rutgers with 3 starts overall. Broadwater took over down the stretch when healthy and set a school record with 417 total yards vs Tulane and broke a school record for the lowest int rate in a career with just 10 ints in 348 attempts (2.9%), he now departs. This year Madden returns and was 3-2 as a starter in 1999 with close losses to ND and Hawaii. Malinowski is also back and was PS#222. He has thrown for 496 yards (51%) and rushed for 403 yards in 2 years playing in 16 games. Craig Candeto (5-11 197 So) was PS#75 and threw for 128 yards and rushed for 82 in five games last year as a true frosh. Andy Michalowicz (6-2220 So) was PS#86 and Chris Maloney (6-0 195 So) was PS#226. As long as Madden stays healthy, this unit should be solidly improved. He missed spring with an injury, but if you project his 1999 stats from his 5 starts over the course of the entire season, it could be an amazing year for him.

RUNNING BACKS - The service academies usually lose a lot of RB's to graduation as it takes time to work into a starting job. Navy has had to replace the majority of their backs in most recent years and last year had 2 starters returning but RB Dre Brittingham was dismissed from the team. While they had their top RB back, two of the top 3 were gone. The only loss this year is Josh Bock (11 sts, 298 rush yards, #2 receiver). This looks like one of the most veteran RB corps that Navy has returned in Weatherbie's tenure. In 1999 Navy finished #1 in the NCAA in rushing but finished #29 last year which is very poor for their option offense. No Weatherbie team had ever been held to under 100 yards rushing in a game, but it happened twice last year. In Weatherbie's spread option offense, they use a FB and 2 SB's but the FB gets the bulk of the carries (usually about 40%) and the SB's usually rush the ball about 10% of the time and get plenty of use in the passing game. The "new" flexbone offense seems very similar. I list the 2 deep below and a lot of youngsters were thrown into the fray last season. Not among those listed is the shortest player in the NCAA in Cee Harris (5-3 205 Jr) who has 4.57 speed and benches 376. I look for a much better

season out of Lambert who dropped from 790 yards in 1999 to 597 last year (shoulder surgery in the offseason and will now be 100%) as he has a stronger supporting cast. Overall this group looks to be solidly improved. **RECEIVERS** - This group generally gets a little more action than most option offenses and they normally use 2 WR's and no TE. Last year they had to replace their top 2 WR's and the unit was very young and did not block as well, which hurt the rushing offense. Surprisingly, one starter was Brian Williams who was also the starting punter and he was the only kicker in the NCAA to also start at another position. Brandon Rampani was having a big year with 22 receptions after six games but then was suspended yet still led the team in receptions. This year three players depart in Rampani, Williams, who was the #3 receiver, and Billy Hubbard (2 sts, 16 rec). Two players return with starting experience and I list the two deep below. While Rampani's 4.36 speed will be missed, he did not play in 5 games and this unit has more experience than last year's version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 1999 O-line had 3 starters returning including AA Center Terrence Anderson and they paved the way for the top rushing offense in the NCAA as they averaged 5.2 ypc and 292 ypg while allowing just 11 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including Anderson and it was a rough year for the Middles. They averaged just 3.6 ypc rushing, their worst total since 1994, while allowing 33 sacks. One of last year's returning starters, Philip Yeh, fractured his right ankle vs BC and missed the next 7 games, but returned for the finale. Last year's unit began the year with 5 senior starters and had the services of 4 for most of the year and naturally this season's losses are heavy. Gone are RG Scott Swanter (11 sts), Yeh (4 sts), RT Hoot Stahl (11 sts), LT Ron Winchester (11 sts, 2 yr str) and C Chad Adams (11 sts). Military academies usually have small lines, but this year's has a decent size, averaging 282 lbs in the spring and usually they get a little bigger in the fall. I list the 2 deep below and some of these players have nice combinations of size, strength and speed (see Projected Starting Lineups) and all of them have participated on the JV team in past years. While they are a lot less experienced, they could be just as productive.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Middles ran a 3-4 in both 1999 and 2000 after switching from the 4-2-5. This year new DC Rick Lantz (DC at Virginia L/9Y) is changing the defense to a 4-3 alignment. Last year they had to replace 2 of 3 starters plus 4 backups and then lost projected starting NG Alan Thompson to a broken leg prior to the season. They went from allowing 3.6 ypc and recording 42 sacks as a team to giving up 4.3 ypc and having just 15 sacks. They did hold LaDainian Tomlinson to 121 yards and held Air Force (which had been averaging 307 yds rush) to 135 but clearly this group was weaker. This season they must replace DE Brad Wimsatt (11 sts, 20 tkls). Everyone else returns and not even listed below are Matt Berger (6-2 245 Sr) who had 4 tackles and 2 ffl in 2000, Pete Beutenmuller (6-4 260 Jr) who had 5 tackles, Dan Person (6-5 255 Jr) who had 1 tackle in 4 games, and Joey Owmy (6-3 262 Jr) who had 3 tackles in 5 games. Michael Wagoner was the top lineman last year, leading the DL in tackles and ffl, and he is back. This group is very experienced for a service academy and I look for much better production in 2001.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Navy had a veteran group, having to replace only one starter and one backup. The 4 projected starters all had starting experience but Ryan Hamilton was lost for the year after 4 games due to injury and Daryl Hill made just 3 starts as he was also injured and lost for the year. Two players combined for 9 starts as true frosh. This year they must replace OLB Justin Jordan (7 sts, 13 tkls, 3 ffl), LB Mike McGee (1 st, 16 tkls, 2 ffl), Daryl Hill (3 sts, 34 tkls, 7 ffl), OLB Shaka Martin (7 sts, 23 tkls, 6 ffl) and OLB Rashad Jones (10 tkls, 1 ffl). Hamilton is back as are 3 others who started 3 or more games including their captain, MLB Jake Bowen, who spent 2 years on an LDS mission and is the oldest football Middelie. With the injuries that occurred last year, this unit has more experience than usual for a military academy and will naturally be stronger.

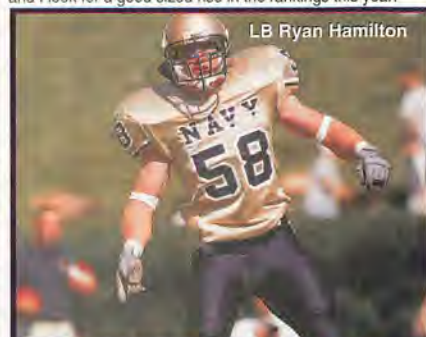
DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 1998, a young Navy secondary finished #112 out of 112 teams in my pass D rankings. In 1999 they had to replace 3 players who had 18 starts between them but had 6 players returning who had some starting experience and they improved to #90. Last year they had to replace only one starter and 2 backups and their top 4 CB's all had starting experience. Unfortunately, the top CB Bas Williams was dismissed from school. Navy once again finished dead last in my pass efficiency rankings, allowing 61.1% with a 23-8 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace their star FS Chris Lepore (#1 tkfl, 11 sts, 5 int's) as well as CB Davede Alexander (6 sts, 5 pbu), SS Brian Bourgeois (1 st, 11 tkls) and CB Mike Wiedl (14 tkls). Shalimar Brazier has good size and is on Navy's track team. He took

NAVY 2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS

2005 SPARTAN LEADER											
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Raheem Lambert	151	620	23	597	0	4.0					
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Ed Malinowski	70	36	51.4	455	3	2					
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Gene Reese	18	183	10.2	1	34						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	50+	NET	BLK	IN20				
Brian Williams	58	2275	39.2	—	33.9	3	14				
KICKING	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					
David Hills	2-3	4-5	3-4	0-0	9-12	45					
PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SOCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Lepore	109	0	2	3	5	Josh Brindel	34	1	0	2	0
Jake Bowen	72	1	2	2	0	Daryl Hill	34	2	5	1	0
D. Cromer	60	1	4	2	0	Matt Brooks	28	0	2	0	0
M. Jackson	47	0	2	0	0	Shaka Martin	23	2	4	1	0
M. Wagoner	46	1	6	1	0	Ryan Hamilton	21	0	1	0	0
D. Alexander	40	0	1	5	1	E. Carthan	21	0	1	1	0
B. Mathews	35	1	2	0	1	Brad Wimsatt	20	0	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
Billy Hubbard	30	156	5.2	0	R. Jamal	28	535	19.1	0		

over the starting job at CB as a true so basically the 3 players who started the final 4 games return. I am impressed with the speed of the starters and they have adequate size, especially for a military academy. I list the 2 deep below and look for significant improvement by Navy in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Middles ranked near the bottom of my special teams rankings for 3 straight years but improved to #57 and #60 in 1997 and '98. In 1999 they slipped back to #96 and finished only #94 last year as they had to replace both their punter and kicker as well as their top returnman. This year the group is more experienced. They lose PR Billy Hubbard but he averaged just 5.2. P Brian Williams is gone and he averaged 39.2 per punt in his only year as the starter with a net of 33.9 while also playing WR. Bobby Sparks got in 1 punt as a true and it went for 69 yards so he looks to be a capable replacement. FG man David Hills is back after connecting on a solid 9 of 12 last year including a long of 45. This unit is much more experienced, and I look for a good sized rise in the rankings this year.



PHIL'S FORECAST

When George Welsh was here he had 4 straight winning seasons, going 30-16-1 but after he left the team struggled with 13 straight losing years from 1983-1995. Charlie Weatherbie came in and guided the team to 9-3 and 7-4 records in 1996 and 1997, just when most considered the service academies non-competitive in IA ball. Unfortunately, since CB Chris McCoy left they are just 9-25. Last year was a horrible season for them although they did outgain Georgia Tech 364-305 and led Toledo 14-0. They managed just one win but that was in the season finale vs Army. When those teams played, their 1-19 combined

record was the worst ever for the 2 schools. They bring in a new OC in Mark Hudspeth from Delta St who says they are going to put more passing in the offense and it certainly helps that they have a veteran QB in Brian Madden returning. Last year Navy's option offense averaged just 178 ypg and 3.6 ypc rushing, the worst totals in the Weatherbie era. Over the last 3 games, however, they did average 31.3 ppg and 515 ypg. Defensively they bring in Rick Lantz as the new coordinator. He was Virginia's DC the past 10 years and changes the scheme to a 4-3. This is one of the most experienced Navy teams I have seen. Generally, service academies graduate the majority of their players but with the return of Madden, RB Lambert and a top-notch back 7 on defense, Navy is actually one of my most improved teams in the country. Unfortunately their athletic director keeps giving them tough schedules and they take on some other vastly improved teams this year in Temple, Tulane and Rutgers as well as 5 bowl teams. This should be one of Weatherbie's stronger teams but unfortunately with the schedule they face, it would be extremely tough to net a winning record but 4 or 5 wins is not out of the question.

OFFENSE

2001 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

DEFENSE

QB BRIAN MADDEN SR. 6-1 220 PS#75. JV Tm MVP in 98. 5 sts in 99, #1 rush QB in NCAA, 951 yds (5.3), 325 yds pass (46%), 2-3 ratio. Ed Malinowski (5-10 202 Sr) 3 sts, 496 pass, 40.9 rush, 2Y.
FB RAHEEM LAMBERT SR. 5-10 214 PS#78 11 sts in 99, 790 yds (5.3), 9 sts in 2000, 597 yds (4.0), 4.47 speed. Not 100% ly. Bryce McDonald (6-0 219 Jr) 2 sts, 36 yds ly.
SB GENE REESE JR. 5-9 180 2 sts as true, 28 yds (2.3), 22 yds rush, 6 sts ly, 194 yds (6.7), 18 rec (10.2), 4.42 spd. Tony Lane (5-9 194 So), Terrence Coleman (6-0 210 Sr) 41 total yds.
SB DONNIE FRICKS JR. 5-8 190 PS#88DB. 1 game as Fr. 2 sts ly, 20 yds, 4.49 speed. Brad Tepper (5-10 208 Jr) 6 rec ly. Marlon Terrell (5-8 193 Sr) 2 sts, 121 yds rush, 2Y.
WR DOMINIC BAILEY JR. 5-9 161 5 sts ly, 13 rec (14.8), 13 yds rush. Fastest WR here. Mark Tedrow (6-3 202 So) PS#274. Jeff Gaddy (5-10 175 Sr) 4.35 speed. TE Steve Mercer.
WR CHANDLER SIMS JR. 6-4 210 1 st ly, 5 rec (10.6). Mike McLivray (5-10 176 Jr) PS#279DB. Luke Dreyer (6-6 242 So) PS#56TE. Maurice Chapman (5-7 178 So) PS#200.
C BRIAN SCHULZ SR. 6-0 287 JV in '98. 4 games in '99, 454 bench, #1 on team. 7 starts at LG last year, added 17 lbs. Justin Smith (6-5 250 Jr), 2nd string in 2000.
RG DAN VENUTO SR. 6-6 290 JV in 1998. 2nd string as So, 9 games as backup last year, 378 bench, 4.81 speed, 564 squat. Shane Todd (6-4 297 So) added 33 lbs.
LG BRETT COCHRANE JR. 6-4 292 JV team in 1999. 2nd string in 2000 as soph & lettered, added 27 pounds. Travis Peace (6-4 287 Jr) PS#126TE. 350 lb bench. 5.0 speed.
RT JOHN JEFFERY SR. 6-3 275 JV team in 1998. 2 games, 17 plays in 1999. 2nd string in 2000, 9 games, added 19 lbs. David Walsh (6-6 288 Jr) JV in '99, added 28 lbs.
LT JIM ZAKAR JR. 6-5 265 JV team in 1999. 10 games in 2000, 1 start at TE, 4.87 speed, added 41 pounds. 31" VL. Carl Hazlewood (6-6 287 So) has added 21 lbs.
K DAVID HILLS SR. 6-1 172 JV team in 1999. Hit solid 9 of 12 FG's in 2000 with long of 45 & hit 3 of 4 from 40-49. Eric Rolts (6-2 161 So). Josh Dupree (5-11 219 So).

DE ERIC SEVERSON SR. 6-2 240 JV in '98 & '99. 4.73 spd, 325 bench. 11 games ly, 11 tkls, 3 sts, 2 pbu. Kevin Schwind (6-2 265 So) PS#377OL. Steve Adair (6-2 231 So).
DT ANDY ZETTS JR. 6-1 265 PS#262LB. JV in '99. 358 bench, 4.87 speed. 8 sts at NT ly, 14 tkls, 2 ffl, added 23 lbs. Heath Sanders (6-3 258 Jr) PS#208DL. 3 tkls in 2000.
DT JOSH BRINDEL JR. 6-2 264 PS#301LB. JV in '99. 3 sts at NT ly, 34 tkls, 1 sack, 2 pbu, 387 bench, 4.9 spd, +18 lbs. Alan Thompson (5-10 285 Sr) PS#278, projected str but inj'd ly.
DE MICHAEL WAGONER SR. 6-2 261 28 tkls, 2 sts, 4 ffl in 99. 11 sts ly #1 on DL w/ 46 tkls, 7 tfl, Josh Wolf (6-3 226 Sr) PS#182DL. MVP of JV team in 1999, 4 tkls, 1 sk last year.
RLB BEN MATTHEWS SO. 6-1 220 3 sts as true, 35 tkls, 1 sk, 2 ffl, 1 int, added 20 lbs.
LB EDDIE CARTHAN (5-11 221 So) 6 sts as true, 21 tkls, 1 ffl, 1 pbu as a true frosh, +15 lbs.
MLB JAKE BOWEN SR. 6-1 240 15 tkls, 1 sk in '97, 2 yr LDS mission. 11 sts ly, #2 w/72 tkls, 3 tfl, 342 bench, 4.75 spd, co-captain. Mike Chiesi (6-1 238 Sr) 1 st, 16 tkls, 4 ffl ly.
LB RYAN HAMILTON SR. 6-2 232 3 starts as true, 25 tkls, 12 games in '99, #3 w/ 101 tkls, 4 sts, 9 tfl, 4 starts last year tfl inj, 21 tkls. Dan Ryno (6-1 225 Sr) PS#345, 2 tkls, 2 years.
CB SHALIMAR BRAZIER SO. 5-11 198 Detroit track champ in HS. Navy track team. 4 starts as true (4 of L/5), 10 tkls, 3 pbu. Added 15 lbs. Sina Ekundayo (5-11 180 So) PS#320.
CB MARCUS JACKSON SR. 5-10 172 JV in '98. 1 start, 21 tkls, 4 pbu in '99. 11 starts, 47 tkls, 2 tfl ly, 37" VL, 4.37 speed. Clyde Clark (6-1 193 Jr) 15 tkls, 1 pbu in 2000, 4.49 speed.
SS DEJUAN CROMER SR. 5-9 187 JV in '98. 13 tkls in '99. 10 sts ly, #3 w/60 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl, 2 pbu, 350 bench. Joey Fay (6-6 202 So), Marc Giorgi (5-10 193 So) 5 tkls as true.
FS MATT BROOKS SR. 6-0 185 JV in 1998. 9 tkls in 1999, 1 start at OLB last year. 28 tkls, 2 tfl, 4.4 speed. JP Blecksmith (6-3 221 Jr) PS#111QB, JV team the last 2 years.
P BOBBY SPARKS SO. 6-3 205 1 punt as true & it was for 69 yds. Mason Burk (5-11 189 So) JV punter last year and also plays WR. John Skaggs (6-1 205 So) JV last year.

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

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2001 Angles, Trends & Notes

Navy is 42-29 ATS the last 7 seasons.
This is the 3rd straight season the Midshipmen have not had a "NL" game. They are 9-0 SU their last 9 "NL" games & 9-1 ATS after a "NL" game.

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score	Win Loss	H F	H D	A F	A D	G R	A R	VS CONF	VS NON CONF
Aug. 30	at Temple (Thurs)	A												
Sep. 8	Georgia Tech	G												
Sep. 15	at Northwestern	G												
Sep. 22	Boston College	G												
Sep. 29														
Oct. 6	Air Force	G												
Oct. 13	Rice (HC)	G												
Oct. 20	at Rutgers	G												
Oct. 27	at Toledo	A												
Nov. 3														
Nov. 10	Tulane	G												
Nov. 17	at Notre Dame	G												
Nov. 24														
Dec. 1	† Army (Philadelphia)	A												

Navy is 9-6 ATS in their last 15 vs Big East teams, but 0-3 LY. Midshipmen are 19-7 ATS as an away dog under Weatherbie.
The Middies are 3-11 ATS since '87 in their 1st lined home game. Navy is 0-5 SU & ATS their last 5 vs the ACC.
Strange but true: Navy is 23-5 ATS away after a home game. Middies are 23-9 ATS when traveling to an opposing home port since '94.
Should apply here: Navy is 4-14 ATS as a double digit home dog. Navy is 12-6 ATS the week before a bye.
Middies are 10-5 ATS their last 15 after a bye. The home team is 4-9 ATS in this series since 1988.
Midshipmen are 5-2 ATS their L/7 vs current WAC schools. Navy is 5-3 SU & 2-2 ATS in their last 8 Homecoming games.
The Middies are 27-16-1 ATS since '87 in Oct, but 5-7 ATS L/12. Midshipmen are 4-2 ATS their last 6 vs Rutgers.
Navy likes the fake stuff as they are 13-3 ATS last 7 yrs on art turf. Middies are 3-6 ATS their last 9 vs the Mid American Conference.
Midshipmen are 18-7 ATS the L7Y in November & December. Navy is 5-3 SU & 8-0 ATS their last 8 vs the Green Wave.
The Middies have sunk the ND battleship 9 of the L/13 meetings ATS. Could apply here: Middies are 24-7 ATS the last 8 years off a SU win.
The prior year's SU loser is 13-6 ATS the next year in this series. The underdog is 9-4 ATS the last 13 in this rivalry.

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	8-3	7-4	3-8	5-7	1-10	32-46
ATS	6-4	6-3	8-2	6-3	3-7	9-3	4-7	42-29
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	3-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	8-7
Home Dog	2-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1	5-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	0-0	6-3
Away Dog	4-2	5-0	3-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	3-3	23-9
Favorite	0-0	1-1	5-1	4-1	0-2	4-2	0-3	14-10
Dog	6-4	5-2	3-1	2-2	3-5	5-1	4-4	28-19
Grass	4-4	5-3	7-1	5-3	0-7	5-2	3-6	29-26
Artificial	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	4-1	1-1	13-3
vs Indep	3-0	2-0	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	8-4
vs Non-Indep	3-4	4-3	8-0	4-3	3-6	8-3	4-6	34-25
Off SU Win	3-0	4-1	6-2	4-1	2-1	3-1	0-0	22-6
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-2	1-0	2-1	1-5	6-1	4-6	18-18

Coach: CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 45-57)
Weatherbie's record AT NAVY

7th Year at Navy	8-7	Home Favorite
30-38 Straight Up	3-8	Home Underdog
36-25 Vs The Spread	6-3	Away Favorite
15-15 Off A S/U Loss	19-7	Away Underdog
5-4 Vs Independent	31-21	Vs Non-Indep

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
63	Cotton	NL	Texas	6-28	-
78	Holiday	-5'	BYU	23-16	W
80	Garden	+5'	Houston	0-35	L
81	Liberty	+14'	Ohio St	28-31	W
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38	W

NAVY (1-10) INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 4

DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 33 (17,14,2)

Lost: 29 (13,14,2)



NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	OFF	TOTAL	RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	YPP	%	YPP	TURN	STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP
4*	16.5	18	178	3.6	139	52.3	19.2	-5	2000	6	35.5	22	189	4.3	230
6*	27.2	20	292	5.2	98	45.4	14.4	+7	1999	7	25.5	20	152	3.6	209
4	23.2	19	261	5.0	114	46.0	16.2	-11	1998	2	34.2	23	217	4.9	246
5*	36.2	21	304	5.4	113	51.4	11.5	+10	1997	7	19.0	14	115	3.1	148
9*	32.7	22	280	5.0	147	48.0	13.1	+9	1996	6	25.8	18	152	4.0	195
7	20.3	19	234	4.5	132	48.2	18.0	+8	1995	7	17.2	16	143	3.3	171

OFFENSE 2000 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Temple	7	30-73	2.4	6-13	75	9	24	58-231	4.0	17-27	188	3	+2
at Georgia Tech	25	52-165	3.2	24-40	199	4	18	40-139	3.5	10-19	166	3	-3
at Boston Coll	17	44-112	2.5	11-24	111	0	29	47-211	4.5	24-33	414	0	-1
TCU	8	41-112	2.7	2-6	8	1	25	51-197	3.9	15-18	192	1	0
at Air Force	18	57-108	1.9	11-23	140	7	15	47-135	2.9	6-13	101	3	-1
† Notre Dame	12	32-58	1.8	11-20	188	2	25	55-218	4.0	14-21	229	2	-1
Rutgers	21	70-260	3.7	8-18	107	2	15	32-112	3.5	18-33	304	5	0
Toledo	14	46-127	2.8	10-18	105	3	18	41-251	6.1	17-28	135	0	0
at Tulane	36	56-362	6.5	24-43	362	2	24	29-125	4.3	26-41	380	0	-4
Wake Forest	18	54-283	5.2	12-23	151	8	30	53-305	5.8	16-24	272	0	0
† Army	20	70-300	4.3	7-13	88	2	15	27-153	5.7	13-31	145	0	+3
TOTALS	196	552-1960	3.6	126-241	1534	40	238	480-2077	4.3	176-288	2526	17	-5
AVERAGES	17.8	50-178	3.6	11-22	139	3.6	21.6	44-189	4.3	16-26	230	1.5	-0.5

1996 RESULTS				1997 RESULTS				1998 RESULTS				1999 RESULTS				2000 RESULTS			
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rutgers	-3	10-6	W	at San Diego St	+4'	31-45	L	at Wake Forest	+9	14-26	L	Georgia Tech	+18	14-49	L	Temple	-10'	6-17	L
SMU	-1	19-17	W	Rutgers	-19'	36-7	W	Kent St	-21	38-24	L	at Kent St	-18	48-28	W	at Georgia Tech	+16	13-40	L
at Boston College	+6'	38-43	W	at SMU	E	46-16	W	at Tulane	+22	24-42	W	Boston College	+7	10-14	W	at Boston College	+19	7-48	L
Duke	-9	64-27	W	at Duke	-11	17-26	L	W Virginia	+16	24-45	L	at Rice	+7	17-20	W	TCU	+27	0-24	W
at Air Force	+12	20-17	W	Air Force	+1'	7-10	L	at Air Force	+14'	7-49	L	at W Virginia	+10	31-28	W	at Air Force	+15'	13-27	W
at Wake Forest	-14	47-18	W	VMI	NL	42-7	-	Colgate	NL	42-35	-	Air Force	+10	14-19	W	† Notre Dame	+20	14-45	L
† Notre Dame	+16	27-54	L	at Notre Dame	+17	17-21	W	at Boston College	+14	32-31	W	at Notre Dame	-10	29-35	L	Rutgers	-7'	21-28	L
Delaware	NL	30-14	-	Temple	-13	49-17	W	Rutgers	-10'	33-36	L	at Rutgers	+27	24-28	W	Toledo	+18	14-35	L
Tulane	-13	35-21	W	Colgate	NL	52-24	-	† Notre Dame	+20'	0-30	L	Tulane	-14	34-7	W	at Tulane	+13'	38-50	W
at Georgia Tech	+4'	36-26	W	Kent St	-27	62-29	W	SMU	+3'	11-24	L	at Hawaii	-8'	45-21	W	Wake Forest	-2'	26-49	L
† Army	-2	24-28	L	† Army	-12'	39-7	W	† Army	+6'	30-34	W	† Army	-3	41-48	L	† Army	+2	30-28	W

SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS

QUARTERBACKS - The Bulls have basically just 2 QB's in their short history, with Chad Barnhardt being their first and Marquel Blackwell taking over as a rFr in 1999 when he started the last 9 games. In his first year Blackwell threw for just 1,620 yards (51.9%) with a 16-10 ratio while rushing for 394 yards. Last year he showed solid improvement and went through one stretch where he threw 111 consecutive passes without an int. For the season he threw for 2,016 yards (57.8%) with a 13-4 ratio while rushing for 771 yards. Coach Leavitt likes to compare him to Shaun King and he is now 13-7 as a starter (but only 1-4 vs IA teams). Kevin Patullo (6-2 190 So) was PS#233 and was the top scout team player in 1999. Last year he saw action in 7 games, throwing for 173 yards (64%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 34 yards as a rFr. Ronnie Banks (6-3 220 rFr) is more of a drop back QB and has the strongest arm of the trio. I expect Blackwell's numbers to drop this year as the level of competition increases but overall he will be a better QB in his 3rd season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year USF had to replace Dyrall McMillan who was the school's only 1,000 yard rusher. This year the Bulls lose Rafael Williams, who led the team in rushing in 3 of their first 4 seasons and last year had 704 yards (4.2) with 31 receptions (8.7). The #2 rusher was QB Blackwell and the #3 rusher was FB Otis Dixon who had 3 starts and 149 yards rushing, but he also departs. The leading returning rusher is Vince Brewer had 114 yards. Brewer had just 9 yards in the first 10 games but had a breakout game vs Austin Peay with 105 yards. Clenton Crossley was PS#209 and a PQ last year and could have an impact as could true frosh Joe Bain (PS#131). While Leavitt did sign DeJuan Green, a Georgia transfer who will make a big impact next year, I'm surprised he didn't bring in a JUCO or higher rated RB out of this year's frosh class. This unit clearly looks weaker with the loss of their leading career rusher.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bulls had to replace their top receiver but had 6 of their top 7 back. This year the losses are heavy. Their top 2 WR's depart as does RB Williams, so the top 3 pass catchers from last season have all departed. Gone are WR Scott McCready (10 sts, #1 w/37 rec, 14.0), WR Charlie Jackson (5 sts, 24 rec, 17.0), as well as backup WR's Cory Porter (3 sts, 4 rec), Leon Matthews (1 st, 6 rec), and Reshod Durant (4 rec). The top 2 TE's also depart in Richard Guerrero (8 sts, 14 rec) and Dan Rodimer (1 start). I list the 2 deep below and this is one unit where some newcomers, including 5 true frosh WR's and a top-notch true frosh TE, could make an impact. Three players return with starting experience but the star should be Elgin Hicks, who is PS#24 and originally signed at Florida. Hicks gives them the type of talent they did not have on this team last year. While this group is a lot less experienced, if Hicks lives up to his advanced billing, this could be a more dangerous group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - 1999 was an injury plagued year and last year a veteran group returned. They paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing and only allowed 24 sacks. This year the losses are somewhat heavy. Gone are C Joey Sipp (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), LT Kenyatta Jones (9 sts, 4 yr st'r, #4 DC of NE), LG Anthony McKenzie (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup G Kevin Christian. Three players return with starting experience but 5 of the top 10 are redshirt frosh, and true frosh figure to be a big part of the lineup. There are 2 HT's in the group (both at tackle) but this will be a learning year, especially with the step up in competition.

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF was tough up front in 2000, allowing just 3.4 ypc rushing and racking up 21 sacks, albeit vs a IAA schedule. Last year's DE Coach Wally Burnham used to be S Carolina's DC, and was promoted to Co-Def Coordinator. They must replace DT Therrian Edwards (10 sts, 44 tkl, 3.5 sks), DE Steve Hatley (7 sts, 12 tkl), DE Shawn Hay (9 sts, 27 tkl, 10 tfl), DE John Brown (2 tkl), NT Ron Johnson (23 tkl, 2 tfl) and DE Aleous Chambers (1 tkl). Five DL's return with starting experience and they get a couple of interesting additions in Shurron Pierson (6-3 240 So) and Cedric Battles (6-4 258 So) who were PQ's last year. Also look for a bigger impact out of Ian Blackwell who took a normal redshirt year in 1999 then was forced to undergo an emergency appendectomy last year and saw action in just 6 games. Lee Roy Selmon Jr has 8 starts in 2 years. There is a spattering of talent here, but the group is less experienced and looks weaker.

LINEBACKERS - If there is one unit on this team that is ready for IA ball, it is clearly this one. Three players return with starting experience and all 3 first teamers are HT's including Kawika Mitchell who transferred from Georgia. They also add a couple of true frosh HT's this year who I also list in the 2 deep below. The only losses from last year are Vassay Marc (5 sts, 33 tkl, 4.5 tfl), Marshall Smith (26 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 st) and Jason Butler (6 sts, 48 tkl, 8 tfl). This group is more experienced than it was last year and as mentioned, is ready for IA ball.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulls had practically the same secondary for all of their first 4 in football so naturally this year all 4 four-year starters depart. Gone are CB Anthony Henry (11 sts, 5 int's, 8 pbu, #4DC of CLE), CB Glenn Davis (11 sts, 39 tkl, 3 pbu), FS Roy Manns (11 sts, 76 tkl, 6 pbu), SS Jay Mize (4 sts til int, 35 tkl) as well as backup CB Edwin Greene (8 tkl). Joe Morgan started the last 7 at SS, and they hope to get back Bernard Brown who started in both '98 and '99 but redshirted in 2000 to preserve his eligibility. Unfortunately Brown suffered a broken leg in the offseason which makes his status questionable for fall. There are a couple of HT's that I list below including Maurice Tucker who transferred from Indiana, and rFr Antonio Warren (PS#159). Even if Brown returns, this group is a lot less experienced, and is likely to struggle in their first year of IA ball.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This will be S Florida's first year in my special teams rankings and while they were not ranked last year, they would likely have finished in the upper half of the rankings. They were solid in most areas but keep in mind the majority of their opponents were IAA teams, so their stats were earned vs weaker competition. They lose an outstanding kicker in Bill Gramatica (yes, Martin's brother) who hit 16 of 24 including a 63 yard FG and had 30 touchbacks on his KO's which usually travelled into the end zone. He was a 4th round DC of ARZ, the third of 3 Bulls taken consecutively at the top of the 4th round in IA. He'll be replaced by a 3rd brother in Santiago who is PS#54K. P Devin Sanderson is back after averaging 41.1 last year with a solid team net of 36.0. Once again the level of competition is going up so the net average may go down. They lose their top PR in Charlie Jackson who averaged 9.8 but DeAndrew Rubin was having a spectacular year, averaging 23.4 on PR's before injury. Rubin also averaged 27.8 on 14 KR's but faces tougher foes this year. There is some talent in this group and while the possibility exists that they could indeed rank in the upper half in their first year, I'll call for a lower half finish due to the move to IA ball.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On September 6, 1996 seventy-five players assembled for their first practice ever as the Bulls began to play football and in 1997 they had their first game. They have made amazing strides in a short period of time and move to IA ball this year. They play in Raymond James Stadium (where the Super Bowl was played) and have gone 22-5 there. They were #2 in IAA ball in attendance. They enjoy the fact that the NFL resodded all of their practice fields as the Baltimore Ravens used their facilities in preparation for the Super Bowl. Last year USF beat the #1, #6 and #13 IAA teams but were using 63 scholarship players which is more than most IAA teams are allowed. They will be joining CUSA in 2003 and surprisingly have 7 home games this year despite the fact that they face 9 IA opponents. Their all-time record vs IA competition is 1-5 with the lone win over Connecticut. Jim Leavitt has done a solid job here including last year's 7-4 record and he was formerly the DC at Kansas St. Last year's team had the largest senior class in the school's short history with 30 lettermen lost. Their offensive coordinator left for NC State and the new OC is Mike Hobbe. He inherits 4 starters including the QB but naturally vs a tougher schedule will probably see the offensive numbers drop some. Last season they had 11 starters back on defense and allowed just 18.3 ppg but with only 4 starters back and a much tougher schedule, should be far more yielding. This will be a learning year for S Florida despite the 7 home games. Although they notched 7 wins last year, it looks like 3 or 4 wins this season should be counted as an accomplishment.

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RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (18,23,2)
Lost: 30 (14,14,2)

SOUTH FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 3 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	%	OFF	TOTAL		RET	DEF	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	%	DEF
STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS			YPP	TURN		STS	PTS	FD	RUSH	YPC	PASS		YPP
8	25.3	18	152	4.2	203	58.1	14.1	-2		2000	11	18.3	17	122	3.4	174	49.8	16.2
8	22.4	17	149	3.7	163	51.1	14.0	-3		1999	10	22.5	17	161	4.0	151	47.9	13.9
N/A	36.5	18	192	5.2	217	59.8	11.2	-1		1998	N/A	16.2	15	179	3.8	103	48.3	17.4

OFFENSE										DEFENSE									
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	TURN
Jacksonville St	27	50-289	5.8	19-30	224	1	8	27-27	1.0	11-20	124	1	+	1					
at Kentucky	13	36-134	3.7	12-24	81	7	28	30-145	4.8	30-58	382	0	-	1					
James Madison	13	44-169	3.8	7-16	60	1	15	30-55	1.8	19-41	180	1	+	3					
at Baylor	19	27-173	6.4	22-42	236	0	20	39-147	3.8	20-29	223	2	-	3					
Troy St	23	40-163	4.1	17-34	273	0	15	32-166	5.2	10-28	55	3	0						
at S Miss	7	25-18	0.7	13-27	133	4	23	50-169	3.4	19-35	180	6	-	1					
Liberty	16	34-102	3.0	14-24	255	4	12	33-29	0.9	14-33	154	4	+	3					
at UConn	20	43-151	3.5	19-28	165	1	18	30-115	3.8	14-36	180	0	0						
W Kentucky	18	25-89	3.6	27-39	360	2	18	54-265	4.9	8-13	133	1	0						
at Mid Tenn St	18	28-91	3.3	27-44	206	3	23	34-188	5.5	15-25	232	3	-	3					
Austin Peay	24	47-298	6.3	13-19	242	1	7	37-41	1.1	6-15	76	0	+	1					
TOTALS	198	399-1677	4.2	190-327	2235	24	187	396-1347	3.4	166-333	1919	21	-2.0						
AVERAGES	18.0	36-152	4.2	17-30	203	2.2	17.0	36-122	3.4	15-30	174	1.9	-0.2						

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (41,444)										2000 STATISTICAL LEADERS									
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS																			
1997 1998 1999 2000 4 Yr Total																			
Straight Up 11-0 8-3 7-4 7-4 33-11										RUSHING									
ATS 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0										Rafael Williams 167 748 44 704 4 4.2									
Home Fav 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0										Marquel Blackwell 128 771 205 566 3 4.4									
Away Fav 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0										Otis Dixon 45 161 12 149 6 3.3									
Away Dog 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0										Vince Brewer 22 126 12 114 1 5.2									
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Joe Morgan		Anthony Williams		55	1.5	1	0	0
Jason Butler		Therrian Edwards		48	2	6	0	0
Greg Walls		Anthony Henry		44	3.5	2	1	0
Lee Roy Selmon		Gienn Davis		40	3	8	0	0
Glenn Davis		Yayay Marc		35	0	1	0	0
Gienn Davis		Vassary Jurineack		31	1	3	0	0
Yayay Marc		PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	0
Vassary Jurineack		Charlie Jackson		13	127	9.8	0	0
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4★ OKLAHOMA	-11	Missouri	37-0	WIN
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ARKANSAS STATE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	at Georgia
Sep. 8	at Baylor
Sep. 15	Nicholls St
Sep. 22	Jacksonville St
Sep. 29	BYE
Oct. 6	Mississippi
Oct. 13	Louisiana-Lft
Oct. 20	at N Texas
Oct. 27	Idaho
Nov. 3	at Mid Tenn St
Nov. 10	at New Mexico St
Nov. 17	UL Monroe

MIDDLE TENN ST

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt
Sep. 8	Troy St
Sep. 15	BYE
Sep. 22	at UL Monroe
Sep. 29	at Louisiana-Lft
Oct. 6	Idaho
Oct. 13	at N Texas
Oct. 20	at Mississippi
Oct. 27	New Mexico St
Nov. 3	Arkansas St
Nov. 10	at LSU
Nov. 17	Connecticut

TROY STATE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	at Nebraska
Sep. 8	at Mid Tenn St
Sep. 15	Appalachian St
Sep. 22	Nicholls St
Sep. 29	BYE
Oct. 6	at Miami (Fla)
Oct. 13	at Mississippi St
Oct. 20	CS-Northridge
Oct. 27	Southern Utah
Nov. 3	at Maryland
Nov. 10	at UL Monroe
Nov. 17	Jacksonville St

CONNECTICUT

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	at Virginia Tech
Sep. 8	E Washington
Sep. 15	at Temple
Sep. 22	Buffalo
Sep. 29	at Rutgers
Oct. 6	E Michigan
Oct. 13	at S Florida
Oct. 20	BYE
Oct. 27	Ball St
Nov. 3	at Cincinnati
Nov. 10	Utah St
Nov. 17	at Mid Tenn St

NEW MEXICO STATE

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 23	at Louisville
Sep. 1	at Texas
Sep. 8	Oregon St
Sep. 15	at New Mexico
Sep. 22	at Kansas St
Sep. 29	at UL Monroe
Oct. 6	at Tulsa
Oct. 13	Idaho
Oct. 20	BYE
Oct. 27	at Mid Tenn St
Nov. 3	N Texas
Nov. 10	Arkansas St
Nov. 17	at Louisiana-Lft

UCF

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	at Clemson
Sep. 8	at Syracuse
Sep. 15	Louisiana-Lft
Sep. 22	at Tulane
Sep. 29	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 6	UAB
Oct. 13	Liberty
Oct. 20	UL Monroe
Oct. 27	at Utah St
Nov. 3	Akron
Nov. 10	at Arkansas

IDAHO

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 30	† Washington St
Sep. 8	at Arizona
Sep. 15	at Montana
Sep. 22	at Washington
Sep. 29	Boise St
Oct. 6	at Mid Tenn St
Oct. 13	at New Mexico St
Oct. 20	Louisiana-Lft
Oct. 27	at Arkansas St
Nov. 3	UL Monroe
Nov. 10	BYE
Nov. 17	N Texas

NORTH TEXAS

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	TCU
Sep. 8	at Oklahoma
Sep. 15	at Arkansas
Sep. 22	Texas Tech
Sep. 29	at S Florida
Oct. 6	at UL Monroe
Oct. 13	Mid Tenn St
Oct. 20	Arkansas St
Oct. 27	BYE
Nov. 3	at New Mexico St
Nov. 10	Louisiana-Lft
Nov. 17	at Idaho

UL MONROE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	Sam Houston St
Sep. 8	at Florida
Sep. 15	at Cincinnati
Sep. 22	Mid Tenn St
Sep. 29	New Mexico St
Oct. 6	N Texas
Oct. 13	BYE
Oct. 20	at UCF
Oct. 27	at Louisiana-Lft
Nov. 3	at Idaho
Nov. 10	Troy St
Nov. 17	at Arkansas St

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	Nicholls St
Sep. 8	at Minnesota
Sep. 15	at UCF
Sep. 22	S Mississippi
Sep. 29	Mid Tenn St
Oct. 6	at Arizona St
Oct. 13	at Arkansas St
Oct. 20	at Idaho
Oct. 27	UL Monroe
Nov. 3	BYE
Nov. 10	at N Texas
Nov. 17	New Mexico St

SOUTH FLORIDA

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 30	at N Illinois
Sep. 8	at Pittsburgh
Sep. 15	Southern Utah
Sep. 22	at Memphis
Sep. 29	N Texas
Oct. 6	at Utah
Oct. 13	UConn
Oct. 20	BYE
Oct. 27	Liberty
Nov. 3	Houston
Nov. 10	W Illinois
Nov. 17	BYE
Nov. 24	Utah St

UTAH STATE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sep. 1	at Utah
Sep. 8	at Louisiana St
Sep. 15	at Fresno St
Sep. 22	Wyoming
Sep. 29	Oregon
Oct. 5	at BYU
Oct. 13	BYE
Oct. 20	Idaho St
Oct. 27	UCF
Nov. 3	BYE
Nov. 10	at UConn
Nov. 17	Weber St
Nov. 24	at S Florida

OTHER SCHOOL'S 2000 GAME RESULTS

ARKANSAS ST

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at NC State	W	+18'	31-38
S 9	at Oklahoma	L	+32	7-45
S 16	Memphis	W	+7	17-19
S 23	at TCU	L	+26'	3-52
S 30	Richmond	-	NL	27-30
O 7	at Mississippi	W	+26	10-35
O 14	at Idaho	L	+12	25-42
O 21	N Mexico St	L	+3'	29-35
O 28	at Utah St	L	+5	31-44
N 4	Boise St	L	+14	14-42
N 11	N Texas	W	-7'	53-28

MID TENN ST

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Illinois	W	+33'	6-35
S 9	at Florida	L	+39'	0-55
S 16	Murray St	-	NL	44-28
S 23	at Maryland	W	+20	27-45
S 30	BYE			
O 7	Louisiana Tech	W	+2	49-21
O 14	UL Monroe	W	-18	28-10
O 21	at UAB	W	+10	9-14
O 28	at Miss St	W	+27'	35-61
N 4	at UConn	W	-10'	66-10
N 11	S Florida	-	NL	45-9
N 18	Louisiana-Lft	L	-26'	41-38

TROY STATE

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Alabama A&M	-	NL	28-13
S 9	at Appalachian St	-	NL	34-28
S 16	Alabama St	-	NL	62-19
S 23	BYE			
S 30	at S Florida	-	NL	10-20
O 7	at Northwestern St	-	NL	17-24
O 12	SW Texas	-	NL	31-7
O 21	at Sam Houston St	-	NL	23-21
O 28	Nicholls St	-	NL	41-12
N 4	at Stephen F. Austin	-	NL	6-0
N 11	McNeese St	-	NL	20-16
N 18	at Jacksonville St	-	NL	28-0
N 25	Appalachian St	-	NL	30-33

CONNECTICUT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at E Michigan	W	+20	25-32
S 9	Colgate	-	NL	37-7
S 16	at Buffalo	L	-14'	24-21
S 23	Northeastern	-	NL	27-35
S 30	at Louisville	W	+30	22-41
O 7	at Boston Coll	L	+29	3-55
O 14	BYE			
O 21	at Akron	W	+22	38-35
O 28	S Florida	-	NL	13-21
N 4	Mid Tenn St	L	+10'	10-66
N 11	Rhode Island	-	NL	21-26
N 18	at Ball St	L	+16'	0-29

NEW MEXICO ST

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at S Carolina	L	+9	0-31
S 9	BYE			
S 16	New Mexico	L	-4	13-16
S 23	at Georgia	L	+30	0-37
S 30	at UTEP	W	+12	31-41
O 7	Army	W	-4	42-23
O 14	Tulsa	W	-7'	42-28
O 21	at Arkansas St	W	-3'	35-29
O 28	Boise St	W	+8	31-34
N 4	Utah St	L	-6'	37-44
N 11	at Idaho	W	+7	41-44
N 18	at N Texas	L	-11	23-30

UCF

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Ga Tech	W	+15'	17-21
S 9	at Northwestern St	-	NL	19-7
S 16	at Akron	L	-2'	24-35
S 23	William & Mary	-	NL	52-7
S 30	at E Michigan	W	-5'	31-10
O 7	at N Illinois	L	+4	20-40
O 14	E Kentucky	-	NL	34-3
O 21	UL Monroe	W	-31	55-0
O 28	at Alabama	W	+18'	40-38
N 4	at Louisiana Tech	L	-6'	20-16
N 11	Virginia Tech	L	+12	21-42

IDAHO

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Washington	L	+22	20-44
S 9	Montana	-	NL	38-45
S 16	at Oregon	L	+21	13-42
S 23	at Wash St	W	+10'	38-34
S 30	Montana St	-	NL	56-7
O 7	at W Virginia	W	+13	16-28
O 14	Arkansas St	W	-12	42-25
O 21	at Utah St	L	-11'	14-31
O 28	BYE			
N 4	at N Texas	L	-13'	16-14
N 11	N Mexico St	L	-7	44-41
N 18	at Boise St	L	+14'	24-66

NORTH TEXAS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
A 31	Baylor	L	+6	7-20
S 9	at Texas Tech	W	+30'	7-13
S 16	at UNLV	L	+16'	0-38
S 23	at Kansas St	W	+51'	10-55
S 30	BYE			
O 5	Samford	-	NL	41-6
O 14	Utah St	L	+1	12-17
O 21	at Boise St	L	+27	0-59
O 28	at Louisiana-Lft	W	+4'	13-0
N 4	Idaho	W	+13'	14-16
N 11	at Arkansas St	L	+7'	28-53
N 18	N Mexico St	W	+11	30-23

UL MONROE

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Minnesota	L	+27	10-47
S 9	at Memphis	L	+17'	0-28
S 16	Nicholls St	-	NL	27-21
S 23	at Tennessee	L	+36'	3-70
S 30	SW Texas	-	NL	7-27
O 7	at Arkansas	L	+34'	6-52
O 14	at Mid Tenn St	L	+18	0-28
O 21	at UCF	L	+31	0-55
O 28	BYE			
N 4	Louisiana-Lft	L	-2	18-21
N 11	Louisiana Tech	W	+23'	19-42
N 18	Wofford	-	NL	6-14

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	Sam Houston St	-	NL	14-21
S 9	at Texas	W	+46'	10-52
S 16	at Texas Tech	W	+32	0-26
S 23	Northwestern St	-	NL	21-23
S 30	at UAB	L	+19	2-47
O 7	Tulane	W	+20'	37-38
O 14	at Louisiana Tech	L	+6	14-48
O 21	BYE			
O 28	N Texas	L	-4'	0-13
N 4	at UL Monroe	W	+2	21-18
N 11	Jacksonville St	-	NL	14-28
N 18	at Mid Tenn St	W	+26'	38-41

SOUTH FLORIDA

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	Jacksonville St	-	NL	40-0
S 9	at Kentucky	-	NL	9-27
S 16	James Madison	-	NL	26-7
S 23	at Baylor	-	NL	13-28
S 30	Troy St	-	NL	20-10
O 7	at S Miss	-	NL	7-41
O 14	BYE			
O 21	Liberty	-	NL	44-6
O 28	at UConn	-	NL	21-13
N 4	W Kentucky	-	NL	30-24
N 11	at Mid Tenn St	-	NL	9-45
N 18	Austin Peay	-	NL	59-0

UTAH ST

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Texas Tech	L	+21	16-38
S 9	S Utah	-	NL	30-14
S 16	BYE			
S 23	at Arizona St	L	+21'	20-44
S 30	Utah	L	+12	14-35
O 6	at BYU	L	+20	14-38
O 14	at N Texas	W	-1	17-12
O 21	Idaho	W	+11'	31-14
O 28	Arkansas St	W	-5	44-31
N 4	at N Mexico St	W	+6'	44-37
N 11	at Boise St	L	+16	38-66
N 18	Idaho St	-	NL	24-27

Can You Answer These Questions?

Which AFC team is 7-3-1 ATS at home in the September heat?

Who is the NFL's best home underdog with a 28-6 ATS mark?

Which AFC team is 1-9 ATS in "Pick 'em" games?

Which AFC East team is 17-5-1 ATS vs the NFC over the last 6 years?

Despite a win last year, which AFC West team is 3-13 ATS vs the AFC Central?

Which '90's Super Bowl winner is 1-11 ATS at home off a SU home loss?

Which NFC team is 4-18 ATS their last 22 December road games?

Which 2000 Playoff team is 12-3 ATS as a double digit road dog?

Which NFC team is 9-3 ATS the week after a bye?

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WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is individual players' "PS #'s". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS # stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question I list at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS # is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout all of the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS #'s based on many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When I receive a recruiting magazine, I translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. We then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2001 Freshmen List has 7,576 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally the QB with the most total points then becomes PS #1 QB for that year. If a player is PS #99 QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school.

Some positions do not have as many players as others. As an example, this year's PS #99 TE totaled just 98.9 points in my system. PS #99 OL this year had 358.4 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 98.9 points in the offensive line is rated PS #334 OL this year. The PS # is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as Juniors. They are seasoned players and older and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS # who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10 and he increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times and running a 4.36 40 en route to being the 1st DB drafted in the 1st round of this year's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make All Conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. But also just like the NFL, there are many MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school who become stars and make an immediate impact.

RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

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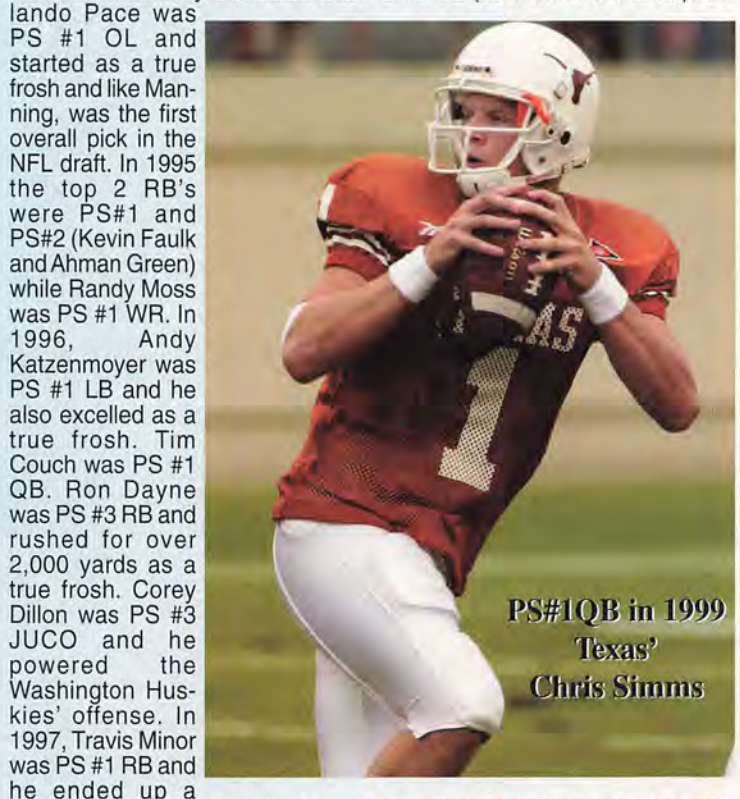
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I'll give you some examples. LaVar Arrington was PS #1 LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft (See NFL Draft A VHT Day - page 4). In 1994, Peyton Manning was PS #2 QB and started as a true frosh. TE Tony Gonzalez was PS #1 TE (now with KC Chiefs). Orlando Pace was PS #1 OL and started as a true frosh and like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995 the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS #1 WR. In 1996, Andy Katzenmoyer was PS #1 LB and he also excelled as a true frosh. Tim Couch was PS #1 QB. Ron Dayne was PS #3 RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS #3 JUCO and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1997, Travis Minor was PS #1 RB and he ended up a starter at Florida St. Akili Smith was PS #1 JUCO and he was a high NFL DC. These are just some examples but as you see the lower the PS #, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.



PS#1QB in 1999
Texas'
Chris Simms

I find PS #'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a first or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly, and the higher rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS #.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in the magazine. Now that you know what a PS # is, naturally the PS stands for Phil Steele or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a highly touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT is a player rated among the top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT (very highly touted) guidelines in the past couple of years. For positions like K, QB and TE the ratings stay the same. WR and RB have two spots on most teams. The HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #30. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's and that is up to #200 for HT classification and #35 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players per team. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions and a VHT is among the top 40 out of HS at their position. The offensive line which has 5 spots is up to #250 as an HT and up to #50 for a VHT.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. On the offensive line sometimes I will mention that a player was a top notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality linemen.

On the next page are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little different, listing all the players who accumulated 500 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 1997-2001 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just \$15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 5 years.

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1. Joe Mauer Florida St
2. Brodie Croyle Alabama
3. DJ Shockley Georgia
4. Bryan Randall Virginia Tech
5. Adrian McPherson Florida St
6. Derek Anderson Oregon St
7. Kellen Clemens Oregon
8. Brent Rawls Oklahoma
9. Matt Leinart USC
10. Ingle Martin Florida
11. Kyle Orton Purdue
12. Justin Holland Colorado St
13. Damarius Bilbo Georgia Tech
14. Casey Paus Washington
15. Nic Costa Arizona
16. Cecil Howard Syracuse
17. Kyle Matter Stanford
18. Owen Daniels Wisconsin
19. Paul Troth E Carolina
20. Aaron Alexander Michigan St
21. Jay Davis N Carolina St
22. Kendal Briles Texas
23. Matt Nordgren Texas
24. Brett Basanez Northwestern
25. Mike Stuntz Nebraska
26. Russell Lovett Colorado
27. Ronnie Prude LSU
28. Danny Embick West Virginia
29. Mike McLaughlin Nebraska
30. Quinton Porter Boston College
31. Bennett Swygert S Carolina
32. Rashan Johnson Georgia Tech

RUNNING BACKS

1. Kelly Baraka Michigan
2. Jabari Davis Tennessee
3. Eric Shelton Florida St
4. Carnell Williams Auburn
5. Cedric Benson Texas
6. Kevin Jones Virginia Tech
7. DeArrius Howard Arkansas
8. Maurice Hall Ohio St
9. Michael Bell Arizona
10. Frank Gore Miami (Fla)
11. Cedric Houston Tennessee
12. Donta Hickson Oklahoma
13. Derrick Tinsley Tennessee
14. Seymore Shaw Oklahoma
15. Tyler Ebell UCLA
16. David Underwood Michigan
17. Joseph Addai LSU
18. Lydell Ross Ohio St
19. Darryl Poston USC
20. JR Lemon Stanford
21. Willie Reid Florida St
22. Kejuan Jones Oklahoma
23. Tramain Hall N Carolina St
24. Damien Nash Missouri
25. Ryan Grant Notre Dame
26. Ayo Saba Kansas St
27. Ty Eriks Washington
28. Anthony Evans Houston
29. Marques Simmons Nebraska
30. Brandon Brokaw Boston Coll
31. Rikki Cook Rutgers
32. Jacque Lewis N Carolina
33. Darren Sproles Kansas St
34. Hakim Hall Arizona St
35. Steven Jackson Oregon St

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Roscoe Crosby Clemson
2. Michael Clayton LSU
3. Reggie Williams Washington
4. Craphonso Thorpe Florida St
5. Charles Frederick Washington
6. Montrell Jones Tennessee
7. Jerome Janet Kansas St
8. Tim Massaquoi Michigan
9. Fred Lee Virginia Tech
10. Aïrese Currie Clemson
11. Junior Taylor UCLA
12. Tymere Zimmerman Clemson
13. Brandon Jones Oklahoma
14. Jeb Huceba Arkansas
15. Angelo Chattams Ohio St

16. Lynzell Jackson Utah
17. Armon Dorrough Texas Tech
18. Carlos Campbell Notre Dame
19. Larry Fitzgerald N/A
20. Earvin Johnson UNLV
21. Anthony Mix Auburn
22. Mike Espy Mississippi
23. William Buchanan USC
24. Terrance Phillips Penn St
25. Kevin Noel Purdue
26. Darrin Charles Wisconsin
27. Daryl Lightfoot Arizona St
28. Sterling Hicks N Carolina St
29. Fred Gibson Georgia
30. Ratavious Biddle Mississippi
31. PK Sam Florida St
32. Scott Robinson Virginia
33. Robert Strickland Michigan St
34. Larry Kendrick Florida
35. Kellen Winslow Miami (Fla)
36. Chris Murray N Carolina St
37. Terrance Thomas Texas A&M
38. Dovonte Edwards N Carolina St
39. Thomson Omboga Missouri
40. Tristan Smith Tulane
41. Jonathan Orr Wisconsin

TIGHT ENDS

1. Patrick Estes Virginia
2. Trai Essex Northwestern
3. Erik Gill Pittsburgh
4. David Jones LSU
5. Kyle Ealey Michigan
6. James Moses Oklahoma
7. Kory Hebert LSU
8. Ben Hall Clemson
9. Quan Domineck Mid Tenn St
10. Keith Carter UCLA
11. Andrew Richardson Penn St

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Ben Wilkerson LSU
2. Chris Spencer Mississippi
3. Blake Larsen Iowa
4. Mark LeVoi Notre Dame
5. Jami Hightower Texas A&M
6. Jonathan Scott Texas
7. Zachary Giles Notre Dame
8. Andrew Whitworth LSU
9. Robert Cleary UCLA
10. Tyler Reed Penn St
11. Mike Degory Florida
12. Shawn Andrews Arkansas
13. E.Z. Smith Penn St
14. Rudy Niswanger LSU
15. Adam Stenavich Michigan
16. Abe Robinson Baylor
17. Jared Helming Nebraska
18. Ron Lunford Florida St
19. Dan Stevenson Notre Dame
20. Drew Shader Colorado
21. Andrew Henry-Kennon Florida St
22. Richie Incognito Nebraska
23. Dan Simelis Michigan
24. Von Ewing Alabama
25. Adam Olds Ohio St
26. William Winston Texas
27. Collin Barker UCLA
28. John Wilson Penn St
29. Rob Needham Illinois
30. Robert Bergman Miami (Fla)
31. Russ Tanner Georgia
32. Leo Henige Michigan
33. Lance Butler Florida
34. Will Allen Texas
35. Mike Garcia Texas
36. Gary Pike Nebraska
37. Jeremy Trueblood Boston College
38. Eric Broe Florida St
39. Terrance Young Texas
40. Ed Blanton UCLA
41. Joe Toledo Washington

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Shaun Cody USC
2. Tommie Harris Oklahoma
3. Marcus Spears LSU

4. Charles Rush Penn St
5. Anttaj Hawthorne Wisconsin
6. Orien Harris Miami (Fla)
7. Pat Massey Michigan
8. Marquise Hill LSU
9. Pierre Woods Michigan
10. George Gause S Carolina
11. Lorenzo Alexander California
12. Jockes Dumas N Carolina
13. Simon Fraser Ohio St
14. Titus Adams Nebraska
15. Marquis Elmore Georgia
16. Justin Tomerlin Florida St
17. Mark Anderson Stanford
18. Lionel Williams Illinois
19. Thomas Carroll Miami (Fla)
20. Thomas Derricks Northwestern
21. Jeff Littlejohn Miami (Fla)
22. Corey Mays Notre Dame
23. Tui Alailealeula Washington
24. Robert Taylor N/A
25. Wayne Dickens Auburn
26. Joe Dipre Pittsburgh
27. Kaelen Jakes Texas
28. Davon Clark Rutgers
29. Matthias Askew Michigan St
30. Matt Sinclair Illinois
31. LeKevin Smith Nebraska
32. Darrell Holmes Georgia
33. Freddie Roach Alabama
34. Matt Rice Penn St
35. Dethrell Garcia Penn St
36. Jeff Thompson Notre Dame
37. Mike Bazemore Michigan St
38. Lawrence Hooper Texas A&M
39. Forrest Tucker Auburn
40. Kevin Vickerson Michigan St
41. Keith Lipka Minnesota
42. Brandon Washington LSU
43. Bill Swancutt Oregon St
44. Bret Rayl Oklahoma
45. O.J. Oshinowo Stanford
46. Brandon McKinney Michigan St
47. Ray Tago USC
48. Randy Starks Maryland
49. Matt Heinz Florida St

LINEBACKERS

1. Michael Craven Stanford
2. Kevin Simon Tennessee
3. Leon Williams Miami (Fla)
4. LeMarcus Rowell Auburn
5. Marvin Simmons USC
6. Derrick Johnson Texas
7. Chauncey Davis Florida St
8. Willie Jones Florida St
9. Scott McClintock Michigan
10. Brent Grover Purdue
11. Reggie Arden Ohio St
12. Jonathan Jackson Oklahoma
13. Roger McIntosh Miami (Fla)
14. Jason Mitchell Tennessee
15. Chris Rudiger Stanford
16. Barrett Ruud Nebraska
17. Doug Justice N Carolina
18. Lamar Stewart Penn St
19. Chad Anderson Kentucky
20. Gabe Toomey Oklahoma
21. Seth Mitchell Michigan St
22. Andra Hoston UCF

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Ernest Shazor Michigan
2. Matthew Ware UCLA
3. Antrel Rolle Miami (Fla)
4. Robert Boulware Tennessee
5. Dominic Robinson Florida St
6. Marlin Jackson Michigan
7. Jerome Carter Florida St
8. Ahmad Carroll Arkansas
9. Quan Cosby Texas
10. Brett Bell Wisconsin

11. Michael Robinson Penn St
12. C.J. Faylor Tennessee
13. Gerard Ross Florida St
14. Randy Jones Virginia
15. DeAngelo Hall Virginia Tech
16. Dustin Fox Ohio St
17. Byron Jones Texas A&M
18. DeWayne Brandon Texas Tech
19. Rufus Harris Texas
20. Chuck Moore Illinois
21. Quentin Burrell Notre Dame
22. Derron Johnson Memphis
23. D.J. Walton Virginia Tech
24. Cedric Griffin Texas
25. Bobby Klinck Oklahoma
26. Ray Piquion Florida St
27. Antwon Guidry Nebraska
28. Rueben Houston Georgia Tech
29. Clarence McDougal Miss St
30. Jibril Raymo UCLA
31. Lamar Baker Arizona St
32. Brandon Williams LSU
33. Cory Ross Nebraska
34. Marcus Wimbush Maryland
35. Jeff Backes Northwestern
36. Rashaun Powers-Neal Notre Dame
37. Jaxson Appel Texas A&M

KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Mike McLaughlin Alabama
2. Joe Rheem Kansas St
3. Graham Siderius Wash St
4. Ryan Cuzzetto Oregon St
5. Mike Nugent Ohio St
6. Bryan Robertson Indiana

JUCO's

1. Marc Dunn Kansas St
2. Marvin Jackson Arkansas
3. Henry Bryant Kansas St
4. Robert Hodge Colorado
5. Anton Paige Texas Tech
6. Alfio Randall Texas
7. Antoine Murphy Baylor
8. Francisco Tipoti Washington
9. Ricky Sailor Texas Tech
10. Milford Brown Florida St
11. Michael Hall Illinois
12. Kendrick Starling Marshall
13. Corey Banks Miss St
14. Chavez Donnings S Carolina
15. Corey Brown Miss St
16. Loo Heather San Diego St
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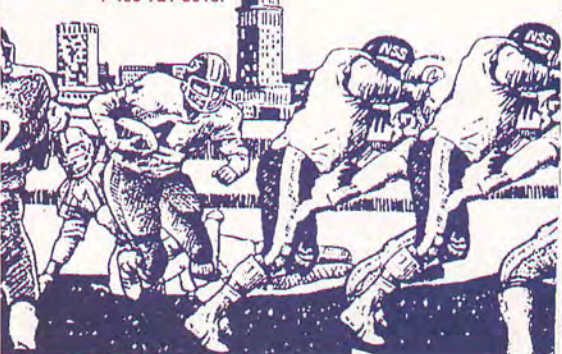
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2001 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2001 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Florida St | 16. Virginia Tech | 31. Colorado | 46. Mississippi St | 61. UNLV |
| 2. Michigan | 17. Arkansas | 32. Arizona St | 47. Missouri | 62. E Carolina |
| 3. Texas | 18. Texas A&M | 33. N Carolina St | 48. Rutgers | 63. Colorado St |
| 4. LSU | 19. Florida | 34. Mississippi | 49. Oregon | 64. Duke |
| 5. Notre Dame | 20. Purdue | 35. Alabama | 50. Kansas | 65. Vanderbilt |
| 6. Miami, Fla | 21. Wisconsin | 36. Oregon St | 51. Kentucky | 66. Cincinnati |
| 7. Tennessee | 22. Kansas St | 37. Boston College | 52. W Virginia | 67. Iowa St |
| 8. Ohio St | 23. Georgia | 38. Northwestern | 53. Syracuse | 68. Oklahoma St |
| 9. Oklahoma | 24. Iowa | 39. Pittsburgh | 54. Houston | 69. Louisiana Tech |
| 10. Nebraska | 25. Clemson | 40. Texas Tech | 55. Washington St | 70. Wake Forest |
| 11. Penn St | 26. Illinois | 41. N Carolina | 56. Baylor | 71. Utah |
| 12. UCLA | 27. Virginia | 42. S Carolina | 57. Minnesota | 72. Mid Tenn St |
| 13. USC | 28. Auburn | 43. Maryland | 58. Tulane | 73. S Mississippi |
| 14. Washington | 29. Georgia Tech | 44. Arizona | 59. Indiana | 74. Temple |
| 15. Stanford | 30. Michigan St | 45. California | 60. UCF | 75. UAB |

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2001 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2001 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the top 10 signees, average signing grade per player, and total points for the class. The quantity of signees was also considered. Keep in mind some schools had as many as 30 signees and others as few as 9. There were some surprises. Houston went just 3-8 last season and finished near the bottom of the Conference USA standings. That did not deter Dana Dimel and his staff, as they simply bagged the top rated class in the conference, beating out bowl teams from last year like Louisville and TCU. Also, there was a surprise in the MAC as Ball State (5-6 a year ago) had the top class this season, while 4 time league champions Marshall only managed to herd in the 7th best class in the league. Finally, maybe Sweet Lou is losing his touch, as despite a huge turnaround and a Jan 1st bowl bid (and a defeat over Ohio St in the bowl) the Gamecocks had only the 9th best class in the SEC. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars. One final note: only 115 teams are ranked below because Navy and Air Force's signee lists were unavailable at press time.

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| BIG 10 | SEC | PAC 10 | BIG EAST | MAC |
| 1. Michigan | 1. LSU | 1. UCLA | 1. Miami, Fla | 1. Ball St |
| 2. Ohio St | 2. Tennessee | 2. USC | 2. Virginia Tech | 2. Kent St |
| 3. Penn St | 3. Arkansas | 3. Washington | 3. Boston College | 3. N Illinois |
| 4. Purdue | 4. Florida | 4. Stanford | 4. Pittsburgh | 4. W Michigan |
| 5. Wisconsin | 5. Georgia | 5. Arizona St | 5. Rutgers | 5. Buffalo |
| 6. Iowa | 6. Auburn | 6. Oregon St | 6. West Virginia | 6. Bowling Green |
| 7. Illinois | 7. Mississippi | 7. Arizona | 7. Syracuse | 7. Marshall |
| 8. Michigan St | 8. Alabama | 8. California | 8. Temple | 8. E Michigan |
| 9. Northwestern | 9. S Carolina | 9. Oregon | CUSA | 9. Akron |
| 10. Minnesota | 10. Mississippi St | 10. Washington St | 1. Houston | 10. Miami, Oh |
| 11. Indiana | 11. Kentucky | SUN BELT | 2. Tulane | 11. C Michigan |
| | 12. Vanderbilt | 1. Mid Tenn St | 3. E Carolina | 12. Toledo |
| BIG 12 | | 2. Idaho | 4. Cincinnati | 13. Ohio U |
| 1. Texas | ACC | 3. Arkansas St | 5. S Mississippi | |
| 2. Oklahoma | 1. Florida St | 4. N Mexico St | 6. UAB | |
| 3. Nebraska | 2. Clemson | 5. N Texas St | 7. TCU | |
| 4. Texas A&M | 3. Virginia | 6. UL Lafayette | 8. Louisville | WAC |
| 5. Kansas St | 4. Georgia Tech | 7. UL Monroe | 9. Memphis | 1. Louisiana Tech |
| 6. Colorado | 5. N Carolina St | INDEPENDENT | 10. Army | 2. Hawaii |
| 7. Texas Tech | 6. N Carolina | 1. Notre Dame | MOUNTAIN WEST | 3. Tulsa |
| 8. Missouri | 7. Maryland | 2. UCF | 1. UNLV | 4. SMU |
| 9. Kansas | 8. Duke | 3. S Florida | 2. Colorado St | 5. Boise St |
| 10. Baylor | 9. Wake Forest | 4. UConn | 3. Utah | 6. San Jose St |
| 11. Iowa St | | 5. Utah St | 4. BYU | 7. Fresno St |
| 12. Oklahoma St | | 6. Troy St | 5. San Diego St | 8. Rice |
| | | | 6. Wyoming | 9. Nevada |
| | | | 7. New Mexico | 10. UTEP |

2000 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, in '96, Iowa St returned only 5 punts all year and punted 51 times. Their net punting average was weighted 10 times as much as their punt return average ranking. These ratings do not take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/bk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. Listed are the computer's 2000 final ratings.

#	TEAM	NET PUNTS	KR OFF	PR OFF	KR TD	DEF BK	#	TEAM	NET PUNTS	KR OFF	PR OFF	KR TD	DEF BK
1	Miami (Fla)	39.2	22.9	18.7	17.4	5	58	Wake Forest	36.0	21.6	4.9	20.2	-1
2	Notre Dame	37.2	24.8	14.3	19.4	7	59	UCLA	37.7	19.8	6.3	22.4	-1
3	TCU	37.0	29.1	10.7	15.8	3	60	Akron	34.8	19.2	7.5	18.8	0
4	Ohio U	39.7	19.5	11.9	15.6	5	61	Tulsa	34.4	17.7	15.3	18.4	-1
5	Wisconsin	42.5	20.1	9.3	18.1	3	62	UCF	35.9	15.4	10.4	20.6	2
6	Virginia Tech	32.5	19.5	17.0	16.8	6	63	Arizona St	36.5	18.7	8.3	19.3	-2
7	Iowa	39.0	23.4	9.0	17.2	2	64	Nebraska	35.0	18.0	10.7	21.3	-1
8	Illinois	31.0	20.7	16.2	16.6	5	65	Oregon St	36.2	20.4	9.9	21.7	-2
9	Colorado St	35.9	22.8	15.7	18.9	0	66	Washington St	33.5	19.7	7.3	19.5	2
10	Kansas St	34.2	18.7	16.2	16.6	3	67	Hawaii	35.3	19.4	9.8	20.2	-1
11	Oklahoma	37.1	21.1	14.5	18.5	0	68	Cincinnati	34.4	20.2	7.7	17.5	-2
12	Georgia Tech	38.2	22.9	10.1	16.3	-1	69	Washington	33.5	20.8	7.1	20.5	1
13	Georgia	39.8	19.3	8.1	17.7	2	70	Texas Tech	34.1	18.1	10.9	18.6	-2
14	New Mexico	35.5	21.2	9.4	18.8	6	71	Purdue	32.5	21.0	9.1	18.4	-2
15	Duke	39.6	22.3	7.9	20.9	0	72	E Carolina	29.3	20.0	15.9	20.3	0
16	Clemson	35.8	20.2	15.0	20.3	3	73	Iowa St	32.9	16.8	12.3	20.5	2
17	Minnesota	39.2	18.5	13.1	21.4	4	74	Mid Tenn St	32.1	19.6	10.7	18.3	-1
18	Texas	36.5	24.2	11.3	16.4	-1	75	Bowling Green	34.6	17.0	8.3	16.7	-1
19	Tennessee	34.5	23.7	8.7	18.3	-1	76	New Mexico St	34.7	19.4	9.2	22.1	0
20	W Michigan	32.2	20.4	15.3	15.6	-1	77	UTEP	35.1	15.3	7.8	17.7	0
21	Arkansas St	32.5	24.2	11.8	17.6	3	78	Pittsburgh	31.9	19.1	8.2	18.4	0
22	Mississippi St	37.9	22.0	9.4	19.8	1	79	S Carolina	35.2	19.4	8.4	23.5	1
23	Boise St	34.1	22.5	9.0	18.4	3	80	Utah St	35.6	20.1	9.2	22.5	-2
24	Colorado	35.0	20.5	17.8	23.2	4	81	N Carolina	31.5	18.0	13.1	20.7	0
25	Miami (Oh)	34.3	20.2	12.3	20.4	4	82	Stanford	32.0	20.2	9.2	21.3	2
26	UNLV	36.4	20.5	14.6	18.7	-1	83	U Conn	35.9	18.5	9.1	21.0	-2
27	Syracuse	35.1	22.6	10.8	17.0	-1	84	Army	31.4	19.7	17.1	22.4	0
28	Alabama	38.4	18.3	12.1	20.3	2	85	California	35.0	20.2	9.7	20.4	-5
29	Ohio St	36.2	24.0	12.8	21.0	-1	86	Arkansas	36.7	19.1	6.0	21.8	-3
30	Fresno St	35.4	19.3	12.6	19.1	3	87	Boston College	34.7	17.5	8.4	21.5	-1
31	NC State	34.9	23.2	14.0	22.6	3	88	Air Force	32.7	20.7	7.9	21.8	-1
32	Michigan	35.8	17.1	10.4	18.8	4	89	Memphis	33.8	16.6	10.5	20.6	-3
33	Auburn	37.7	20.2	8.1	18.4	1	90	W Virginia	30.8	21.9	7.3	20.8	-1
34	San Jose St	36.5	20.1	7.8	18.8	2	91	Wyoming	32.9	18.3	7.5	14.5	-2
35	Oklahoma St	34.0	18.0	9.0	18.9	7	92	Kentucky	34.3	19.2	1.1	22.8	0
36	Tulane	40.3	20.5	8.4	21.8	0	93	Idaho	31.3	18.3	3.7	18.8	0
37	Maryland	37.9	19.1	5.1	17.5	1	94	Navy	33.9	18.6	5.2	20.1	-2
38	Louisville	35.4	24.2	8.1	18.2	-1	95	Houston	31.4	20.3	2.7	20.3	1
39	Utah	34.4	21.9	9.2	17.2	1	96	Rice	34.5	14.9	7.2	23.4	1
40	Arizona	34.6	21.9	12.0	22.1	2	97	Kent St	33.4	18.1	6.4	21.0	-2
41	Marshall	36.3	18.3	9.8	18.3	1	98	E Michigan	33.1	17.0	9.5	17.0	-5
42	Texas A&M	33.8	18.5	11.7	19.6	3	99	SMU	32.6	19.4	9.5	20.7	-5
43	Illinois	36.3	17.4	12.1	16.7	-1	100	Temple	31.0	18.2	8.0	20.2	-2
44	Vanderbilt	36.4	22.0	8.8	19.6	-1	101	C Michigan	32.1	16.4	11.3	18.0	-4
45	Toledo	32.6	21.2	8.3	17.7	2	102	Missouri	30.6	17.7	7.8	19.6	-2
46	BYU	37.9	20.1	7.0	23.8	2	103	Rutgers	31.3	18.7	9.8	23.1	-3
47	Oregon	37.0	22.5	7.6	17.5	-4	104	San Diego St	32.9	18.0	7.4	22.8	-4
48	Virginia	40.0	18.4	5.8	21.8	-1	105	Baylor	30.9	19.0	9.7	21.3	-4
49	Penn St	34.4	21.3	4.4	17.3	2	106	Kansas	30.1	17.6	8.7	20.6	-3
50	Michigan St	37.3	21.5	7.7	21.0	-2	107	USC	28.4	19.5	9.2	19.3	-4
51	UAB	34.6	17.9	9.0	21.4	4	108	Ball St	27.9	15.3	7.5	18.2	1
52	LSU	34.2	20.3	10.5	18.4	-1	109	Louisiana Tech	27.4	19.1	7.1	21.0	-3
53	Northwestern	35.4	19.5	9.5	19.3	0	110	Nevada	31.1	17.4	3.6	20.0	-4
54	Florida	34.0	18.9	15.0	20.2	-1	111	Buffalo	29.6	15.9	12.0	24.8	-1
55	Mississippi	34.8	18.8	11.6	22.1	3	112	Louisiana-Lft	29.5	16.6	10.4	20.4	-4
56	S Mississippi	34.8	19.7	12.8	19.9	-2	113	Indiana	26.2	19.6	8.3	23.5	-7
57	Florida	34.7	19.7	11.0	20.5	-1	114	N Texas	29.0	16.2	12.2	19.3	-6
							115	UL Monroe	26.8	17.7	5.7	20.5	-6

2000 PASS EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Just like the special teams, I feed the pass defense numbers into my computer and to rank each team's pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's and opposing QB's faced. If a team faced mostly running offenses and very few solid pass attacks, they will rank lower in these ratings even if their percentage and ratio were solid. For example TCU finished (#3) in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings last year. They allowed opposing QB's just 44.5% completion percentage and gave up only 13 TD's while picking off 15. I When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they rank only #16 in my rankings as their opponent rating is only 8.1. Conversely, Louisville finished only #20 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense ranking, but #3 in my rankings as they took on all 3 (Florida St, Kentucky & Tulane) of the top passing offenses in the NCAA and yielded just 51% completions for the season. They gave up 17 TD's, but they led the NCAA in interceptions with 28 vs an opponent rating of 10.1 (2 full pts higher than TCU's). Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings.

#	TEAM	YPG	%	TD	INT	OPP	#	TEAM	YPG	%	TD	INT	OPP
1	Texas	193.2	46.2	11	18	9.5	58	Cincinnati	224.5	58.7	15	20	8.3
2	Florida St	203.8	50.4	7	20	9.7	59	W Virginia	245.9	56.7	21	22	8.3
3	Louisville	218.8	51.1	17	28	10.1	60	Rice	244.6	60.5	19	18	9.8
4	Oregon	210.3	43.6	14	17	9.6	61	Missouri	207.9	52.7	15	14	7.8
5	Miami, Fla	228.3	50.1	12	26	9.2	62	Oklahoma St	253.0	56.7	20	10	9.2
6	Florida	217.3	53.6	13	26	9.9	63	Notre Dame	215.6	51.6	18	13	8.1
7	Kansas St	168.6	49.8	9	23	8.9	64	Boise St	226.1	50.6	17	14	7.3
8	Oklahoma	178.7	49.2	9	24	8.5	65	Pittsburgh	232.8	53.7	13	13	7.3
9	Nebraska	203.5	45.0	11	15	8.8	66	UNLV	208.0	52.9	18	10	7.9
10	Arizona	229.0	49.2	13	16	9.7	67	Iowa St	221.3	49.9	17	11	7.5
11	S Carolina	191.3	54.9	5	20	9.0	68	Minnesota	203.1	52.3	17	8	7.6
12	Wisconsin	241.5	50.0	15	21	9.6	69	Tulane	256.2	54.0	18	11	7.8
13	Washington	213.5	48.6	14	6	10.5	70	Kansas	202.6	57.9	12	11	8.5
14	Mississippi	198.5	48.5	14	19	9.1	71	Nevada	201.6	56.5	16	13	8.3
15	Mississippi St	232.9	49.2	20	20	9.5	72	Georgia Tech	285.1	57.6	22	15	8.9
16	TCU	160.5	44.5	13	15	8.1	73	Virginia	237.8	59.4	11	11	8.4
17	S Mississippi	158.6	50.0	10	16	8.3	74	Ohio U	219.9	53.8	12	13	7.3
18	Syracuse	174.8	45.4	9	7	8.5	75	N Texas	196.9	61.3	9	10	8.1
19	Oregon St	214.3	49.1	11	24	8.0	76	Tulsa	176.0	55.6	19	10	8.4
20	Virginia Tech	225.9	48.2	20	25	8.6	77	Louisiana Tech	197.5	56.6	19	11	8.4
21	Texas A&M	203.3	52.7	15	18	9.1	78	Temple	196.5	54.9	14	10	7.7
22	Memphis	202.5	53.3	9	13	8.4	79	W Michigan	178.0	51.9	10	9	6.4
23	Arizona St	232.0	49.0	19	14	9.3	80	Marshall	181.2	55.4	17	18	6.8
24	New Mexico	194.1	50.9	12	15	8.5	81	Maryland	253.9	58.2	16	12	9.0
25	Michigan St	164.1	51.6	11	12	8.5	82	Hawaii	194.4	55.6	18	12	7.8
26	Georgia	204.4	57.5	10	21	8.6	83	Baylor	232.4	56.9	17	9	8.5
27	LSU	212.9	54.4	15	11	9.4	84	Miami, Oh	191.9	53.6	15	12	7.1
28	Vanderbilt	212.6	51.6	14	11	9.3	85	San Jose St	253.0	51.5	22	15	7.3
29	UTEP	221.3	47.1	16	15	8.1	86	SMU	241.1	56.5	21	8	9.3
30	Boston College	172.5	48.0	14	18	7.8	87	Michigan	242.8	58.5	16	16	7.5
31	Arkansas	158.3	48.6	17	10	8.5	88	E Michigan	210.5	56.1	13	9	7.5
32	Stanford	219.1	52.8	16	17	9.2	89	Bowling Green	219.6	57.5	16	11	7.5
33	Penn St	208.2	55.4	16	17	9.3	90	Northwestern	222.3	52.5	26	13	7.5
34	Texas Tech	169.1	52.4	8	17	7.6	91	Mid Tenn St	236.5	62.0	19	11	8.5
35	Ohio St	223.3	54.0	15	19	8.5	92	Utah St	255.6	56.1	19	11	8.1
36	California	254.5	49.6	18	11	9.7	93	Colorado	247.0	59.4	17	11	8.5
37	Fresno St	206.3	52.4	11	13	8.2	94	New Mexico St	218.5	55.9	16	7	8.2
38	Washington St	238.4	51.8	24	13	9.8	95	N Illinois	210.1	59.6	19	12	7.7
39	Clemson	235.8	49.9	10	15	8.1	96	UL Lafayette	236.5	59.9	20	15	8.0
40	N Carolina	224.0	49.4	19	7	9.6	97	Wake Forest	226.5	58.0	20	9	8.9
41	Utah	160.1	47.6	12	7	7.8	98	San Diego St	204.5	57.9	15	8	6.8
42	Illinois	179.9	54.8	8	12	8.2	99	Rutgers	201.2	59.2	14	8	7.3
43	Houston	224.2	49.7	18	13	8.5	100	Army	223.5	61.1	16	11	7.8
44	UAB	207.4	52.8	12	14	7.9	101	Air Force	228.3	54.4	21	8	7.1
45	Auburn	211.8	56.0	24	16	9.5	102	Purdue	197.0	61.0	14	10	6.9
46	C Michigan	149.7	51.1	12	11	7.8	103	Iowa	246.7	56.7	21	9	7.3
47	UCLA	217.8	50.5	24	13	8.9	104	Kentucky	242.7	56.8	25	5	8.9
48	Tennessee	219.3	53.2	19	10	9.1	105	Idaho	271.1	53.8	29	7	7.9
49	E Carolina	212.2	54.1	15	14	8.5	106	BYU	223.3	58.6	17	7	7.2
50	USC	217.3	51.3	17	7	9.1	107	UL Monroe	189.9	56.6	23	5	6.8
51	Alabama	211.6	55.5	18	12	9.1	108	Duke	272.4	63.7	21	8	9.2
52	UCF	192.9	54.0	11	15	7.6	109	Buffalo	216.9	57.2	24	11	7.0
53	Toledo	187.5	53.3	5	15	6.9	110	Arkansas St	245.5	62.0	24	7	7.9
54	NC State	186.0	55.2	14	11	8.4	111	Wyoming	217.5	60.1	16	5	7.8
55	Colorado St	193.8	55.9	14	13	8.4	112	U Conn	199.5	62.7	16	6	6.6
56	Akron	206.7	50.7	9	12	7.2	113	Indiana	270.9	64.7	25	4	9.6
57	Ball St	199.6	47.3	20	6	8.2	114	Kent St	244.1	64.0	19	6	7.6
							115	Navy	229.6	61.1	23	8	7.1

By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the sports service industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS. Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "Free" plays, until you purchase their "much stronger" plays. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these "boiler room" operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the sports service industry. We are very different at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you already sent in for your FREE 2001 Pro Football Preview (see page 285). If you did, you would already know that as promised, there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and we did not ask for your phone number. You will have also received our Pro Preview for FREE as promised. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that when we say FREE and with no sales pressure, we mean it!

At Northcoast Sports we have ONE set of Late Phone Plays. These plays are not free but they will help me illustrate how our FREE phone selections work. Each week we release 3 to 7 College Late Phone Selections and usually 3 NFL Late Phone Selections. We do also provide "Small College Late Phone Plays" and "College Totals Club Plays" for those who can play smaller college numbers and college Over/Unders.

Our one set of Late Phone Releases can be purchased in different ways. Our Executive Club Members sign up for the season and receive EVERY Late Phone Selection that we release. These plays are also given to two different monitoring services; The Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and SportsWatch of Las Vegas. If you signed up for a month of our Late Phone Service, you would receive the EXACT SAME Late Phone Plays as our Executive Club Members, which are, of course, the same plays given to the monitors. If you signed up for a week of service, you would also receive the EXACT same plays. If you call the Executive 900 line (1-900-420-3972) you would receive the exact same plays for \$15 each. Same plays, just different ways of receiving them.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro Late Phone Selection. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone Selections for the week. Of course, it is part of the EXACT same plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-288-6225) for \$25 per day.

Late Phone Selections are our top 3 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE phone selections. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free selection line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phones in 45 different cities (see inside back cover). We have NINE FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta, Las Vegas and this year updates are also available on our website at www.ncsports.com. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE lines are where you can receive EVERY FREE play we put out. As I mentioned we have Full Service lines in nine different locations as of this

writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to TWELVE Full Service lines by the time the season starts. I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Los Angeles this season! If you live in one of those states, call our office at 1-800-654-3448 and see if our Full Service line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service line is the ultimate FREE information phone. When you call our Full Service line you will listen to the main menu which will tell you all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number of what you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service line as long as you like. If you listen to the latest Injury Report and the Las Vegas line update (Button #5) you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service lines:

Button #1 - Scores are updated every hour all day on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including games in progress. They will be in the international rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

Button #2 - All of our Full Service lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a city's line that is near them. The hard working handicappers that I have on the line are: **Atlanta** - Jeff Borchert of JB Sports, **Chicago** - Stan Lisowski, **Cleveland** - Billy Coleman, **Dallas** - Master Sports, **Honolulu** - Stan Lisowski, **Las Vegas** - TBA, **Nebraska** - Master Sports, and **New Jersey** - Stan Lisowski. The internet has a new guest handicapper every day. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

Button #3 - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week are the strongest FREE plays available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have a high winning percentage through the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. As you know my Underdog Play of the Week is 33-19, 63% in Power Sweep over the last four years and has hit 65% winners over 18 years! The Complimentary Underdog Play is usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. Five years ago we won a #1 Title by The Sports Monitor in NFL Totals Selections (Over/Unders). I put out my top play as of Wednesday for FREE each week! Nine times in the last 2 seasons, this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday! Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed out on being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the #6 (and there are usually 40 games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE

selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. All these FREE plays are given out on tape each week.

Button #4 - A handicapper who has been around longer than I have and is someone I truly respect is Mike Lee. Mike has been on TV and has had his own service since the 70's. He puts up a free play each and every day on Button #4. He usually adds some humor and life to his free plays and always tells you how he did the previous day, win or lose. Check out Button #4 and see why Mike is so widely respected across the country.

Button #5 - Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury report. If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest in injuries, this button is a must call. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor SEVEN Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates which are provided for newsmatter only. On Saturday morning (anytime after 1:00 AM EST) I put up the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for Saturday's games. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up-to-date and best of all FREE information.

Button #7 - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele. I put up timely information for the upcoming week. Included are things like the last 4 week's rankings which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks of stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week have shown a high percentage of winners.

Button #9 - Daily Guest Handicapper. Free plays from one of the nation's top handicappers. A new selection each and every day. Sometimes I even give away free Private Play Hotline selections during the week.

That is a lot of information and it is all FREE, on tape and updated every day during the football season. Now you know why I call them Northcoast FULL SERVICE lines.

Now the question arises- What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary lines? These two have the same exact plays daily. They are taken from the Full Service lines. Here is what is available on a day to day basis:

Monday - Guest Handicapper. Last year Mondays were a real highlight, as every Monday I gave out my Early Bird Play of the Week and this play went a scintillating 11-2 85%! I will be releasing this play every Monday again this year, so don't miss out. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

Tuesday - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. A \$9 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service lines.

Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.

Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.

Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.

All three are the exact same plays supplied on Button #3 of the Full Service lines.

If you call 1-800-475-8168 and instead of hearing free plays, you hear a busy signal, that means you live in a city where we have either a local or Northcoast Full Service line. Check out the inside back cover for a complete listing. I hope you take advantage of the finest FREE plays in the country this year!

THE POWER PLAYS FACTOR-STRENGTH OF OPPONENTS FACED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Phil Steele

When I first started handicapping professionally, way back in 1982, my main source of statistical information was the raw stats provided by the NCAA. These stats can paint a very good picture of each team's strengths and weaknesses; however, sometimes statistics can be deceiving.

Things can be distorted by the strength of the opponents faced. Let me give you an example from the 1998 season. The Houston Cougars in their 3rd and 4th games allowed a total of 84 points and 999 yards. Now if you were looking at straight statistics, you could surmise that 42 ppg and 500 ypg are very poor averages and that their defense was extremely weak. A closer inspection shows that they faced the potent offenses of UCLA and Tennessee in those two weeks, so the performances were not as bad as it seemed. The next week vs a more manageable foe (Memphis) they allowed just 8 FD's, 200 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Let me give you another example from that season. After 3 games New Mexico was a 2-1 football team and looked like it statistically. On offense they were averaging 379.6 ypg and 35 ppg. Anyone who studied pure statistics would call that a potent offense. The defense was allowing 24.3 ppg which is not overwhelming but still a solid effort. Just looking at the stats, you would have called them a Top 40 contender. San Diego St plays in the same conference. After 3 games things did not look too bright. They stood at 0-3 straight up for the season and statistically they were very poor. Their offense was averaging a poor 264 ypg and only scoring 13 points per game. The defense looked very weak as they were allowing 32 ppg to opposing offenses and 374 ypg. This was clearly a team that was going nowhere and ranked in the bottom of the NCAA in almost every category.

The only thing that the statistics do not tell you is the strength of opponents that each faced. New Mexico, in their first 3 games, took on Idaho St, Utah St and New Mexico St. While that may be a decent docket for a Big West school, for a WAC team that was a soft slate. San Diego St, on the other hand, faced a killer schedule with Arizona, Wisconsin and USC. Arizona and Wisconsin would end the year in the Top 5 and USC was a bowl team. Could the strength of opponents really skew the statistics that much? You bet it did!

They would play a similar schedule of WAC teams down the stretch. San Diego St, with the defense that looked horrible allowing 32 ppg to open, got much tougher vs the easier competition. They allowed just 16 ppg over the final 8 games or 50% less. The Aztecs were 7-1 over their last 8 games which to a pure stats man, would have come as a complete surprise.

New Mexico, which appeared poised to win the WAC Title based on their early season stats, faltered vs the now stronger competition. Their offense which had been averaging 35 ppg only had 19 ppg in their final 8 outings. New Mexico would go just 1-8 down the stretch with their defense giving up 36 ppg. These two teams prove that statistics can indeed lie and strength of opponents must be weighed into the analysis of a team.

Some folks have adapted their power ratings to take into account the strength of opponents faced. This too can be a flawed method. As an example: You could correctly deduce that for the most part a team would be better than their statistics indicated if they faced a team like Nebraska. By the same token you could come to the conclusion that your statistics would be better than they should be if you faced a team like Duke (0-11 last year). There are two obvious exceptions. Using a straight power rating to modify the statistics would be accurate for the most part but passing-wise it would be entirely wrong. Let me clarify.

Let's say Baylor gave up 400 yards rushing and 150 yards passing in a blowout loss to Nebraska. On the same day, Texas A&M allowed 30 yards rushing and 250 yards passing to Louisiana Tech. Now let's use a straight power rating number to modify the numbers. Let's say you counted Baylor's performance at 125% since they were taking on a powerhouse. You would probably have used a 75% rating for the much weaker La Tech squad. That sounds good but the area that is seriously flawed is pass defense. The straight stats would show that Baylor's pass defense (allowed 150 yards) had a much better day than the Aggies' which allowed 250. Modifying the result by the overall strength of opponents would only skew the results worse. However, for a defense to hold the high flying Bulldogs to only 250 yards would have been an outstanding effort. If Baylor held the Huskers to 95 yards passing but only because NU ran at will and rarely passed the ball, that would not be a solid effort, just a lack of the Huskers trying to pass. This method would also contain a poor analysis of misleading numbers.

So, if you cannot trust the numbers alone and cannot trust the numbers with the strength of opponents rating, what are you to do? That is the dilemma I faced during the mid 1980's. I then devised my Power Plays system. My Power Plays system not only looks at statistics but also the strength of opposing units faced. As an example in the Nebraska/Louisiana Tech scenario I just listed, my Power Plays system would have come out with an entirely different way of looking at the outcome.

Odds are my Power Plays numbers would have called for Nebraska to pass for about 135 ypg vs Baylor. With the Bears allowing 150 yards passing, my Power Plays method would actually have DOWNGRADED their pass defense numbers, even though they were better than average in yards allowed. My Power Plays system would probably have forecasted Louisiana Tech to pass for about 320. When A&M allowed just 250, my Power Plays would actually UPGRADE them in the rankings for a solid performance.

Going back to my earlier example of San Diego St and New Mexico you will also see the advantage of Power Plays. My Power Plays power ratings for the Aztecs' defense actually got stronger over the first 3 weeks of the season as they allowed less points and yards than PP expected them to. This was surprising considering how bad their raw stats were. On the other hand, New Mexico's Power Plays ratings were coming down on both offense and defense as PP expected more out of them vs their overmatched opponents. After 3 games the NCAA statistics clearly said that New Mexico had the far superior defense to San Diego St. My Power Plays had San Diego St's D rated higher and that was correct especially looking at the results of the 1998 season.

Another area I will look at is the end of the year analysis. Texas gave up 139 ypg rushing on defense in 1998 with a 3.4 ypc and ranked 45th in the NCAA rush D rankings. They were much better than that as they played in the then run dominated Big 12 conference and faced rush attacks like Nebraska and Texas A&M on a weekly basis. Even Colorado was a run oriented team that year.

Let's get a distinct comparison in pass defense rankings. Kansas St always ranks high in the NCAA pass D ratings and finished #9 in 1998. They were only #32 in mine. Auburn was #43 in the NCAA rankings but #3 in mine. The key difference was the strength of opponent. KSU took on opponents like Indiana St, N Illinois, NE Louisiana and the aforementioned run dominated Big 12. Even facing a soft slate of opposing QB's they allowed over 200 ypg 6 times and even gave up 324 yards to a run based Texas A&M team. KSU did have a good pass D (ranked #32) but not a great one. Auburn finished the year with 19 interceptions and just 14 TD's allowed on defense, giving up 56% completions. A closer look shows they took on quarterbacks like Doug Johnson of Florida, Aaron Brooks of Virginia, Romaro Miller of Ole Miss, Herbert Tyler of LSU, Tim Rattay of La Tech, Daunte Culpepper of Central Florida, Clint Stoerner of Arkansas and Quincy Carter of Georgia. Three of those teams ranked in the top 10 in passing in the NCAA and the 11 opponents combined averaged 256 ypg passing but only 187 vs the Tigers. They faced just 1 opponent that ranked in the bottom 50 of pass offense. Kansas St played NINE! As you can see, the strength of opponents' units faced is very important indeed.

If this is the type of statistical analysis that you would like on a weekly basis, then I recommend my Power Plays newsletter. It forecasts not only the point forecast for each team for the week but also projects the yards rushing, passing, and turnovers for each team. The Power Plays newsletter, however, is almost strictly a statistical analysis based on this fine method that I have developed. Each week there are usually 7 to 9 4★ plays. To be a 4★, the Power Plays forecast must be strongly on one side of the game and I have to agree with it. I do not agree with all of the PP forecasts, (no one should use just one method to handicap) but I do not make a final analysis of a game without at least considering what the numbers are calling for.



PHIL STEELE'S POWER PLAYS

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When I decided to begin publishing a college football magazine, I had two main goals in mind. The first goal was to have a publication that would be so complete that everything I needed for the upcoming football season would be at my fingertips. The second goal was to have the best magazine on the market. The first edition of my college football preview magazine came out in 1995. At the time, I thought it had as much or more information than any other magazine on the market. Still, as in all of my publications, and especially in the magazine, I include a questionnaire asking everyone who reads it to give me their input as to what I can add for upcoming issues. Through the years of 1996-1997, I used these questionnaires to add, expand and modify the magazine and clearly feel (as you can see on these pages) that it has more information than any other magazine. That of course does not mean it is perfect and we still put the questionnaire in every year.

There is one source that convinced me to make some major changes in the magazine in both 1998 and 1999. Ironically, it is a source that did not respond to a questionnaire and was someone I have never even talked to. In 1997, I was checking out the Internet and found a site that rates preseason football magazines. When I opened it up, I was a little dismayed that my magazine was rated 6th out of approximately 18 magazines on the market. I was puzzled as to how it could be ranked so low. Upon closer inspection, I found that the site www.Stassen.com had about as complete an analysis of college football magazines as my magazine had analysis of college football. It broke down each magazine and rated it in several different categories. The category it gave the primary importance to was the prediction accuracy. The second is the information quality. The third is information quantity. Fourth is coverage of IA football. The fifth is recapping information. The sixth was price. This site then rated each magazine from 1 to 4 stars and came up with a complex rating system giving different weight to each of the categories. It also breaks down each magazine into how many pages are devoted to each team, which conferences they have reduced coverage on and which conferences they have no coverage on. It also answers the following questions: How far down the projected roster do they show? How many teams are listed in their national rankings? How many All-Americans do they list? How many all-conference teams? It also includes how many top units they list, the final polls from the previous year, conference finishes and whether they show the previous year's results for all the teams.

I was fascinated and then read the review that they had for my magazine. One of the reasons we were rated sixth was that the magazine did not include the MAC, Big West, and small Independents, even though they were IA teams. At the time, my magazine only had the top 88 teams that the NCAA included. I am always looking to improve and took the review as constructive criticism. I immediately began working on those teams for the next season.

Another reason for the somewhat low ranking was that my prediction accuracy was low. I was stunned as I knew that doing a survey of my magazine vs other magazines, that my preseason Top 25 generally had more teams make it to bowl games than other preseason Top 25's.

The reason for the low ranking in accuracy in the years '95, '96, and '97 was the fact that I ranked the conferences in their overall finish as opposed to finishing in the division. The reason I did this was twofold. First of all, in the NFL, it does not matter what your division record is, simply your overall record, when it comes to NFL standings. Secondly, when the bowl committees pick a team, they usually go with the team that has more wins and is higher rated, over the team that simply finished higher in the division standings. As an example, I'll use Southern Mississippi. Every year from '95-'97, Southern Miss took on very rough non-conference slates vs teams like Alabama, Penn St,

Arguments could be made for ranking the teams both ways, but after seeing the amount of work that this Internet site did in the rankings and respecting that work, I decided to change the way I do my preseason forecasts.

This did have an effect. In 1998, there were a couple of incidents where I had a team ranked higher in my preseason Top 40 rankings than I had them ranked in their division. Once again, that was because I thought they would compile more wins in non-conference games, hence a better overall season. We did get a few calls and letters from people wondering about that and we simply explained that we had now changed to ranking the teams as to how they would finish strictly in their conference rankings. During the 1998 preseason, instead of simply running the teams through my five computer power ratings, which project wins and losses and coming up with an overall record, I started to break it down to how they will fare in actual conference games. The results in 1998, the first year that I switched systems, was a huge leap in a preseason accuracy ratings by this Internet source. In 1997, they rated my magazine almost at the very bottom of prediction accuracy but as mentioned, I was doing those forecasts using overall record. In 1998, using their complex scoring system, we finished fifth overall, but only 4 points out of first place. In their scoring system, the lower the amount of points the better. Lindy's finished first with 116, followed by Street & Smith with 117, Football Action with 118, Athlon 119, and we were one point back at 120.

The accuracy ranking has greatly changed. The site lists the top magazines in accuracy over the last 3 years. It has been 3 years since my change and I am pleased to report that we are near the top. The site lists 12 magazines over the last 3 years and the points range from 391 to 432 with the lowest score being the best (like golf). Only 3 magazines scored under 400 points. Street and Smith has 391, Lindy's 392 and Phil Steele's 393. The top 3 in accuracy were all within 2 points of each other and the group was 39 points ahead of the #12 finisher.

In their 1998 write-up, there was still some criticism for our smaller IA team coverage, which was simply adding a forecast page and providing a summary paragraph on each team, we moved up to 5th in the magazine rankings and once again, I decided to make a change. In 1999, we added a full page for the remaining 26 IA teams and that meant a lot larger magazine, as we expanded by 40 pages for the 1999 season. This year we have moved the MAC conference up to 2 full pages giving them even more coverage.

Since making these changes we have improved on the site's overall ranking of magazines. In 1997 they rated the Sporting News at #1 and in 1998 it was Bob Griese's magazine. My magazine finished 5th both years. With the improved accuracy my publication vaulted to #1 in 1999 and last year we were fortunate to hold onto that spot for a 2nd straight year!!! The site does not finalize its ratings for the upcoming year until August but hopefully we will rank #1 for a 3rd straight year. Check out www.Stassen.com for this year's rankings of the preseason NCAA magazines.



and Texas A&M. They would lose these games and not have a great overall record, while other teams in their division were playing soft non-conference slates and would finish the season with a stronger overall record. However, in conference games Southern Miss dominated. So by ranking teams by how they fare in their own conferences, you come up with a completely different system than you do picking their overall ratings. Staying in Conference USA for another example, we will look at the 1997 season. I projected Cincinnati second in CUSA play and East Carolina below them in my CUSA rankings because they played a tougher non-conference schedule and I thought it would be tougher for them to achieve a winning record. At the end of the season, Cincinnati finished 7-4 overall and went to the Humanitarian Bowl. East Carolina finished 5-6 overall and naturally was home for the holidays. Using the method I predicted conferences with at the time, that forecast was very accurate. However, using this particular Internet sites' system to do it, we find that East Carolina finished 4-2 in CUSA play and Cincinnati was just 2-4 in division play. Therefore, East Carolina finished ahead of Cincinnati in the standings.

Super Six Angles Week by Week for 2001

Sept 1st

Texas is 3-13 in season openers.
Louisville is 4-7 their L/11 season openers.
Maryland is 4-2 in their L/6 1st lined game.
Indiana is 12-4 in season openers but 3-3 L/6Y.
Alabama is 2-7 in their L/9 1st lined games.
Cal is 2-5 in their L/7 season openers.

Sept 8th

Tex Tech has won SU & ATS in 7 of 8 home openers.
VT is 15-7-1 in their L/23 prior to a bye week.
LSU is 10-4 in their 2nd straight home game.
W Michigan is 20-8 as an away dog since 1993.
San Diego St has dropped 7 of 8 road openers.
Florida is 4-12 their L/16 vs non-conference foes.

Sept 15th

Air Force is 7-3 the week before a bye.
Miami, Fla is 16-7 prior to a bye since 1990.
Ohio St is 19-9 vs non-conference teams since 1993.
Northwestern is 5-10-1 in their 1st lined home game.
UTEP is 2-9 in their 2nd straight home game.
Stanford is 2-6 in their 1st away game.

Sept 22nd

Penn St is 11-20 vs bowl teams from the previous year.
UNLV is 17-9-1 their L/27 as an away dog.
Colorado St is 33-21-1 in conf play since 1994.
Illinois is 15-5-1 in their conf opener, but 2-4-1 the L/7Y.
Southern Miss is 29-12 in August & September.
UCLA is 2-6 last 8 vs the Big 10, including bowls.

Sept 29th

NC State is 2-7 SU, but 6-3 ATS when hosting the Heels.
Purdue is 7-2-1 vs Minnesota.
Oregon is 11-2 in their L/13 road openers.
Ole Miss is 16-7-1 in their L/24 SEC away game's.
Cal is 23-7-2 overall as a HD, 9-2-1 when getting DD.
Alabama is 10-4 away off 2 or more home games.

Oct 6th

The visiting team is 13-7-1 L/21 in the Florida/LSU series.
Michigan is 3-8 the week after a bye.
Kansas is 3-17 on the road the L/4Y.
Maryland is 15-28-1 in October the L/11 years.
The underdog is 11-3-1 in USC/Washington series.
Tennessee is 6-3 ATS their L/9 vs Georgia, 9-1 SU L/10.

Oct 13th

VT is 6-2 SU vs BC but 3-4-1 ATS their L/8 meetings.
Florida is 10-2 vs Auburn in their L/12 meetings.
Colorado is 11-24 in their last 35 October games.
Notre Dame is 6-1 in their second straight HG.
Home team is 15-3 in the Virginia/N Carolina series.
Alabama is 12-3 L/15 vs Ole Miss.

Oct 20th

BYU is 12-20 in their L/32 conference home games.
Georgia Tech is 8-2-1 vs NC State.
Iowa St is 6-3 in their L/9 Homecoming games.
Nebraska is 8-21 after scoring 40 or more points.
The visitor in the Navy/Rutgers series is 6-1 ATS in the L/7.
Colorado is 17-4 their L/21 as an away dog.

Oct 27th

The home team is 7-2 in the Hawaii/Fresno St series.
Florida St is 12-3 their L/15 sandwiched home games.
The home team is 6-1 in the Arkansas/Auburn series.
Georgia is 1-10 SU & 2-9 ATS vs Florida.
The favorite is 7-1 in the Wisconsin/Michigan St series.
UCLA is 4-10-1 in the Stanford series.

Nov 3rd

Clemson is 15-5 as a home underdog.
The underdog is 9-1 in the SD St./N Mex series.
Washington St is 8-14 in their 2nd straight HG.
Arizona is 2-11 vs Cal.
Duke is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS last 6 vs NC State.
The home team is 14-3 in the Army/Air Force series.

Nov 10th

The home team is 6-1 in the Miami, Fla/BC series.
The HT has covered 5 of 6 in the Oklahoma/TX A&M series.
Nebraska is 6-1 their L/7 vs Kansas State.
Texas A&M is 5-1 ATS & 4-2 SU their L/6 vs Oklahoma.
Purdue is 1-7 SU & 2-5-1 ATS vs Ohio State.
Florida St is 7-2 their L/9 vs NC State.

Nov 17th

Kentucky is 0-16 SU and 1-8 ATS their L/9 vs Tennessee.
Alabama has covered 8 of 11 vs Auburn.
Virginia Tech has covered 11 of 16 vs Virginia.
Georgia is 6-2 in their road finales.
Illinois is 12-4 their L/16 vs Ohio State.
SMU is 7-2 in their L/9 road finales.

Nov 24th

The HT is 12-6-1 in the Ohio St/Michigan battle.
Georgia Tech is 3-8 their L/11 home finales.
The home team is 7-1 in the Penn St/ Michigan St series.
West Virginia is 8-2 in their L/10 season finales.
Notre Dame is 2-7 in road finales NOT vs. USC.
Texas is 6-2 their L/8 vs Texas A&M.

ATTENTION!

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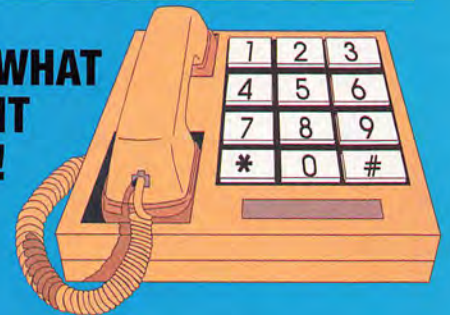
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TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

By Phil Steele

Turnovers can have a big impact on games and on a team's season. They also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter and by reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at a few examples from last year.

Michigan St dominated Wisconsin with a 366-197 yard edge. They led 10-0 at one point but dropped a TD pass and ended up not scoring on the drive. Turnovers did them in as they finished -4 in turnover margin including being intercepted at the Wisky goal line twice in the 2nd half. When the dust cleared the Badgers rallied for a 17-10 win and that was the difference between a winning and losing season for the Spartans. That misleading result proved noteworthy in the coming weeks as MSU covered their next 4 games while Wisky dropped their next two ATS.

On the scoreboard it looked like Arizona had an easy time beating Utah 17-3. A closer look shows the Cats had just 9 FD's while yielding 21 and they were outgained 370-146!!! The difference was Arizona benefitted from a +5 in turnovers. The next week Arizona was a small home dog to Ohio St and even benefitted from +2 in turnovers in that game but lost 27-17 while being outgained 341-194.

Syracuse had a 440-295 yard edge against Boston College but they suffered 4 interceptions on their first 5 drives of the game, one of which was returned for a TD. BC emerged with a misleading 20-13 win. The next week BC was not as fortunate and got thumped on the road by Pitt 42-26 as a 3 point dog. Syracuse got solid line value the next week as a double digit home dog to VT and (as a rare 5★ play for me) almost pulled the outright upset (14-22).

A quick check of the standings would have shown San Diego St as a non-competitive team as they stood 0-4 after 4 weeks of play and were reeling from a 35-3 "blowout" at the hands of Oregon St. A closer look shows that 3 of the 4 foes were in bowls the previous year and in that OSU loss they were -7 in turnovers. They actually held the potent Beavers to 336 total yards and were only outfirstdowned by the eventual Fiesta Bowl champs 19-16. The next game they were an underdog to Wyoming. Against a team more in their class and without the turnovers they rolled to a 34-0 win.

Fresno St appeared to be pummeled by Ohio St in the opener as they lost 43-10 but a check of the boxscore (and watching the game) showed it was much more competitive game than the final indicates as the first downs were even at 22 and OSU only had a 389-372 yard edge, making it a misleading final. In fact, the Buckeyes scored THREE defensive TD's in that game. The next week FSU was a double digit dog at UCLA and almost pulled an outright upset, losing 24-21.

UTEP went into Oklahoma in the opener and actually played a great game against the Sooners despite what appeared to be a 55-14 blowout loss. In the first half UTEP actually had a 274-244 yard edge but on the day were victim to a -4 in turnovers, also tried some unsuccessful outside kicks, went for it on 4th downs late and OU kept scoring. Off of this misleading loss UTEP was a home underdog to SMU the next week. I used the Miners as my Top Weekly Late Phone Play and they whipped SMU even easier than the 37-20 final margin as they led 30-7 before allowing a couple of late garbage TD drives in the 4Q.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They also can lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers not only can be a difference in a game, but the difference between a winning and losing season.

Stanford went to the Rose Bowl in 1999

thanks in part to being +10 in turnovers for the season. In 2000 they did not get the benefit of those turnovers and after 10 games had more FD's, more rushing yards and more passing yards than their opponents did yet were 4-6 due in part to their -4 turnover ratio and they did not get to a bowl game.

In 1998 Illinois was -11 in turnovers and lost their games by an average of 29-13. In 1999 they had 14 starters returning and went from a 3-8 team to 8-4 including a 63-21 rout of Virginia in their bowl game. The difference? The Illini profited from +13 turnovers. Last year they had an even more talented team returning but did not even make a bowl game as the turnovers disappeared and they finished the year with a -2 margin and also a 5-6 record.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were foreshadowed in this article. Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 in the '98 season!!! In 1999 those 4 were just 19-26!!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

In 1998, a couple of teams that made this article had big dropoffs. Colorado St was a 9-2 team in '97 and returned 14 starters. They were thinking about a possible Jan 1 bowl game. In '97 they were +27 and in '98, without that benefit, they were home for the holidays at 8-4. LSU was the SEC West favorite with 15 returning starters from their 9-3 team of '97. They went from +13 in turnovers to +1 and had a shocking fall to 4-7. Two other big droppers were Navy (from 7-4 to 3-8) and Oklahoma St (bowl to no bowl).

Duke was a Cinderella team in 1994. They went 8-3 thanks in part to a +15 turnover edge. They made this article in '95. The Blue Devils were only +2 in '95, and without all the breaks, fell to 3-8.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers. It looks like good luck or bad luck can also have an impact on a team's final record.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 8 years, 120 teams have had this good fortune. Of those 120, 74 have had weaker records the following year (62%) including last year, when 8 of 11 (73%) were weaker with one having the same record! Only 33 teams (28%) have improved their record and the other 13 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN

Air Force	+10	Miami (Fla)	+13
Arizona	+10	Michigan	+13
Boise St	+10	Mississippi St	+10
Boston College	+14	Notre Dame	+12
Cincinnati	+12	Northwestern	+13
Florida	+18	Oregon St	+18
Florida St	+11	TCU	+10
Georgia Tech	+13	Toledo	+22
Louisville	+11	Troy St	+12

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, there were two big gainers. North Carolina was -16 in turnovers in '95 but rebounded and ended up 10-2. Wyoming had been 6-5 in '95 with -12 turnovers but improved to 10-2 in '96.

In 1997, 8 of the 10 teams that were off negative double digit turnover years improved their record. Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-1 and the Rose Bowl. Two teams (Missouri and Pitt) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in '96 and turned into bowl teams in '97.

In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons including the aforementioned Hawaii, who simply went from 0-12 in 1998 to a super 9-4. Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999 but were actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally they made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win as they finished +5 in turnovers for the year.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they are usually headed for better fortune the next year. In the past 8 years, there have been 86 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 86 teams, 62 (or 72%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

Ball St	-14	N Carolina	-12
Buffalo	-18	Pittsburgh	-11
Duke	-13	SMU	-13
Idaho	-12	UL Monroe	-17
Indiana	-16	USC	-19
Kentucky	-12	Utah	-11
Louisiana Tech	-17	Wyoming	-10
Miami (Oh)	-14		

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as well as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2001!



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DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college upperclassmen as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selec-

tion and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future as they can tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day it can be a precursor for pending trouble for college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft and have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I'll call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came upon this theory. I took the last four years' drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the

rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 31 (and only 30 prior to the Browns coming back) players in all of college football that end up being a 1st round draft pick and replacing a player of that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, I awarded 7 points if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points and a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality free agent signer so I did not lend a high level of merit to



RB LaDainian Tomlinson
#5 Pick Overall

that category. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 4 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points which makes them among the best in the NCAA. I will now go over these results year by year.

Starting with the 1997 draft there were 17 teams that had 12 points or more lost in the draft. Of those 17 an amazing 14 did not improve upon their previous year's record and the 17 teams went from a combined 147-43 (77.4%) record to 121-69 (63.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Houston, which went from 7-4 down to 3-8, Texas, which fell from 8-4 to 4-7, Colorado, which dropped from 9-2 to 5-6, and 3 teams that were -3 in the net win category during the regular season in Arizona St, California and Virginia Tech. Of the top 10 teams in this survey, only one managed a stronger record the next year but ironically it would be the 1997 National Champion, Nebraska!

In 1998 there were 21 teams that tallied 12 points or more in my "Hangover"

system. Of those 21, EIGHTEEN did not improve upon the previous year's record. This time, out of the top 11 qualifiers, 10 teams did not improve upon their record with the only exception ironically being Tennessee, which ended up being the National Champ in 1998! The 21 teams that made my list had gone a combined 180-58 (75.6%) in 1997 but with their draft losses stumbled to a combined 136-102 in 1998 (57.1%). The biggest losers on the year were Washington St which went from the Rose Bowl and a 10-1 record down to 3-8, Auburn, which dropped from 9-3 all the way down to 3-8, Cincinnati, which fell from 7-4 down to 2-9, N Carolina, which dropped from 10-1 to 6-5, and Clemson which went from 7-4 to 3-8.

In 1999 there were 23 teams that lost enough players in the NFL Draft to total 12 points or more. Of the 23 teams, 17 (73.9%) had weaker records in 1999. In 1998 the 23 teams record combined for a 188-79 (70.4%) and fell to a combined 153-112 (57.7%) record in 1999. Those who felt the draft's effect the most were Arizona, which plummeted from 11-1 to 6-6, UCLA, which dropped from 10-1 to 4-7, Ohio St, which went from 10-1 to a stunning 6-6 year, Notre Dame, which fell from 9-2 to 5-7, and W Virginia which went from a solid 8-3 season to a 4-7 year. Of the top 8 teams that made my list, seven had weaker records in the 1999 season.

Last year 25 teams "earned" 12 points or more. Those 25 teams combined for a 209-81 (72.1%) record in 1999 but last year the 25 teams combined to go 174-114 (60.4%). The biggest losers on the year were Alabama, which went from 10-2 and thinking National Title to a massively disappointing 3-8 season after incurring the sixth biggest losses on draft day. Other big losers were Marshall, which went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season, Michigan St, which plummeted from a Citrus Bowl winning 10-2 year to 5-6, and Penn St, which went from 9-3 to one of Joe Paterno's worst season ever at 5-7. Nineteen out of the 25 teams failed to achieve a stronger record the next year (76.0%). Amazingly, for the third time in 4 years one of the teams that made this list won the National Title, as Oklahoma had to replace 1st and 2nd round draft picks.

If you add up the 4 years, there has been 86 teams that totaled 12 points or more and an amazing 68 of them (79.1%) have failed to improve upon their record the next year and in the 4 years combined, the teams have gone from a combined 724-261 (73.5%) overall record the previous year to a combined 584-397 (59.5%) the year after losing the players to the draft. That is almost a full 15% drop from the previous year's record.

With that in mind, this past year there were 25 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. The results of this survey indicate that there is a 79.1% chance that these teams will have weaker records in the upcoming season. One note, however, is that my Preseason #1 team (Texas)

is on this list but as I mentioned earlier 3 of the last 4 National Champs also qualified for this list. Qualifying the list even further becomes an over 80% proposition by eliminating the teams that lost fewer points in 2001 than they had the previous year. The list I show you to the left will eliminate those teams for this year. Some teams normally graduate a large amount of NFL players and are actually in better shape than the previous year as they lose less points. The teams that qualify in that category this year are: Arizona St (16), Tennessee (13), they had 45 points last year!, Penn St (14), Florida (18) and Virginia Tech (13).



Michael Vick
#1 Pick of the NFL Draft

TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2001 NFL DRAFT	TEAM	MOST POINTS LOST IN 2001 NFL DRAFT
Florida St	39	Mississippi	16
Miami (Fla)	34	Syracuse	16
Georgia	31	Purdue	15
Michigan	31	Minnesota	14
Wisconsin	29	Notre Dame	14
TCU	24	Memphis	13
Nebraska	20	Mississippi St	13
Texas	19	North Carolina	13
Kansas St	18	Texas A&M	13
Ohio St	18	Washington	12

PHIL STEELE'S CAN'T LOSE SYSTEM!!!

By Phil Steele

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Northcoast Sports and this article will contain a lot of interesting information for you, including some handicapping tips for the 2001 season. Best of all it features my special CAN'T LOSE SYSTEM - a system play so special it is GUARANTEED not to lose and has NEVER lost!

Before I get on to this great system, I do want to go over some other handicapping tips that will help you this season. I will start by looking at bye weeks. Bye weeks can be very important for teams. More coaches and athletic directors are realizing this and more bye weeks are popping up on the dockets of many programs. During the course of a long football season, an off week gives the players' bodies a chance to fully rejuvenate and gives their minds a much needed break. The team also gets to spend a couple of weeks preparing for their upcoming opponent. This has proven to be a large advantage, especially late in the season. Pac 10 teams with an extra week to prepare are 40-21 SU in league games since 1990 and if you exclude Oregon St and Washington, the record improves to 31-9. Those numbers don't include occasions when both teams didn't play the prior week.

Giving top-notch coaches an extra week to prepare is usually an even greater advantage. We know how well coaches like Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden do in bowl games. Given extra time to prepare they make sure all the details are covered. This also applies during the regular season. Here are some coaches & programs and their records the week after a bye.

Steve Spurrier (Florida) is now 9-3 ATS after a bye in the regular season. Oregon played on a hard home surface that took its toll during a long season. They recovered nicely whenever given a bye and were 10-1 ATS the next week. It will be interesting to see if that trend continues this year with the change in that surface. One other team that fits into this situation is the Lobos of New Mexico. They are 7-1 ATS in their last 8 home games after a bye, probably due to the fact that they are much more acclimated to the altitude than their opponents. This also holds true when looking at New Mexico's 2nd straight home game, as they are 14-4-1 ATS their last 19 tries when they are hosting back-to-back games. They are in that spot twice this year, so make sure to mark your calendar for those occurrences.

Here is another fine winning trend in college football. What if I told you that over the last 18 years there was a certain situation in which underdogs have covered 65% of the time! This system went 11-2 (85%) in 1995! Of those 11 wins, EIGHT were outright upsets! In 1997 this situation for the underdog produced a remarkable 13-1 93% record!! The last four years this system has gone 33-19 (63.4%). Now what if I told you that no research was necessary to find out the weekly play?

Quite simply, this "system" is to play the Underdog Play of the Week in my Power Sweep weekly newsletter. For 18 years it has been located on page 6 each and every week of the college season. On Sunday night just as the pro games are finishing, I already have the upcoming week's college games analyzed. I get the Vegas lines Sunday night and then decide which underdog I like best for the upcoming week. Sixty-five percent is a great 18 year record and the 33-19 record the last 4 years has made a lot of readers happy.

I put a lot of hard work into Power Sweep each week and pack it with information just like in this magazine. If you have not yet read an issue of Power Sweep, call our offices at 1-800-654-3448 and we will send you an issue absolutely free during the football season with no sales pressure! We will not even ask for your phone number so no salesperson will call you.

Moving to another subject, some teams have no trouble adapting to turf changes during the year. Others really struggle on a surface different from their own. Army is a prime example. They are very tough on the artificial turf of their home stadium. When they go on the road and play on natural grass they struggle. They are now 2-25 straight up on natural grass in their last 27 games. They are just 10-21 ATS on the real stuff since '86. Nebraska is built for speed and artificial turf. Their option offense thrives on the fake stuff. They are just 5-12-1 ATS on natural grass during the regular season the last 8 years. Some teams excel on foreign turf. Ohio St always had one of the top recruiting classes each and every year under John Cooper and he built a team with a lot of speed. The Buckeyes play their home games on natural grass but when they get on an artificial surface they take advantage of that speed. They have an outstanding record of 13-5 ATS over the last 7 years on artificial surfaces and their players enjoy the surface because it allows them to display their speed.

One other thought while discussing turf, even though there is not enough statistical data to develop an ATS trend. There are several schools that are changing from the hard surface of "traditional" artificial turf & going with

synthetic blends that hold up just as well but are not as hard physically on the players. The intent of this change is to prevent injuries and it has seemed to work in the places that have already switched. I feel more schools should do this because it will only serve to keep the players healthier & fresher for the key late season games. Now, back to handicapping...

I find misleading final scores to be a major source of winners during the season. If you check out my *Turnovers=Turnaround* article on page 277 you will get an in-depth explanation of some misleading final scores from last year. I have a section entitled "Misleading Final Scores" on the front page of Power Sweep each week.

I owe a lot of my handicapping and football knowledge to my late father Hank. He was a big football fan and I took it up with the same enthusiasm. I can still remember devising my Power Ratings as a young teenager, with a lot to learn. My very first lesson on rivalry games was a memorable one. I do not remember the year, but it was a Kansas/Kansas St game. My Power Ratings (yes, I did them even then) showed that one of the teams should win by 30 and the Vegas line was just 13! My dad said that rivalry games tended to be closer than expected many times. He was right about that game and since then I have always kept an eye on rivalry games.

The following is a list of some big rivalries and their recent ATS histories. USC/UCLA - These two don't have to travel far and it is one of the biggest rivalries in NCAA football. Not surprisingly the underdog has now won TEN of the last 12 ATS in this series with many outright upsets!

Clemson/South Carolina - Once again the two schools do not have to travel far and this one favors the visitor. The visiting team has also won 10 of 12 ATS and is 16-4 ATS the last 20 years.

Army/Navy - The underdog is 9-4 ATS the last 13 meetings in their fierce rivalry.

Oklahoma/Texas - The underdog is a super 10-3 ATS in this matchup. As you can see, rivalry games can bring out the best in an underdog team.

Every year prior to the football season, I go over every single college football matchup. I look at how the two teams matchup against each other, how they have fared in the past in the series, turf, let down, look-ahead, bye weeks, etc. I then come up with a Preseason "Northcoast Line" on the game. Since this is prepared prior to the season, many things can change by the time October or November rolls around and sometimes the actual line that week is off by as many as 10 to 21 points from my Preseason Northcoast Line. The key to a winning season is line value. Three years ago I wanted to see if those big differences meant "line value" once the games rolled around.

I put a brand new section in Power Sweep and appropriately titled it "Line Value Plays of the Week." Let me give you a couple of examples from last season. Michigan St was off a January 1 bowl win last year but had a lot of things go wrong during the course of the season, losing some close ballgames and having trouble with turnovers and injuries. They were fairly healthy for their matchup against Purdue in November and the Spartans were installed as an 8 point home underdog. My Preseason Northcoast Line had this game as a pick 'em matchup and Michigan St finally lived up to their talent and rolled over Purdue 30-10 with 487 offensive yards. N Carolina had a very talented team but like MSU, lost a lot of close ballgames and limped into Pitt with a 3-5 record. At the start of the year, looking at the athletes that would be on the field, I had the game at pick 'em but because of NC's poor record, they were installed an 8 point underdog. N Carolina lived up to their talent level and walked out of Pitt with the outright upset by a 20-17 margin. At the start of the year, Alabama was a consensus Top 3 team in the NCAA and Ole Miss was not ranked. Also at the start of the year my Preseason Northcoast Line had Alabama a double digit home favorite against Ole Miss but by the time the game rolled around, Alabama was struggling with just a 2-3 SU mark. They were installed as just a 4' point home favorite and it was roll Tide roll that night as they won 45-7.

I could list many more plays, but as you see Line Value is very important. If you want Line Value plays like this in 2001, take a few spare weeks and sit down and project the number on every major college contest for the entire upcoming year and keep close track of the number. For a more simple and time saving method, you could just pick up that week's copy of the Power Sweep newsletter and let me do the work for you.

Earlier in this article, I told you about an incredible can't lose system and here it is and it is the only system in the entire world which is guaranteed not to lose. The system is, DO NOT GAMBLE. I've seen some great systems and angles as well as situations in my handicapping career and have won a high

CAN'T LOSE SYSTEM!!! cont.

percentage of my big 5★ plays. Our NFL Playoff Play of the Year is now 10-1 the last 11 years but keep in mind, there is one loss in that stretch showing it can indeed lose. However, there is absolutely no play that can be guaranteed to win and there is no service or handicapper that can guarantee they will not have a losing week. As an example, I will walk you through the 2000 season here at Northcoast and talk about the disastrous bowl season that we had.

Preseason football is always an outstanding time of year for us and in the NFL Preseason this past year we went an outstanding 11-6 65% winners for the 5 weeks of NFL exhibition play. That included a great 11-4 73% record on the sides, however we were 0-2 on totals. Our *Best Bets*, or games rated 4★'s and higher, went 5-1 86% winners. On the ★ basis, we were 38-20, which after taking out the vig, would be +16.2 units. At \$100 per ★, you would have a profit of \$1,620 during the Preseason. Our ELEVEN year NFL Preseason record is now 119-72, over 62% winners.

Last year during the college football season we had a steady, but unspectacular year. Our College Play of the Year for the regular season was Wisconsin -6' over Indiana, a 43-22 winner. We went a solid 43-31 which is over 58% winners for the season and had you played \$100 per ★, you would have ended the year with a tidy profit of \$3,420. No, it didn't compare to our 1989 season where we hit a spectacular 53-23 70% winners as documented by The Sports Monitor, but that's a nice chunk of change for a season's work.

Once again the College Totals had a great year. They went 17-8 68% winners overall and took home the #1 Title in College Totals for the entire country as documented by The Sports Monitor. I recommend to my Executive Club Members that they play the College Totals at 1/2 the ★ value that they do our regular college football games, so at \$50 a ★, our Execs took home a profit of \$1,260 on these College Totals.

Our 2000 NFL season was also a solid year as we went 29-22 57% winners. Our side plays went 24-18 and the totals went 5-4 to add up to that total. On the ★ basis we were 93-73 which is +18 ★'s and at \$100 per ★, would have netted a profit of \$1,800. Our NFL Play of the Year was a disappointment as Washington failed to cover over Dallas on a Sunday in which we went 4-1 overall with the lone loss being that big play.

I put out a selection on every single Monday Night game and generally those plays are rated as 2★ selections (normal regular season plays are 3★'s, 4★'s and higher). While the 2★ may pale in comparison to those services advertising in USA Today that hype their one million star picks, ours have been far more successful. Our Monday Night record this past year was 11-4-2 on those 2★ plays, bringing our 3 year Monday Night Magic record to 32-15-3 68%. Even at just 2★'s per play and \$100 per ★, you would have had a profit of \$1,760 on just the Monday Night plays for the year.

Our NFL Playoffs selections have been phenomenal through the years. Heading into last season, we had a 71-31 70% on the ★ basis over the previous 4 years. Unfortunately, the Wild Card round of the playoffs was not kind to us as we started out 0-3, going 0-9' on the ★ basis. In the final 3 weeks of the NFL Playoffs we reverted to form and swept the board the next week with a perfect 3-0 including our 4★ Playoff Game of the Year which was on the NY Giants -4 over Philadelphia. That brings our NFL Playoff Play of the Year record to 10-1 91% over the last 11 years. Over the final 3 weeks we went 6-1 on our Late Phone Selections if you include our 2★ Super Bowl play and our 1★ futures play in the AFC Championship round when we picked Baltimore to win the Super Bowl at 4-1 odds. At \$100 per ★ and including those 2 plays we netted a profit of \$625.

"My Mother Always Told Me There Would Be Days Like This."

Being a college football specialist, you can browse through this magazine and see the amount of work and effort that I put into handicapping college football. I've had some great bowl seasons in my career and am #1 in net wins and winning percentage in college football over the last 12 years according to the Sports Monitor. My customers do not wonder "if" they will win money on the college bowls, they wonder "how much." This past year was the most frustrating postseason for the bowls in the 20 years of my professional handicapping career. The final official record for the bowl season was an extremely disappointing 5-8. Included in the 8 losses was my Bowl Play of the Year which was on Louisville over Colorado St, a loser. That 5-8 record does not even include 3 unofficial 2★ selections which all lost. While my top plays (4★'s and higher) went just 2-3, making them 7-3 the last 2 years (5-0 in 1999), on the ★ basis including the 2★'s I went 17-34 for a net loss of -\$2,040. I can tell you from my 20 years of handicapping experience that not only will there be losing games, but there will be losing days and losing weeks and in this instance, a very disappointing bowl season.

If you are going to wager on the sport of football you have a much better chance of winning than you do at any other casino game that they offer in Las

Vegas as with the proper information, you can, indeed, have an outstanding record. However, if you are not cognizant of the fact that there will be losing days and weeks, than you should take my original advice and that is don't gamble at all.

Now let's get back to some interesting handicapping tidbits to help you out for the course of the upcoming season. Let's look at overtime. Mike Bellotti said about overtime games, "the last time we were in one, we didn't win the next 2 games. It does take something out of you. It's like having to play another half a game." Last year long OT games not only affected teams, but so did teams that played in consecutive OT games. Washington St was one of those teams that actually played in 3 OT games in a 4 game stretch. The Cougars lost in OT to both Arizona and Arizona St on successive weeks. The game after their second draining OT loss, they travelled to Oregon St and were simply pounded 38-9 in a game OSU dominated from start to finish. WSU then lost a hard fought 3rd OT game to Oregon. Arizona St played an amazing 3 consecutive OT games, defeating WSU but then losing to Oregon by 1 point and fell to USC 44-38 for their second straight OT loss. Just like Washington St, ASU was simply destroyed the next week at Stanford which came into the game just 3-6 SU but handed ASU an embarrassing 29-7 defeat. I'm not aware of any teams that lost 2 straight OT games prior to last year, but since it happened twice in 2000, keep that in mind for this upcoming season.

During the regular season and even in bowl season, it pays to know how many seniors a team has on it. A senior in college football is much different than a freshman, not only experience-wise but in maturity level and generally from a physical point of view. Teams with a large senior class have done extremely well through the years. Last season there were 2 bowl games where a team had a large senior edge. Iowa St had 25 seniors on last year's squad and went from years of losing to not only a bowl game but a victory over Pitt, which had very few senior starters. When Kansas St played Tennessee in their bowl, the Wildcats had an 11-5 edge in senior starters and overall KSU had 27 seniors. You might ask who are the teams with the most amount of seniors on it this year? Here is a handy little chart for you for the upcoming season.

MOST RETURNING SENIOR LETTERWINNERS IN 2001

1. San Jose St	30
2. Temple	26
3. Cincinnati	23
3. New Mexico	23
3. Wyoming	23
6. Oregon St	22
7. Houston	21
8. Kansas	20
8. Fresno St	20
8. Syracuse	20

Keep your eyes on how these teams do during the course of the season and if they get to a bowl game and have a large senior advantage, those players will be playing their final college game and it may mean more to them than to some sophomores and freshmen who know they'll have 3 or 4 more bowl games left in their career.

REVENGE - POWERFUL BUT OVERUSED

When is revenge a factor? I look at teams that have just one or two losses from the previous year, especially when one or two of those losses kept them from a bigger goal such as a conference championship or the NCAA Title Game. Teams will get more fired up for the team that ruined their season the previous year. Revenge can be a factor in the NCAA. Many times powerful teams that lose very few times circle those particular games the next year and are out to get their "payback" or "revenge" for the previous year's loss. Later in this article I will go through some situations from the past few years in which revenge has been a very important part of the outcome of a game.

Before we take a look at some scenarios, how revenge is used in predicting games is also important. Revenge is also an often overused term by other sports services. There are numerous newsletters in the country. Some talk about revenge in every game. If a team was 1-10 the previous year, they talk about having 10 straight revenge games. Do you really think that a team that had suffered 10 losses the previous year can even think about revenge? The answer is no, as it's more important to get their own team focused and win a couple of games. Revenge is not a motivation for these teams, in fact, if a team stumbles to just a few wins over the previous few years, revenge has absolutely nothing to do with any of their games. Starting the game believing that they can win football games is the most important thing and only success will breed success. If anything, a team that has an 8 of 9 game losing streak in a series begins to doubt whether it can win and those that are banking on 8 game revenge streaks are being ludicrous. As an example, last year Mississippi had lost 8 straight times to

Alabama coming into the season. Do you really think that they thought they'd beat Alabama? The Tide came in as just a 3 point favorite and handed them yet another loss in the series. A revenge player, counting this as a revenge game, would now have 8 straight losses playing Mississippi each and every meeting.

I'll give you a couple of examples where revenge was a factor and why. One game that really speaks of revenge was the 1999 season opener featuring S Mississippi and Tulane. SM had dominated CUSA for the previous 3 years but somehow ended up with just one conference title. Tulane had defeated in 1998 to win the title and go to the Liberty Bowl. It was only SM's second CUSA loss in 3 years. They returned a veteran team but were taking on a Tulane team that had lost their coach, offensive coordinator, QB and 8 starters. The game was at S Mississippi and their players wore shirts with the date of the game on them (9/6/1999). S Miss was hell-bent on revenge and I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on the Golden Eagles. They were -10 at home versus a team that was 12-0 the previous year but when the smoke cleared SM had a 48-14 win in a game they dominated from start to finish. Vanderbilt, which has not had a winning season since 1982, rarely wins a lot of SEC games. They did put together a long winning streak against Kentucky and those wins over the Wildcats did not lead to Kentucky revenge but to Vanderbilt confidence. Vanderbilt did not have that confidence vs the rest of the SEC however. Does anybody really think Vanderbilt gets more fired up to face a Tennessee or a Florida that beats them each & every year than they would for a team that they have a chance of beating? To think that a team will play on a higher level simply because they have lost to the opponent the previous year shows questionable logic.

Another example is Iowa/Iowa St. Hayden Fry, for years, knew that defeating his in-state rival would help his area recruiting and keep his program on top, especially in-state. He also made a point to roll it up versus his rival. Iowa won 51-10 in 1983. The next year, Iowa St, playing with "revenge," was thrashed 59-21. The next year, playing with "double revenge" they were killed 57-3. The next year with "triple revenge" they were annihilated 43-7. The next year with "quadruple revenge" they were destroyed 48-9. In 1994 after losing 10 straight times, they were whipped 37-9. In 1997, playing with "13 time revenge" they were crushed 63-20. Series domination can be an important factor to handicapping and is much more important than saying a losing team that annually gets whipped by an opponent is playing with revenge.

My final tip is this: Did you know that after hosting perennial National Title contender Florida State teams are a woeful 7-19-1 (27%) ATS since 1981? Hopefully you have found the subjects I have reviewed up to this point useful. It is the type of information I put in my Power Sweep Newsletter each and every week. Call our offices at 1-800-654-3448 and subscribe today!

COMPUTERS

Computers will come up with all kinds of outstanding records on certain situations. These are not created equal. Let me give you a few examples. You can check a team's history and see if they perform well in their first game of the season, or perhaps first road game of the season and that is a solid angle should one develop. It tells how the coach is able to prepare his young players for the first road game. Also, some coaches thrive in their final home game or perhaps the final game of the year is when they're doing the best. You can note that some teams play very well in the second half of the year, using Stanford for example. Stanford has always done well over the final five games. BYU is another team that starts off the season slow because they have a large amount of JUCO transfers but by season's end, they are on top of their game. Some teams start off the season better and finish weaker. This could be due to the lack of depth a team has. Washington St does extremely well in the first five games of the year with a 23-11-1 ATS record but over the last five games when injuries start to take their toll, so do the results. As I mentioned earlier in the article, some records that a computer comes up with are not created equal. By flipping a coin you will find some statistical aberrations which could result in 8-1, 9-0 or 10-0 records.

While you can base things on a first game or last game of the season, there are some newsletters out there that actually put angles in their newsletter based on how a team does in their 4th, 5th or 6th game of the season. These are simply statistical oddities & have absolutely no bearing on the team at all. What difference would it make whether a team is in their 5th, 4th or 6th game of the season? The answer is none, but due to the fact that computers go back & research these things, some newsletters actually print these ridiculous angles that teams are 9-0 in week 3 of the season and it is simply due to a statistical aberration (or the fact every other year they play a IAA team that week). As mentioned earlier, if it was the second half of the season as a whole, it would be understandable.

I've also read in other newsletters about how teams perform after

a certain opponent. Now this can be a quality angle. As an example, USC plays Notre Dame in the final game of the season every other year. When they play ND during the regular season, they have struggled the week after facing their rival. Since 1989, USC is just 1-5 ATS the week after playing ND during the regular season. As you can tell some teams get sky high for that particular game and fare poorly the next week. This type of angle makes clear sense.

I have also read in newsletters where they actually say teams are 8-1 ATS after playing a generic opponent. This goes back to the statistical oddity. There is no benefit to playing a team that will make you stronger the next week. It can only make you weaker if you were playing a rival and had spent extra emotion against that team. Yes, computers can be helpful but be careful about using all of the numbers and make sure there is a good reason behind the particular angle before using it.

Look-ahead can have a big impact on college football. Once again, as you can tell some teams will have a negative spread record when a big rival is on deck. But once again the computer will come up with ridiculous angles such as a team is 5-1 or 7-0 against the spread prior to playing a common opponent that is not a rival. You cannot attribute a positive or negative record in those situations to look-ahead. What could you possibly attribute it to other than a statistical oddity??

INJURIES CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON A TEAM'S PERFORMANCE

Much like in my *Turnovers=Turnaround* article where I point out that turnovers can have an effect, not only on individual games but on the team's overall performance for a season, the same can be said for injuries. As an example, let's look at the Arizona offensive line. In 1999 they averaged 5.2 ypc rushing and no starter missed a single game due to injury. Last year they returned 5 of the top 6 players to the unit but suffered through a spate of injuries during the course of the year and the team averaged just 3.6 ypc rushing and, of course, Arizona finished with a losing record and missed out on a bowl. Michigan St beat Florida in the Citrus Bowl at the end of the 1999 season and had a solid team back last year but suffered through a 5-6 season. At one point during the year Coach Bobby Williams said that his injury report was two pages long and it definitely had an impact on the team's performance on a week-to-week basis and over the course of the entire year.

The loss of a star player is something that most people note on a week-to-week basis, however, I have a great injury system which has worked very well through the years. The system is to play on a team that is missing a star player in the first week of the injury. Three things happen in this injury system. First of all, the rest of the team responds to the fact that they must play harder due to the fact their star player is out. Secondly, especially in an NFL game, most teams have a capable replacement who may not have stats simply because he's playing behind the star player. The third thing that happens is that the other team lets down a little bit and doesn't prepare as hard for their opponent thinking that the top guy is out. Many times through the years there have been examples where a team missing its star player upsets a superior opponent. The best example would come in the 1978 Orange Bowl. Arkansas Coach Lou Holtz suspended 3 of his top players prior to the Orange Bowl. They were already a good sized underdog to a powerful Sooner team and they were given very little chance of winning due to the suspensions. Oklahoma clearly let up knowing that Arkansas was not at full strength and the Razorbacks, out to prove that there was more to their team than just those few suspended players, not only upset Oklahoma but pounded them 31-6. One game emotional surges like that are commonplace and you also benefit from line value that week. The second part of this system is to play against those teams that suffer injuries over long periods of time. Should an offensive line suffer cluster injuries, missing 3-4 players, while it will not make the headlines as they are not star players, it has a major effect on the teams (just ask Arizona and Michigan St last year).

I love the Internet. It allows us to read the local newspapers for all of the college and NFL teams on a daily basis. I have a staff of close to 30 people and one of our duties on a daily basis is to pull down all of the articles from all of the teams and sift through them for injuries and other information. On my Full Service Lines on Button #5 I list an injury report on a weekly basis and I do mention when players are lost for the season. There is an easy way to keep track of injuries through the year. Simply use this magazine. Go to the 2 deep (or sometimes 3 deep) that I provide at each position. If a player is lost for the season, circle them. When you're flipping through the pages, you will notice teams that have suffered a high amount of injuries through the year and it will help tell you which teams are healthy and which are thin.

I hope you have found these handicapping tips helpful. They are a part of my handicapping arsenal. Good luck in 2001, have a great season!

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss records from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear cut example for this year. Nebraska opens with a pair of games vs TCU and Troy St. Troy St is in their first year of IA ball and will be one of the weakest IA teams this year. TCU was a Top 20 team last season but is in a rebuilding year with a new coach. They will be much weaker. San Jose St opens with a pair of teams that are in my Top 20 in terms of talent this year in Colorado and USC. I rank CU #11 in my preseason poll and I also have USC ranked. Clearly San Jose St faces the much tougher pair of opening games this year. Based on last year's records, the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-5 (79%) last year, faces a VASTLY tougher schedule than does San Jose St whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw as USC and Colorado would both be prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy St this year.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall record. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2000, that would count as a tougher game than facing a team like Nebraska, Florida or Tennessee which all had losses. They would be considered substantially better than teams like Alabama, Penn St, or Colorado, who all suffered rare losing seasons.

Listed below are my rankings for toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my personal power ratings. At the start of every year I grade each team position by position & assign a grade from 4 to 10. Next I add up all the grades & come up with the total team power rating. This insures that Iowa St is rated lower than Colorado & also that a IAA team is rated much lower than Alabama or Nebraska. Every preseason I do 7 sets of power ratings and I run 5 of those sets through each team's schedule and come up with one final number.

The second area is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year New Mexico St must play 8 road games, while Hawaii plays NINE home games. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

Here are this year's schedules rated from toughest to easiest. The toughest schedule goes to Tennessee, which must play in the tough SEC East (Florida, S Carolina, Georgia). From the West they draw LSU, and travel to Arkansas and Alabama. The non-conference slate has Syracuse and a road trip to Notre Dame. Let's hope they do not meet a similar fate as the team that drew last year's toughest schedule (Colorado).

Colorado was a rebuilding team last year that lost a lot of close games, but the Vols are a much stronger team and capable of faring much better even vs this killer schedule. Last year 9 of the teams that faced the toughest 15 schedules did not make it to a bowl, including FIVE that had been to a bowl the previous year. Of course that means that 6 teams took on a killer schedule and still made it to a bowl. The others "losers" besides Colorado were Mich St, Penn St, Alabama and Arizona. Notre Dame draws the second toughest slate with 10 bowl caliber teams on it, including road trips to Nebraska, Purdue and Texas A&M. Four Pac 10 teams make the list of playing the top 10 toughest schedules. Not only do they play in an upgraded conference but USC has non-

1 Tennessee	40 Kansas	79 SMU
2 Notre Dame	41 LSU	80 Memphis
3 Penn State	42 Wake Forest	81 Utah
4 Kentucky	43 Minnesota	82 Nevada
5 Washington	44 Arizona St	83 Army
6 USC	45 N Carolina St	84 Air Force
7 UCLA	46 Iowa	85 UAB
8 Syracuse	47 Clemson	86 Boise St
9 Stanford	48 Texas Tech	87 Rice
10 N Carolina	49 Texas A&M	88 New Mexico
11 Florida St	50 Temple	89 N Mexico St
12 Illinois	51 Navy	90 Bowling Green
13 Indiana	52 Texas	91 Akron
14 Auburn	53 Oklahoma	92 Miami (Oh)
15 Ohio St	54 Oregon St	93 Cincinnati
16 Alabama	55 Oklahoma St	94 UCF
17 California	56 Virginia Tech	95 W Michigan
18 Michigan St	57 Iowa St	96 Hawaii
19 S Carolina	58 Rutgers	97 UTEP
20 Purdue	59 Pittsburgh	98 Ohio
21 Miami (Fla)	60 Maryland	99 C Michigan
22 Florida	61 San Jose St	100 N Texas St
23 Michigan	62 Nebraska	101 Toledo
24 Arizona	63 S Mississippi	102 Idaho
25 Wisconsin	64 Georgia Tech	103 Tulsa
26 Duke	65 UNLV	104 Marshall
27 Washington St	66 Mississippi	105 Kent St
28 Northwestern	67 Colorado St	106 U Conn
29 Arkansas	68 Houston	107 UL Monroe
30 Virginia	69 BYU	108 N Illinois
31 Boston Coll	70 Louisiana Tech	109 Mid Tenn St
32 Georgia	71 Fresno St	110 Buffalo
33 Vanderbilt	72 E Carolina	111 Ball St
34 Oregon	73 Missouri	112 UL Lafayette
35 West Virginia	74 Tulane	113 S Florida
36 Colorado	75 San Diego St	114 Utah St
37 Miss St	76 Wyoming	115 E Michigan
38 Baylor	77 Louisville	116 Arkansas St
39 Kansas St	78 TCU	117 Troy St

conference games vs Kansas St and ND, Washington plays Michigan and Miami, Fla and UCLA faces Alabama and Ohio St.

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare last year? Not a single team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year! The highest finish was Michigan at #11. South Carolina and Georgia were the only other teams in my top 20 toughest rated schedules to still finish in the top 20. They barely did it with bowl wins to finish #19 and #20 in the AP poll.

In 1999 two perennial powerhouses faced among the top ten toughest schedules and ended up home for the holidays as both Ohio St and Notre Dame not only failed to crack the Top 20, but did not even achieve winning seasons!! That year there were some teams that stood toe to toe with a ferocious schedule and still had success, as six teams that faced the toughest 10 schedules made it to a bowl and Michigan (#5) and Mich St (#7) both ended up in the final top 10 that year. None of the other 4 bowl teams from that Top 10 toughest schedule cracked the final top 20 in the polls.

In 1998 only two teams that battled the top 10 toughest schedules managed to be ranked at the end of the year but they were two of the strongest teams in the NCAA in Ohio St and Florida. They ended up #2 and #3 in the polls but both had national title caliber teams. Three additional teams that faced the grueling schedules made it to bowls (that means that 5 did not), but none had a great record and as mentioned none were ranked after the season.

In 1997 only 2 teams that took on a top ten toughest schedule managed to be ranked at the end of the year but one of them was Michigan. UM, which somehow went undefeated vs a killer slate, finished #1 in the AP poll and split the National Title. UCLA also finished in the Top 5.

In 1996 Purdue faced the toughest schedule and it ended up getting Coach Colletto fired. The schedule got easier for the Boilers in '97 and Joe Tiller benefitted as they landed a bowl bid.

Looking at this year's top ten toughest schedules, I am going against history as there are some very talented teams taking on tough slates. They are teams that are capable of overcoming the slate and having successful seasons. I have numerous teams that make that list ranked in my Preseason Top 25.

In '96 Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999 I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" and answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! Last year TCU had a shot at an undefeated season and simply went 10-1 in the regular season.

This year no powers play a WEAK slate, so the schedule does not really spell out a team going undefeated. Virginia Tech is my #8 team in terms of talent this year, have a great home edge and draw their toughest foes into Blacksburg. All five road games fall into the winnable category and therefore have a solid shot at going undefeated due in part to their talent and their #56 schedule. Another team that falls into this category is Nebraska. The Huskers face the #62 toughest schedule (2nd weakest in Big 12) and all of their road games fall into the winnable category.

I do 7 sets of power ratings at the start of every year based on numerous factors. I then plug 5 of those sets into the computer that plays out each team's schedule. The computer tells me there are some other teams that one or more of the sets of power ratings call to have undefeated seasons. Naturally if a team is projected at the top of my power ratings they have a great chance of going unbeaten. All 5 sets of the power ratings call for Florida to go unbeaten with their toughest trip being to LSU. Texas, which is my pick for the #1, has 3 sets of ratings calling for a perfect mark with two saying they slip up vs Oklahoma. One set calls for the Sooners to repeat their perfect season. Two call for Miami, Fla to go unbeaten despite tough road trips to Penn St, Florida St and Virg Tech. One calls for Oregon St to be perfect this year. Another set of the ratings calls for East Carolina to have a perfect season as the Pirates take on just the 72nd toughest slate. Keep in mind that good health, positive turnovers and a little luck is needed to go unbeaten. Last year none of my ratings called for Oklahoma to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.



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THE AMAZING SUPER BOWL SYSTEM - 94% WINNERS!!!

I know this magazine is about college football, but I could not resist telling you about a great system for the most watched sporting event in the world...The Super Bowl. You will notice that the title of this page is the AMAZING Super Bowl System. Now that you have read my magazine, you can tell I do not throw around terms like amazing very often. The dictionary defines amazing as "to fill with astonishment." I must admit, I have seen a lot in my 20 year handicapping career and little amazes me anymore.

Back in 1990, I developed a Super Bowl System for picking points spread winners of the big game. This system awards points for 17 different categories including things like better overall ATS record and even superior net penalty yards. The 17 categories are all weighted differently. Now, I will admit that the system was backfitted. I played around on the computer for about a week until I found just the right combination to predict all the past Super Bowls with the least amount of losses. I fine-tuned it to give me only two losses in the history of the Super Bowl. Not too shabby. Now the big question was, would it work for future Super Bowls? The first year I did the math and it produced an easy Super Bowl winner and I began to get excited. The next year, another winner. The next year, another winner. Each year the excitement has built. It is now to the point that I will not make my Super Bowl prediction without at least consulting this amazing system. I usually figure it out during the second half of the 2nd Conference Title game so

I have the result as soon as the matchups are known.

The system itself is **15-0-2 ATS over the last 17 years**. Even more amazing is that in the last 12 years it has picked the outright winner as well. Nine times in the last 12 years it has picked the favorite and they have won both SU and ATS. Once, in Super Bowl XXX, it called for Pittsburgh to stay within 10 points of Dallas and the Steelers were +13'. Amazingly the Cowboys won by exactly 10 points and the Steelers covered which was exactly what the system called for. Twice in the last 11 years it has called for an OUTRIGHT upset. The first was the NY Giants +7 over Buffalo and the Giants won outright. Four years ago, I sat down to write the Power Sweep and was torn as to which team to pick, as I could make a good case for both teams. The Super Bowl System stunned me by picking Denver to win the game outright as an 11' point dog! I took note but merely called for them to cover the spread in Power Sweep. I was amazed when, as the system said, Denver won Outright!! Playing Denver with the Money Line would have meant a HUGE profit in Las Vegas. This past year I had to clarify whether the best SU record was regular season or current (including the playoffs) as it was not in the wording. By adding the word current, the Super Bowl System picked Baltimore and had yet another winner. Here are the complete results of the Super Bowls and what the Super Bowl System forecasted each year.

Here is a look at all 35 Super Bowls vs the spread with this revised Super Bowl System:

SB	SYSTEM (Pts for, Vegas line, Pts against)	Spread Diff	Outcome	SB	SYSTEM (Pts for, Vegas line, Pts against)	Spread Diff	Outcome
I	Green Bay 50 (-14) over Kansas City 11.5	24.5	WIN 35-14	XIX	San Francisco 57.5 (-3') over Miami 12	42	WIN 38-16
II	Green Bay 47 (-13') over Oakland 30.5	3	WIN 33-14	XX	Chicago 45.5 (-10) over New England 6	29.5	WIN 46-10
III	NY Jets 24 (+18) over Baltimore 35.5	6.5	WIN 16-7	XXI	NY Giants 54.5 (-9') over Denver 13	32	WIN 39-20
IV	Kansas City 35 (+12) over Minnesota 24.5	22.5	WIN 23-7	XXII	Washington 43.5 (+3) over Denver 12	34.5	WIN 42-10
V	Baltimore 42.5 (+2') over Dallas 22	23	WIN 16-13	XXIII	Cincinnati 28 (+7) over San Francisco 27	8	WIN 16-20
VI	Dallas 54 (-6) over Miami 13.5	34.5	WIN 24-3	XXIV	San Francisco 40.5 (-12) over Denver 20	8.5	WIN 55-10
VII	Miami 60.5 (+1') over Washington 4	58	WIN 14-7	XXV	NY Giants 33.5 (+7) over Buffalo 24	16.5	WIN 20-19
VIII	Miami 48.5 (-6') over Minnesota 23	19	WIN 24-7	XXVI	Washington 53 (-7) over Buffalo 6.5	39.5	WIN 37-24
IX	Pittsburgh 43 (-3) over Minnesota 24.5	15.5	WIN 16-6	XXVII	Dallas 35.5 (-6') over Buffalo 21	8	WIN 52-17
X	Pittsburgh 62 (-7) over Dallas 16.5	38.5	Loss 21-17	XXVIII	Dallas 36 (-10) over Buffalo 19	7	WIN 30-13
XI	Oakland 44.5 (-4') over Minnesota 12	28	WIN 32-14	XXIX	San Francisco 53 (-18) over San Diego 14.5	20.5	WIN 49-26
XII	Dallas 34.5 (-6) over Denver 22.5	6	WIN 27-10	XXX	Pittsburgh 29.5 (+13') over Dallas 40	3	WIN 17-27
XIII	Pittsburgh 40 (-3') over Dallas 13.5	23	WIN 35-31	XXXI	Green Bay 50.5 (-14) over New England 9	27.5	Push 35-21
XIV	Pittsburgh 57 (-10') over LA Rams 16.5	30	WIN 31-19	XXXII	Denver 35.5 (+11') over Green Bay 34	13	WIN 31-24
XV	Oakland 37 (+3) over Philadelphia 30.5	9.5	WIN 27-10	XXXIII	Denver 37.5 (-7) over Atlanta 26	4.5	WIN 34-19
XVI	San Francisco 44.5 (E) over Cincinnati 15	29.5	WIN 26-21	XXXIV	St Louis 51 (-7) over Tennessee 9.5	34.5	Push 23-16
XVII	Washington 34 (+3) over Miami 25.5	11.5	WIN 27-17	XXXV	Baltimore 38 (-3) over NY Giants 29.5	5.5	WIN 34-7
XVIII	Washington 39.5 (-3) over LA Raiders 14	22.5	Loss 9-38				

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Spread Difference	WIN	LOSS	TIE	%
0-5	3	0	0	100.0
5'-10	8	0	0	100.0
10'-15	2	0	0	100.0
15'-20	3	0	0	100.0
20'-25	5	1	0	83.3
25'-30	4	0	1	100.0
30+	6	1	1	85.7

Spread Difference	WIN	LOSS	Tie	%
0-20	16	0	0	100.0
20'+	15	2	2	88.2
OVERALL SYSTEM	31	2	2	93.9

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WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about trophy in football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win that honor.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner 4 months prior to the season.

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back to back weeks and he had average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were gone. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and he had fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over Wisky was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne broke Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

Last year, I believe I was the only preseason publication in the country to call for QB Chris Weinke to win the Heisman. Once again the race came down to the wire between he and Josh Heupel as early favorite Michael Vick encountered injury problems. I am pleased to report that Weinke took home the top award for my THIRD straight winner.

This year I go for FOUR IN A ROW. The 2001 race may be even more wide open than last year. There are many quality contenders. Here are the top players for the award including my #1 selection, as I hope to make it four straight.

FAVORITES

- 1. Chris Simms, Texas**
This year I pick another QB named Chris for the award. He is Phil Simms' son and was PS#1 out of high school due to his 6-5 222 frame and powerful arm. He has beaten out a QB that has 8,000 career passing yards and will be throwing to the best corps of receivers in the country!! He is also protected by a veteran offensive front and will not only put up big numbers, but could guide the Horns back to the top with an undefeated season.
- 2. TJ Duckett, Michigan St.**
Heisman winners must play on a winning team and I look for a big turnaround this year from the Spartans. TJ played both RB and LB as a frosh and moved full-time to RB last year. He rushed for 1,353 yards (5.6) despite being banged up. He is similar in size to Ron Dayne, but is faster!
- 3. Eric Crouch, Nebraska**
He has track speed and yet is tough as he rushed for 1,237 yards last year. He is the perfect fit for the Husker option. Tommie Frazier was the Heisman runner-up a few years back by having his most impressive season as a senior and Crouch is capable of that. Last year a shoulder injury hampered his throwing motion but he should be 100% healthy this year and have his best passing year yet.
- 4. Florida QB**
If Steve Spurrier decides to settle on one QB this year and let him play all season either Rex Grossman or Brock Berlin would put up huge numbers and likely pilot an undefeated team in the regular season. It does not matter which one he picks as they both are NFL caliber.
- 5. Woodrow Dantzler, Clemson**
Last year Coach Bowden predicted that

Dantzler would become the first QB in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 and pass for 2,000 yards in a single season. He was on pace for that but got injured and finished with 1,028 and 1,871 passing (that's close!). IF he stays healthy and IF backup Willie Simmons does not earn extra time, Woody should accomplish that feat this year.

- 6. Lee Suggs, Virginia Tech**
Suggs has 4.3 speed, carries 200 lbs well and rushed for 1,280 rushing yards (5.3) last year. He would have had a lot more yards if that endzone did not keep stopping him as he had 30 rushing TD's! He also plays on a potentially undefeated team.

- 7. Jason Thomas, UNLV**
Take Michael Vick, make him bigger (6-4 230) and give him stronger passing skills and you have Jason Thomas. I feel he is a better pro prospect than this year's #1 pick as he is a dangerous runner like Vick but has more prototypical NFL size and skills. He was banged up last year, but if he stays healthy all year, look out. Not playing for a National Title contender however will likely hurt his chances.

- 8. Ken Dorsey, Miami, Fla**
He has prototypical NFL size (6-5 200) and in his first year as a starter, threw for 3,007 yards with a super 28-7 ratio and got better as the season went on. He is surrounded by talent as the RB's, WR's and OL are all among the best in the NCAA and Miami is a title contender.

- 9. Dave Ragone, Louisville**
While Dave is not a VHT, he is our local favorite as he led his Cleveland powerhouse high school St. Ignatius to an 11-2 record as a senior and has NFL caliber size (6-4 240). This lefty worked hard in the weight room in the offseason and is mobile. He plays in the perfect offense for his skills and now is a veteran who had a 29-11 ratio as a first year starter with 2,942 yards.

- 10. Casey Clausen, Tennessee**
When Casey took over at QB last year, the offense turned around and UT won the last 6 games of the regular season. His bowl performance was subpar, but poor weather and a tough KSU defense can have that impact on a true frosh. The Vols are a much more veteran team this year and I look for a big year now that he has experience.

- 11. Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas**
228 lbs, 4.4 speed and last year he had 291 yards in a little over two games prior to being injured. He was PS#5 and his coach is openly campaigning him for the Heisman which means he will get the ball often.

- 12. Damien Anderson, Northwestern**
He's simply the leading returning rusher in the NCAA with a super 2,063 yards and an amazing 6.6 ypc rushing. I do think defenses will be better prepared for the Cats this year, however, and he may have trouble matching those great numbers (who wouldn't?).

- 13. Marcus Houston, Colorado**
He had 2 starts in the first 3 games last year as a true frosh and rushed for 332 yards and a 5.0 ypc vs three very tough defenses. He missed the rest of the year, however, due to an injury and was still able to redshirt! He was PS#1 and has 4.4 speed, benches 305, tops 200 lbs and is the most experienced frosh in the country.

- 14. Kurt Kittner, Illinois**
Last year he threw for 1,982 yards despite the fact that his WR corps lacked a deep threat and was average at best. His WR corps is vastly upgraded this year and the last two years he has a TD/Int ratio of 43-20.

- 15. Antwaan Randle El, Indiana**
I would have listed him higher but he is a rookie WR this year and will be a part-time QB and that means he will be touching the ball a

lot less. He is still one of the most exciting players in the game and will be fun to watch. He will also handle some returns and see some time at RB.

- 16. Derek Watson, South Carolina**
Don't tell me a SC RB can't win the Heisman because George Rogers did it in 1980. Watson has NFL size and speed and is super productive (5.7 ypc) when he is not suspended. Unfortunately, that is a situation he is finding himself in far too often.

- 17. DeShaun Foster, UCLA**
See the above write-up and insert 5.3 ypc as a frosh and then the word injured in place of suspended. (Foster had been on my West Coast cover two out of the last 3 years).

CONTENDERS

- 18. Zak Kustok, Northwestern**
He threw for 2,389 yards and rushed for 742 gross yards in 2000.

- 19. Ken Simonton, Oregon St**
Going for FOURTH straight 1,000 yard season.

- 20. George Godsey, Georgia Tech**
He threw for 3,083 yards (63%) with a 23-8 ratio as a 1st year starter as a junior.

- 21. Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh**
Won the Biletnikoff Award last year for top WR in country.

- 22. Deonce Whitaker, San Jose St**
1577 yards and a super 7.0 ypc last year in just 10 games!

- 23. Joey Harrington, Oregon**
He gets better every year, has NFL potential and pilots a potent attack.

- 24. Jabar Gaffney, Florida**
He had a big year as a frosh and Gator WR's always get a lot of action.

- 25. Matt LoVecchio, Notre Dame**
Did great as a frosh and ND QB's always merit consideration.

- 26. Ron Johnson, Minnesota**
Turned down a shot at the NFL and plays in a spread offense.

- 27. Marquise Walker, Michigan**
He was in Terrell's shadow last year but is the go-to guy now.

- 28. Andre Davis, Virginia Tech**
Not only a super WR but one of the best returnmen in the NCAA.

DARKHORSES

The following players are my darkhorses to take home the trophy, as they are not highly hyped preseason contenders, but they should have great seasons in 2001!!

Ladell Betts, Iowa
Earnest Graham, Florida
Ricky Williams, Texas Tech
Levron Williams, Indiana
William Green, Boston College
Derrick Nix, S Miss
Kareem Kelly, USC
David Garrard, East Carolina
Carson Palmer, USC
Byron Leftwich, Marshall
Ronald Curry, North Carolina
Josh Scobey, Kansas St
Kelly Campbell, Georgia Tech
Freddie Milons, Alabama
Tim Stratton, Purdue
Maurice Morris, Oregon
Rohan Davey, LSU
Julius Jones, Notre Dame
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